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# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

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Welcome Aboard!

**Robert H. McCoy**  
FN, B Div.  
1968-1970

**Timothy C. Tidwell**  
E4, VA-153  
1963

## 2023 Coral Sea Annual Reunion at Wyndham Garden Airport in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Wyndham Garden Oklahoma City Airport will be our reunion headquarters for 2023. It is not too early to call 405-685-4000 and make your reservation.

The hotel address is 2101 South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73108

When you call to make your reservation, reference the USS Coral Sea Reunion to ensure your discounted rate. You

may also copy/paste this link in your web browser to access all



of our reunion and hotel reservation details online:  
<https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023>

Our reunion dates are Wednesday, Oct. 4 through Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023. Your reunion rate is \$98 per night, plus applicable taxes which currently run 14.125% per room, per night. Your hotel rate includes two breakfast buffet vouchers per room, per day.

Please note that the reservation cut-off date for this rate is Sept. 3, 2023. Late

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### President's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Our Oklahoma City reunion schedule is finale, and all forms are included in this issue. Start making your plans to attend and get your reserva-

tion in as soon as possible. Besides the two tours shown here, there are many other sites to visit, but you are on your own. Guy Dunbar lives in Oklahoma City, and he helped put these tours together. Ask him if

you'd like options for other city highlights to visit.

I have been in contact with Admiral Allen, the last commanding officer of the USS CORAL SEA. If his health permits,

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## TAPS

**Dennis Allen**  
ETR2, OE Div.  
1966—1968

**John F. Dillon**  
AD2, V-2 Div.  
1949—1952

**Edward F. Kimmerly**  
SN, 2nd Div.  
1947—1951

**Howard B. Mooney**  
QMC, N Div.  
1975—1976

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### Reunion 2023 at Wyndham Garden...

reservations will be processed based on a space-available basis, and at a higher rate.

Room cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to arrival or you may be charged a cancellation fee.

The hotel provides an airport shuttle to and from the airport. Once you have arrived and claimed your luggage, please call the hotel directly and let them know you need a pick-up. The shuttle will pick you up in the



transportation lane outside of baggage claim.

If you are driving to the reunion, parking is available at no charge.

A wheelchair rental service will be provided by Scoot-Around. They rent both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call 888-441-7575 or visit

[www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com) for details and to make your reservation.

You'll find your reunion's tour information in this issue of the Sea Breeze beginning on page 3.

### Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Hopefully all of you had a good Christmas and New Year. We certainly did.

Thanks to all of you who've paid your dues recently. As usual, please check the dues expiration date on the mailing label of this issue. If there's any discrepancies, please contact me.

Since the 2024 reunion will be in conjunction with the Three Sisters reunion in San Diego in the month of September there, will

have to be a temporary waiver of our usual reunion date, which is in October prior to Columbus Day. Additionally, in the recent past, there has been discussions regarding changing the reunion date. This will require a change to the Association by-laws. This matter will be discussed at the business meeting this year in Oklahoma City.

At the 2022 business meeting it was voted that relatives of deceased Association members can become associate members of

the Association but will not be permitted a vote in business meetings. This by-law change will be published in detail in the June 2023 issue of *Sea Breeze* which is in accordance with the current by-laws. As always, I look forward to receiving your dues payments and talking to Shipmates. Godspeed and I look forward to seeing you all in Oklahoma City this year.

*John*

John H. Ranson  
Association Secretary

# Oklahoma City Annual Reunion Tours!

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

## Wild West Tour

Take a journey to the "Wild West" beginning with the larger-than-life Centennial Land Run Monument. One of the largest bronze sculptures in the world, this monument depicts the Land Run of 1889. Then put on your spurs and



continue to Stockyards City to immerse yourself in the Cowboy culture. Stockyards City, formerly known as "Packing Town," is virtually untouched since the early 20th century. It remains home to the

Oklahoma National Stock Yards, the world's largest feeder and stocker cattle market. Take a moment to shop for an outfit, a new pair of

boots, or an Oklahoma treat. Then we proceed to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Here you will enjoy a lunch on your own before taking a guided or

self-guided tour of the more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artifacts. The Museum is also home to the world's most extensive collection of American

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## Salty Humor

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened!"

—Jennifer Yane

## Vice President's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, I Hope you are all doing well after a rather raucous fall and early winter.

We have again arrived at March and that means Raffle ticket time. Although the duties of Association Treasurer have transferred to Bill Bomar, I will continue to handle the raffle.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* are three books of six raffle tickets each. The price is \$1 per ticket or six for \$5.00. This

is an important fund raiser for our Association, and I encourage you to participate.

Cash payout is \$500, \$250, and \$150 respectively. Our drawing will be held at the Oklahoma City reunion banquet on Sat. Oct. 7, 2023.

Hope to see everyone in Oklahoma City,

*Clarence*

Clarence Neander  
Association Vice President

## Scholarship Report

There have been four scholarship packets requested so far this year. It is not too late to request a packet! You may request a scholarship application packet for your seniors. At this late date I will email the requested packets out as soon as I get the request. Complete the application and get it in the mail NO LATER THAN April 1. I will also accept your applications by email if I receive it by April 1. My email address is godunbar@outlook.com

—Guy Dunbar

## USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION – OCTOBER 4-8, 2023

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023](http://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/USSCoralSea2023) (a convenience fee of 3.5% will be added to online registrations). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **September 5, 2023**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: USS Coral Sea CV-43 Assn.**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Salty Humor

“I was thinking about how people seem to read the bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me...they're cramming for the final exam!”  
 —George Carlin

<u>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/5/23</u>	<u>Price Per</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</b>			
Includes Hospitality Room and reunion expenses	\$ 25	_____	\$ _____
<b>TOURS</b>			
Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Wild West	\$65	_____	\$ _____
Friday, October 6, 2023 – OKC Memorial and Museum	\$82	_____	\$ _____
<b>MEALS</b>			
Saturday, October 7, 2023 -- Banquet Dinner – <i>Please choose your entrée below</i>			
Sliced Roast Beef	\$ 42	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Marsala	\$ 39	_____	\$ _____
Three Cheese Tortellini	\$ 34	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$ _____

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG**

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_  
 YEARS ABOARD: 19 to 19 DIV/SQDN \_\_\_\_\_ RATE/RANK \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBER STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Disability/Dietary Restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)*  
 Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in bus trips?  YES  NO **(PLEASE NOTE: AVAILABILITY NOT GUARANTEED).**

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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**Annual Reunion Tours...**

rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00 pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on own at the Cowboy Museum. \$65/Person**

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**OKC National Memorial and Museum, First Americans Museum and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum**

The outdoor Memorial is a place of quiet reflection and open to all. The Museum takes visitors on a self-guided tour through the story of those who were killed, those who survived, and those whose lives



were changed forever. Tour includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the Memorial Archives. Enjoy lunch on your own before heading to the First American Museum. Here, visitors can experience collective histo-

ries of 39 distinctive First American Nations. This museum shares the cultural diversity, history, and contributions of the First Americans. End the day by visiting the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum. Explore the only state-operated museum

dedicated to military history. This museum features the Reaves Military Weapons Collection and the Thunderbird Military Park.

**8:30am board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel—Includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch on your own. \$82/Person**

**Treasurer's Corner**

Greetings USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association officers, Board of Directors and members.

First of all, I would like to extend a personal "well done" and "thank you" to Clarence Neander, who has served the Association as its Treasurer for the past 13 year. I would also like to thank the officers and Board of Directors who approached me and ask if I would consider becoming the Treasurer when Clarence was elected to the office of Vice President at our last reunion in Norfolk, Va. I told them it would be an honor and

a privilege to serve the Association in this capacity. So, at our last reunion, I was nominated and elected to serve as the new Treasurer. Thank you to the officers and members for the confidence you have placed in me to fulfill this vital role in the Association. Clarence and I have exchanged the Association's various financial records and documents, which Clarence had retained during his tenure as Treasurer. I have opened new checking accounts, an Operating account and a Reunion account, and all the funds from the old accounts have been successfully transferred to the new accounts.

The Association's financial position is in good shape as of this current *Coral Sea Breeze*. John Ranson, our secretary, has reported we are receiving a good number of dues renewals through the end of December. We recently made our annual donation of \$1,000 to the U. S. Naval Sea Cadets.

Again, thank you to all of the officers and members for this special opportunity to be of service to our Association. Fair winds and following seas until we meet again in Oklahoma City!

*Bill*

Bill Bomar  
Association Treasurer



**Salty Humor**

My brain is not equipped with facial or name recognition technology.

## "Hi, You Old Bastard."

In 1945 a group of officers, on active duty in Brisbane Australia, spent their evening hours inhaling spirits and in pursuit of good fellowship. Along the way they started using the greeting, "Hi, you old bastard."

A greeting with old bastard in it in Australia is considered an endearing term and a mark of friendship. This started the "Bastards We Have Met Club," which in time became the International Order of Old Bastards (I.O.O.B) There are now over a million (at last count) Old Bastards throughout the world, predominately in the English-speaking countries. Members tend to be 80% from U.S., 10% from Canada, and 10% from around the world.

I have been a member for many years (as was my father) and am always pleased when I run into a group. During our cruise I found a few shipmates that were also members so we decided to expand our group and form a chapter on the Coral Sea. If I remember right, we expanded our group to

about 20 more people. We also got a membership card for Captain Peck. He thought that was quite a deal and kidded the XO about how he qualified to be an Old Bastard, but the XO didn't.

During our deployment we had the opportunity to spend a week in Hong Kong, where there are a number of English businessmen that belong to the I.O.O.B. A couple of us contacted some of them. As a result, we had a very nice liberty in port.

During our stay we arranged to bring a few of these people on the ship for a short tour. We wound up with about five businessmen and one gentleman brought his wife (younger Chinese lady). Two of us had spent time with this man and his wife in town and established a good relationship. They all looked forward to the tour, but the wife was totally amazed.

The tour, of course, took in the Hanger Deck, Flight Deck, a couple

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### Salty Humor

"I'm at the age where my back goes out more often than I do."

—Phyllis Diller

### Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,  
Fortunately for me, our great ship was in the shipyard only once during my time onboard. I say "fortunately" because I really didn't care much for the inconvenience of trying to find a good parking spot at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (located in Portsmouth, Virginia) and having to deal with the noise and the dirt and debris of the ship repair.

Of course, it was all necessary and every crew member was expected to suck it up, salute smartly, and carry out the plan of the day.

I recall one particular repair that I watched somewhat closely. Evidently there was a motor or some sort of machinery somewhere in the bowels of the ship that had to be removed. The access to that gear would be through a large square hole in the hanger bay deck.

It was fascinating to me, a non-mechanical sort of guy, to watch the welders work. Precision was on display. I don't recall the thickness of the deck, but it must have been several inches. After the machinery had been replaced, the piece of the deck was carefully put back in place and then it was "precision time" once again.

The welders were not in a hurry, and it took quite a while to finish the job. When they

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**I. O. O. B....**

of working spaces, and eventually we came to the Bridge (with prior authorization). The OD took over the tour and explained the various stations and overall functions. The tour was going very smooth and then, to my surprise and everyone else's, Captain Peck stepped onto the bridge to meet and greet the tour. That was a crowning moment. Everybody on the tour was quite impressed that the Captain would take a little time to greet them, especially the young lady. She was so happy and excited that the captain shook her hand and greeted her that I thought she was going to pee her pants. She acted like a young kid on her first trip to Disney Land. A couple of us visited their home the next day and she was still on cloud nine. This was my most memorable trip to Hong Kong. When it came time for Captain Peck to leave the ship the Chief's decided to have a going away dinner for him

at the Chief's Club on the base at Alameda. We all knew that he had been selected for Admiral, so we bought his first hat as a going away present.

The dinner was very cordial, pleasant, and lighthearted. At the end of the evening everybody lined up to say goodbye to the captain. As they went through the line there were the usual comments about what a pleasure it was to serve under him, and best wishes for the future. When it became my turn, I walked up to the captain, held out my hand, and with a smile said, "Goodbye you old bastard." It became deathly silent. The captain looked at me, broke out in a big smile, grabbed my hand, and said, "Goodbye you old bastard. It's been a pleasure having you in my command."

In about 2006 there was a function in Colorado Springs where Admiral Peck was the speaker, and in the article a phone number was listed for the organization. I called and

asked if I could speak to the Admiral or leave him a message. I told the person with whom I spoke to tell the Admiral, "Hello you old bastard" and gave her my phone number. It took a little convincing before she agreed to do it for me.

A couple hours later my phone rang, and when I answered a voice said, "Is this the old Bastard?" We had a nice long talk. Admiral Peck passed away on October 8, 2008, and is buried in Walnut Grove, Calif. I still consider him to be the best CO I ever served under.

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**Chaplain's Corner...**

were finished you couldn't even tell the deck had been cut into.

Since I have made my home in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, in my civilian life I have come to know many shipyard workers. To a man (and to a woman, too!) they are hard workers. "Yardbird" is our hopefully affectionate term for them, but maybe "professionals" would be a better

moniker.


I guess my point in all this is to say it takes all kinds to float a boat. That's true in our lives as well as in the Navy. Hats off to everyone who works hard each day to keep our world turning on its axis.

May God bless you and your family!

Your chaplain,

*Michael*

Michael D. Halley  
Association Chaplain



**Salty Humor**

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

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- CAP ITEM #001 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #002 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #003 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #004 - \$13.00
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- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #007 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #008 - \$13.00
- ASSOCIATION PATCH ITEM # 009 - \$20.00



**USS CORAL SEA CVE-43, CVA-43, CV-43 SILHOUETTE ITEMS**

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- POLO ITEM #011 - \$23.99
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- TEE'S ITEM #013 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #014 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #015 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #016 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #017 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #018 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #019 - \$24.50
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- TEE'S ITEM #021 - \$13.00



**ADDITIONAL USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION LOGO ITEMS**

- CAP ITEM #022 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #023 - \$23.99
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- MEN TEE'S ITEM #025 - \$13.00
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- MEN POLO ITEM #027 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #028 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #029 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #030 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #031 - \$23.99
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #032 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #033 - \$13.00



**EMBROIDERY ON FRONT, SIDES AND BACK OF CAPS**

- CAP ITEM # 034 - \$24.99
- CAP ITEM # 035 - \$26.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 NAVY JOB RATE CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #036 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #037 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #038 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #039



**NAVY RANK OR ENLISTED PAYGRADE INSIGNIA CAPS**

- CAP ITEM #040 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #041 - 23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #042 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #043 - \$13.00



**NAVY PAYGRADE INSIGNIA (SILVER)**

- CAP ITEM #044 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #045 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #046 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #047 - \$13.00



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- CAP ITEM #048 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #049 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #050 - \$24.50
- TEE'S ITEM #051 - \$13.00



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- CAP ITEM #52 - \$22.99

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- WATCH CAP ITEM #053 - \$16.99
- WATCH CAP ITEM #054 - 14.99



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- JACKET ITEM #055 \$79.00
- JACKET ITEM #056 \$83.00
- JACKET ITEM #057 \$80.00
- JACKET ITEM #058 \$80.00



**CORAL SEA WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #059 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #061 - \$22.50



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**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA PROUD WIFE**

- POLO ITEM #062 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #063 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #064 - \$22.50



**LADIES APPAREL CORAL SEA GIRL**

- POLO ITEM #065 - \$30.00
- TEE'S ITEM #066 - \$13.00
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #067 - \$22.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY GRANDPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #068 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #069 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #070 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAPA SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #071 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #072 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #073 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAWPAW SERVED**

- POLO'S ITEM #074 - \$20.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #075 - \$13.50
- TEE'S ITEM #076 - \$15.50



**YOUTH CAPS \$18.99**

- ITEM #077 - \$15.99
- ITEM #078 - \$15.99
- ITEM #079 - \$15.99
- ITEM #080 - \$15.99



**USS CORAL SEA CVE, CVA, CV-43 CAP WITH BLANK CENTER**

- CAP ITEM # 081 - \$27.50



**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE PATCHES**

- COMBAT CRUISE ONE ITEM #082 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE TWO ITEM #083 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE THREE ITEM #084 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FOUR ITEM #085 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE FIVE ITEM #086 - \$20.00
- COMBAT CRUISE SIX ITEM #087 - \$20.00



**ADDITIONAL CORAL SEA PATCHES**

- ITEM #088 - \$25.00
- ITEM #089 - \$20.00
- ITEM #090 - \$20.00
- ITEM #091 - \$20.00



**WESTERN-PACIFIC CRUISE PATCH**

- ITEM #092 - \$35.00



**EVACUATION OF SAIGON PATCHES - 7"X7"**

- ITEM #093 - \$35.00
- ITEM #094 - \$35.00



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- ITEM #095 - \$35.00
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# CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION SMALL STORES ORDER FORM #1

ITEM #	QTY.	SIZE NOTE: CAPS - ONE SIZE FITS MOST FOR LARGER HEADS ADD \$3.00 FOR LG/XLG FLEX- FIT CAPS	COLOR	PRICE	ADDITIONAL INFO FOR ITEM # - HULL DESIGNATION CVB, CVA, CV, JOB RATE(BT,MM,AB,...etc.) OFFICER RANK/PAY RATE (CAPT,LTCDR,EN/E4,E5,E6,E7,...etc.) USMC DESIGNS - (A,B,C, OR D) THREAD COLOR FOR WATCH CAP DESIGN
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# 2023 Annual Reunion Plan of the Day



## Salty Humor

“Facebook just sounds like a drag. In my day, seeing pictures of people’s vacation was considered a punishment!”  
—Betty White

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:00pm -11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm -11:00pm Ship’s Store Open  
**2:00pm - 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

**7:00am - 8:00am Reunion Registration Open**  
9:00am - 3:00pm Wild West Tour  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship’s Store Open  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open**  
5:00pm - 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30am - 3:45pm OKC Memorial and Museum, First American’s Museum and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum Tours  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
12:00pm - 11:00pm Ship’s Store Open

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am - 12:00pm Business Meeting  
1:00pm - 5:00pm Hospitality Room Open  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Cash Bar and Social Hour  
7:30pm - 10:00pm Banquet Dinner

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

*Farewells and departures*

## USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership in the USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION is open to all Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force personnel who served aboard the ship (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the original commissioning crew (plank owner), even if they spent fewer than 90 days aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership is \$20 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year when submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues will be automatically earmarked for the Association’s Scholarship program.



**New Member:** [ ] I apply for membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Renewal:** [ ] Renew my membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**President's Corner...**

he has agreed to be our honored guest at the reunion. He is looking forward to the reunion as much as we are.

The USS Coral Sea CVA-43 site aboard the USS LEXINGTON is underway. I visited with them back in late October. I took what items I had collected and the \$500.00 check for maintenance. They have a new department which schedules military reunions, and I have agreed to use them for our 2025 reunion.

I am asking you again for the donation of any Coral Sea memorabilia to place in our display. I did not have very much, but I plan on going back in April or May to give them more items.

But I need everyone to look around and see what they want to donate to our place aboard the LEX. Contact me by phone, email or send to my address. All are listed in the Breeze.

We had our first meeting of the Three Sister reunion for 2024. Bad news is that the rates are just too expensive. Hotel rates are in the \$200.00 range and no extra benefits. All three of us are looking for a different site. I planned on going out to talk with the hotel and USS MIDWAY, but phone conversations proved I would be wasting my time and money. Best alternative site so far is Charleston, S.C. AFR is looking into rates and benefits. The USS YORKTOWN would love our business. The Lex would as well, but our reun-

ion is there the next year. No one wants back-to-back reunions in the same place. Our next phone meeting is February 28, and we will get it done. It's just going to take more time. While we have the same management team with Coral Sea and FDR, Midway has all new people. However, they are as committed to the Three Sister Reunion as the previous team.

That pretty much says it all for this issue. Get your reunion plans together and see you soon!

*Wayne*

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