

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Business Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Welcome Aboard!

Anna M. Addkison
Associate Member

Haley M. Addkison
Associate Member

Samuel A. Addkison
Associate Member

Taylor P. Addkison
Associate Member

James F. Davis
MMFN, M Div.
1/74-1/77

Meeting opened at 9:10 a.m. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Roll call of Assoc. Officers: President Wayne Addkison; Treasurer Bill Bomar; Secretary John Ranson; 3-Year Board Member Steve Ohlund; 2-Year Board Member John Beaver. Absent; Vice President Clarence Neander and 1-Year Board member Al Ching. Introduction of all attending Shipmates was done. (40 Shipmates present). RADM Lloyd Allen made remarks about his time as Commanding Officer of

Coral Sea. Treasurer's Report (see attachment). Motion made and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$3,000.00 from the operating account to the scholarship account. Motion passed. Reading of the 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes were read and approved as read. Reading of the 2022 Business meeting minutes were read and approved as read. Scholarship program: Guy Dunbar reported on the

activity in this program for 2023. Six entries were received. He will continue to serve as Chairman of this program. Unfinished business: President Wayne Addkison reported on activity regarding the 2025 reunion in Corpus Christi, Tex., as well as the Coral Sea room on USS Lexington. Good progress is being made regarding the display on Lexington. All donations from Assoc. members for the display room will be greatly appreciated. New business: A motion was made

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President's Corner

Greetings, Another reunion in the books; not what we are use too. As of today, I will never plan another reunion with Wyndham. Can't change next year, but never again! My apologies to all mem-

bers. Trying to get some kind of refund. AFR said they have done all they could. My conversation with the hotel owner is going nowhere except round and round. Everyone involved knows how peevd I am, but still trying. On to other news. Three Sister is on

schedule for the last week of September 2024. Presidents of each ship had a conference meeting October 17 and plan another for November 13. The agenda is almost complete, and we should have final events in the March issue. But as

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Welcome Aboard!

David W. Lambert

BT3, B Div.
9/65—7/67

Galen J. Ledeboer

LCDR, AIMD
10/88—3/90

Bert McNamee

AT3, AIMD
5/67—10/69

Jim Munson

JOSN, X Div.
10/73—2/77

Mark E. Myers

ABF3, V-4 Div.
1/81—9/84

Dennis R. Nunnemaker

BNSN, 2nd Div.
1960—1964

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Coral Sea Assoc. Business Meeting...

and seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to the Coral Sea Sea Cadet Division. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to have the 2026 reunion in Nashville, Tenn., and the 2027 reunion in Dayton, Ohio. Motion passed.

Election for 3 Year Board of Directors member: Robert D "Dave" Schoff was nominated and unanimously elected to this position.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed changes to the Association By-laws as was published in the June 2023 issue of "Sea Breeze". Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to have rate/rank, time aboard listed on the reunion registration list. Motion passed.

Good of the Association:

The idea of having a Spring Fling was discussed. Sec. John Ranson noted that at least 40 attendees will be needed before this matter will be perused.

Assistance from Shipmates is needed for the auction, raffle ticket sales and hospitality room cleanup.

Meeting closed at 9:54AM.

Respectfully submitted:

John H. Ranson
CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary

Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, The 2023 reunion has come and gone but not without some major problems. The hotel left a lot to be desired, needless to say. Hopefully we'll never have a situation like this again. Regardless of that it still was a good time as is always the case when we assemble annually to renew old acquaintances, meet new Shipmates, and tell a few "sea stories"!

Having RADM Lloyd Allen, the last Commanding Officer of Coral Sea present along with his guest VADM Mike McCabe was a real honor. VADM McCabe assisted in the Two Bell ceremony.

Please check the

minutes for both the Board of Directors & business meetings minutes in this issue for the latest information regarding future Association business. The By-laws were revised to allow relatives of both living & deceased members of Association to become non-voting Association members. This change was long overdue. We picked up a lot of associate members at the reunion as well as several new Shipmates. Welcome Aboard to all of you!

PLEASE NOTE, the Board of Directors voted to start a purge of the Association members whose dues are long overdue. Please check the mailing label on this issue of "Sea Breeze" as it indicates when your dues status. Don't let this be the

last issue that you receive. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

There was a discussion as to possibly having a Spring Fling again. I'll be glad to pursue this but at least 40 attendees will be needed before I can make any progress regarding this. Most hotels won't work with you for fewer attendees than that. Let me know if you're interested & I'll try to get this together for 2025.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all! Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
Association Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association Oct. 5, 2023, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The meeting was started at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: President Wayne Addkison; Vice President Clarence Neander; Treasurer Bill Bomar; Secretary John Ranson; 3-Year Board Member Steve Ohlund; 2-Year Board Member John Beaver. Absent: 1-Year Board Member Al Ching.

Minutes of the 2022 Board of Directors Meeting were read and approved as read. 2022 Minutes of the Business Meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was closed at pm.

Unfinished business: Pres. Wayne Addkison noted that the Three Sisters Reunion for 2024 is progressing well. The needed fees from the Association have been paid. It is estimated that 1,000 will attend this reunion. Approximately 100 Coral Sea members will attend. The event schedule has been set. The flight deck dinner will be a buffet costing \$65.00; breakfast on Midway will be \$12.00. There will be a harbor tour.

Progress on the USS Lexington Museum project is progressing well. Wayne is meeting with the museum group on Oct. 18, 2023. Several items from the Bill Johnson donations will be placed on USS Lexington.

Wayne is looking for another reunion contractor for future Coral Sea reunions after 2024. The registration fee will remain at \$15.00 if possible.

New business: John Ranson proposed to dispose of several old obsolete printers that he has in his possession. He also discussed purging the Association roster of all members whose dues are more than three years past due. Motion made and seconded to purge all members who are three years or more past due. Motion passed.

The proposed By-laws changes were discussed (see attachment).

Proposed places for future reunions are: 2026-Nashville, Tenn., and 2027-Dayton, Ohio.

Wayne noted that RADM Lloyd Allen, last CO of Coral Sea, and a guest of his will attend the reunion and speak on Saturday night. Please make them welcome.

John Beaver will donate a US Ensign that flew from the main mast of Coral Sea for display on USS Lexington.

The remaining piece of Coral Sea's bow will be disposed of asap.


Treasurer Bill Bomar presented the annual financial report (see attachment). He suggested that \$3,000.00 be transferred from the scholarship account into operating account. Motion made and seconded to accept this report and transfer the funds as stated. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John

John H. Ranson
CVA-43 Assoc. Secretary



TAPS

Renato S. Camelio
E-4, A Div.
12/63—12/66

James S. Howard
HT1, R Div.
1981—1985

David A. Melton
ABHAN, V-1 Div.
1959—1963

Kenneth J. Nastasia
L13, X Div.
5/65—7/68

Clark W. Smith
YN3, VAH-2
3/62—11/63



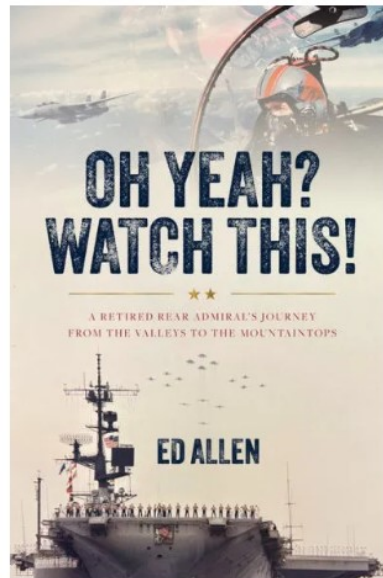
Salty Humor

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

A Life-Long Journey of Accomplishment.

"Oh Yeah ... Watch This!" is the story of the making of a man. Born amid tragedy, Lloyd Edward "Ed" Allen Jr. endured an abused and lonely boyhood to become a Naval Flight officer, the Captain of an aircraft carrier, and a Navy Rear Admiral. After his experience in the corporate world, he founded the Executive Success Group, coaching executives, sharing his insights on leadership and achieving business results.

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making it to the mountaintop is an impossible dream, this is Allen's challenge: "Oh Yeah ... Watch This!" Get your hardcover or digital copy at www.barnesandnoble.com

Vice President's Corner

Greetings one and all, With the annual reunion over and winter on the way, the office of the Vice President is pretty quiet. But on a personal note, my life is pretty stressful. As those who attended the reunion know, my wife, Pam, stayed home with heart issues. She was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, a condition her father lived with until age 94. I left the reunion Friday to be

with her. I just want to thank all those who helped pack up the memorabilia trailer; John Ranson, Steve Ohlund, John Beaver, Gregg Hawke, Mike Pfeffer, Don Calwell, and anyone I may have missed. Thank You! I also want to Thank Steve Ohlund for bringing the trailer back to my house.

Thank you, shipmates, for the get-well card signed by everyone, the text, emails, phone calls, thoughts, and

prayers. Pam is very thankful for so many friends. Medication has stabilized her condition, and she is doing and feeling well.

For me, I can't thank you enough for the outpouring of concern and support from all my beloved Shipmates.

God Bless you all,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Vice President

Our Honored Reunion Guests

Having RADM Lloyd Allen attend our annual reunion (*shown below c. and top r.*), the last Commanding Officer of Coral Sea, was a special honor for all attendees. Admiral Allen attended with his wife, Donna (*below left*).

Admiral Allen was accompanied by his special guest—and ours—VADM Mike McCabe (*bottom r.*). We were honored to have VADM McCabe participate in our Two Bell ceremony.

Lloyd Edward Allen, Jr. (RADM, USN, Ret.) was the last Captain of USS Coral Sea, assuming command June 22, 1988.



Salty Humor

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Coral Sea shipmates!

Hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits as we all look forward to the upcoming holidays.

The Oklahoma City Reunion is now behind us. Although the attendance was somewhat smaller than reunions in the past, we enjoyed a very good round of fundraisers. The Association netted \$420 from the 50/50 ticket sales. An additional \$538 in raffle tickets were sold prior to the drawing. The

auction raised \$1,448 and the Popeye cash raised \$127. All of these funds were for the Reunion account. \$820 in dues was collected for the Operating account. And a most generous \$3,000 donation was received from one of our members and this will meet our \$3,000 Scholarship awards expense for this fiscal year. A very hearty "thank you" for that Association member!

Overall, the Association's financial position is in relatively good condition. Reminder: if you haven't paid your

current dues, please do so. Our Association Secretary, John Ranson, is beginning the process of determining members whose dues are more than three years in arrears and these members are going to be purged from our active Association membership and will no longer receive the quarterly *Sea Breeze*.

Season's Greetings to all!

Bill

Bill Bomar
Association Treasurer

The Skyhawk Association

During my service with VF-21 (an F-4B Phantom Squadron) and two at-sea periods on the USS Midway, I naturally became familiar with several types of aircraft apart from the Phantom, one being the A-4 Skyhawk.

During the 1965 combat cruise it seemed the Skyhawk was taking the brunt of damage and losses. Years later, with the help of several slides I

took, I began to research some of the damage and losses our air wing encountered. Aside from several short articles for the Midway newsletter, I also wrote two articles about the rescue of two Midway A-4 pilots.

Further research eventual-

ly put me in contact with the

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Salty Humor

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
Is it December already? It seems that the older I get my body goes slower while time goes faster! Well, since I can't do much about either one, I'll just live each day as a gift and do my best to make the world around me a little better.

The month of December reminds me of my various sea tours. My first Westpac deployment began in July and our CO told us he was determined to get us back to San Diego by Christmas. Thanksgiv-

ing Day, by the way, was "celebrated" crossing the Equator and the traditional ritual of turning lowly polliwogs into shellbacks. And I quickly learned that chaplains are NOT exempt from the festivities!

Well, our Skipper was true to his word as we arrived home on December 23rd!

My Med deployment onboard our Ageless Warrior found us moored in The Bay of Naples for the Christmas holiday. Of course, there was a very popular tour to Rome for the Pope's

Midnight Mass. I stayed behind and we had a very sentimental worship time in our chapel featuring the sharing of our holiday memories from our childhood.

Whatever special holidays you and your family celebrate in December, I pray it will be a special time for all and especially in planting good memories in the children.

Blessings to you all!

Michael

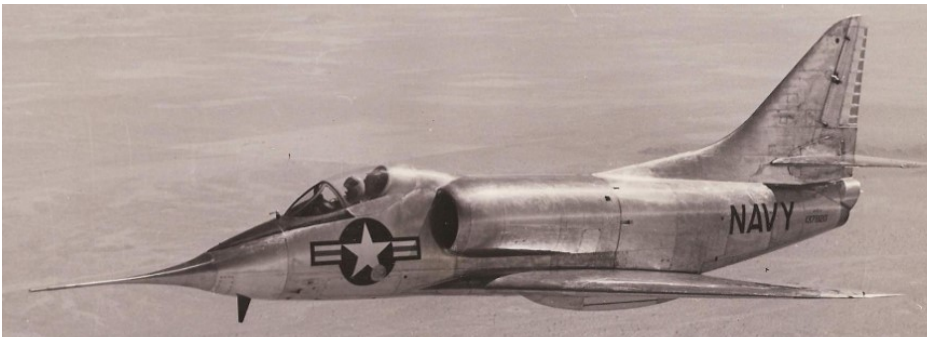
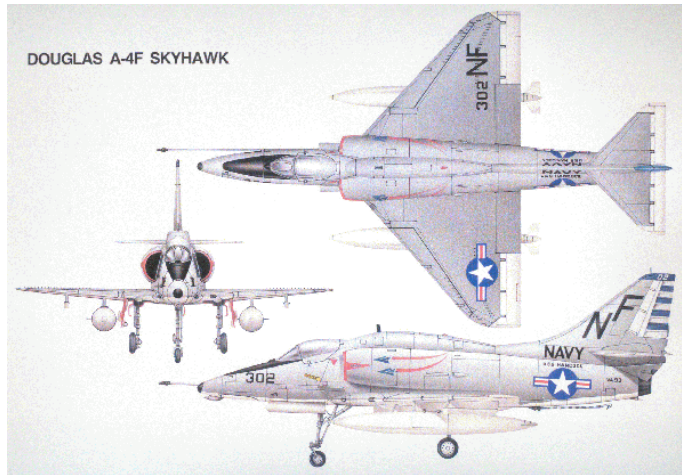
Michael D. Halley
Association Chaplain

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The Skyhawk Association...

Skyhawk Association. They were very helpful with my research and introduced me to their quarterly journal. I joined and considered the \$30 annual fee well spent. This organization is not just for pilots, but for mechanics, modelers, or anyone with an interest in the Skyhawk.


If you think you may have



an interest, go to www.skyhawk.org. If you go to the bottom of the Home Page, you will find an orange-colored box. In that box you will find a sentence that says all are welcome to JOIN US. Click on the JOIN US link.

That will take you to another page that shows membership options and how to join. If you join, the Secretary will send you a welcome package in the mail.

—Doug Bohs, AQF2 61-65



Salty Humor

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Scholarship Report

The Association would like to give a big thank you to Mike North for his generous donation to the Scholarship fund.

There have been five scholarship packets requested so far this year. It is not too late to request a packet this year. You may request scholarship application packets 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 them by the April 1 deadline. My email address is godunbar@outlook.com. When you send your application, please call me at 405-820-5302 to verify I have received it.

Guy Dunbar
Scholarship Chairman
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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
- CAP ITEM #005 - \$19.99
- MEN POLO'S ITEM #006 - \$23.99
- 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

- CAP ITEM #010 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #011 - \$23.99
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #012 - \$24.50
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- TEE'S ITEM #017 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #018 - \$19.99
- POLO ITEM #019 - \$24.50
- SWEATSHIRT ITEM #020 - \$24.50
- 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
- MEN SWEATSHIRTS ITEM #024 - \$24.50
- MEN TEE'S ITEM #025 - \$13.00
- CAP ITEM #026 - \$19.99
- 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)

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- 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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- TEE'S ITEM #060 - \$13.00
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- TEE'S ITEM #063 - \$13.00
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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 - \$13.50



YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAPA SERVED

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



YOUTH CORAL SEA MY PAWPAW SERVED

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



YOUTH CAPS \$18.99

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- 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
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- 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

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



WESTERN-PACIFIC CRUISE PATCH

- ITEM #092 - \$35.00



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- ITEM #094 - \$35.00



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The Two-Bell Ceremony Tradition



Salty Humor

My luck is like that of a bald guy who just won a comb.

The Navy Two Bell Ceremony is a tradition that evolved from early naval history when the ship's bell was used to signal various evolutions in the daily routine.

Two bells marked the end of the workday and offered the crew a chance to relax and reflect before taps. The ceremony is conducted at reunions to honor shipmates and their wives who passed away

since the prior reunion. Bells have a centuries-long tradition of varied use in navies and merchants fleets of the world. In the U.S. Navy, bells are sounded throughout the watches in a continuous one-through-eight sequence. Today, the Two Bell Memorial Ceremony offers a moment to remember and honor those shipmates whose earthly watch has concluded.



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 \$ _____
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Name _____ **Birth Date** _____
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President's Corner...

of today, the registration and pizza dinner are on Monday, Tuesday is open, Wednesday is the harbor dinner cruise, and Thursday will be the buffet dinner aboard the Midway. No prices on anything as of today.

I went to the Lexington on October 15 and delivered all memorabilia we collected at the reunion. The display is coming along good. With all the new stuff, may have to extend for more room. But they said to keep bringing the good stuff.

Checked three hotels while there: the Holiday Inn, Emerald Isle and Hilton, all close to the ship. Hilton will not accommodate more than 25 people, so they are

out. Emerald Isle, same location as for our 2016 reunion, has undergone a complete renovation. It looks really good with room rates are \$105.00 plus taxes per night. Holiday Inn ins very nice as well; clean rooms and excellent appearance with rooms at \$119.00 plus tax.

During our planning, we discovered that Texas has a law that does not allow us to serve our own liquor. However, we have been able to work out an exception with the hotel, ensuring our hospitality room can function normally.

The distance to hotels is about six miles from the Lexington, so that means we must rent busses. The little lady that runs the city visitor center is working with me

closely. She is putting a visitor's package together for us and will help secure the buses for us.

My meeting with the crew aboard the Lexington was nothing but outstanding, and I'm looking forward to our 2025 reunion. We'll have ship tours and dinner on hanger deck on Saturday. According to the crew, flight deck dinners are not good because of the high winds that time of year.

That's about all here. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a safe New Year! And thanks for all your support.

Wayne

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