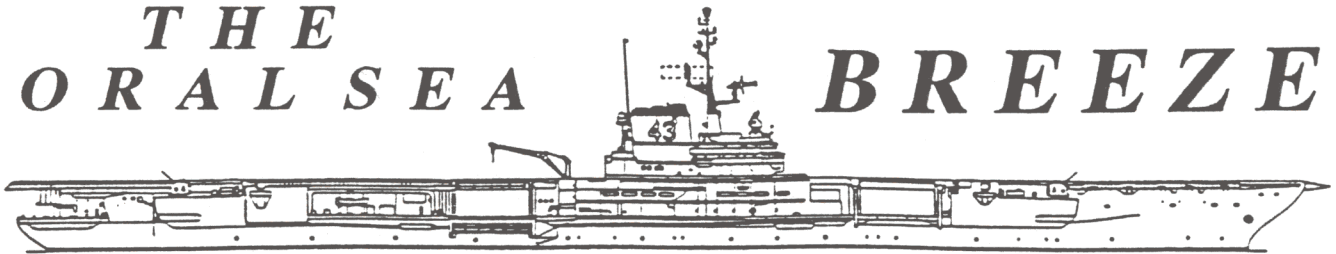


THE CORAL SEA

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF U. S. S. CORAL SEA CVA/43 ASSOCIATION

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TO ALL HANDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE:

Shipmates, I will get right to the point, there are many shipmates that have not renewed their membership for the year 2001. Please help support your Association by renewing now. The cost of doing business have gone up, yet our dues have remained the same since the inception of the Association.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

If your name label on the envelope reads 9-30-00 & has a red line under it, you are in arrears, Do not miss an issue of the Breeze. RENEW TODAY. No shipmate has ever been denied membership for the want of a \$ 10.00 bill. can't afford it? just let the secretary know, no questions asked, you will remain a member.

REUNION VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS:

Hopefully, everone who had ordered a video that was taken at the Williamsburg, VA reunion by Images digital Video has received it. I highly recomend this video,, one of the best that I have seen, a quality product. For those of you that would like to purchase same, here is the information. Send \$ 35.00 payable to "Images" which includes S& H To:

IMAGES Wayne Garriety Ph (508)-222-4836
387 N. Main Street
Mansfield, MA 02048 State: USS Coral Sea Reunion

*It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing away of our dear shipmates:
"Oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea"*

TAPS



REST

Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill
from the sky

IN

All is well, safely rest, God is nigh

PEACE

Thanks and praise for our days
"neath the sun, 'neath the stars
"neath the sky.

As we go, this we know, God is nigh

BOYER, KEITH CDR USN RET- Passed away Dec 2000 of an aneurysm Flew off of the Coral Sea during Vietnam war and earned 4 air medals. was not a member of association. Resided in Coronado, CA

CONNER, JOSEPH H. SR. Passed away Jan 12, 2001 Served aboard 73-74 3rd Div was association member since 1995. Resided in Hermitage, TN.

ELLIS, EUGENE A. - Passed away Nov. 2000. Age 39 of a heart attack, served aboard as a computer system specialist. Was not a member of association. Resided in Oswego, IL.

FUDGE, ROBERT E. JOC USN RET- Passed away Nov 21, 2000 of a heart attack. Was a plank owner & served aboard 47-? In A Div Was a inactive association member. Resided in Charlotte, NC.

HANLON, EDWARD M- Passed away Feb 15, 2001 of cancer. Served aboard 54-56 in R Div. Was a member of association since 1993. Resided in Fort Meyers, FL.

HAYES, GENE R. YN1 USNR RET - Passed away Nov 29, 2000 of lung cancer. Served aboard 1956 as gunnery YN3. Was a member of association since 1999. Resided in Spartanburg, SC.

POMPEI, LOUIS S. - Passed away Feb. 11, 2001 Served aboard 54-55 in V-3G Div. Was a member of association since 1988. Resided in Harrisburg, PA.

SINTIC, ANTON J. JR. CAPT USN RET - Passed away Nov. 7, 2000. Served aboard 48-50 as the Navigation Dept Cdr. was a member of association since 1982 Resided in Atlantic Beach, FL.

STARNES, CHARLES E.- Passed away Sept 9, 2000 of osteosarcoma. Served aboard 56-57 in S-1 Div. Was a member of association since 1999 Resided in Corvallis, OR

TERRELL, DENNIS R. BU1 USNR RET- Passed away Dec 11, 2000 of kidney cancer. Served aboard 60-63 in V-2 Div was a member of association since 1990 Resided in Yates Center, KS.

SICK BAY: ON THE BINNACLE LIST:

PAUL W. BACON - Is in West Florida Institute suffering from Guillian-Barre Syndrome. Shipmates, he needs much comforting, his address is as follows. 206 Pecan Street Milton, FL 32570-3816 Please send him a card or letter.

STEPHEN T. ENSOR - Is home recovering from surgery that was a partial sucess.

MICHAEL ROMANO- Had finally come home from the hospital after 30 some days, only to go back in shortly after. I had talked to Mike and he was in good spirits but very weak, Shipmates, give him a call, he would like to hear from you. Phone 904-642-1226.

Dam Neck, VA, as an instructor and a final tour back on the USS Holland at Rota, Spain completed my naval career, and I retired in 1971 as a Senior Chief Torpedoman's Mate.

I settled in Maryland to raise my family of two daughters and two sons and to get reacquainted with my bride, Eva. I worked for AMTRAK for 15 years, fixing machinery and retired for good in 1993. I spend most of my time involved in projects for the Disabled American Veterans, where I serve on a National, State, and local level. I also volunteer as a driver for the DAV Transportation Unit at the local VA hospital.

I attend as many ship reunions and service organization conventions as I can during the year, but I always make sure to be at the Coral Sea reunion because it is always the best of the best. Hope to see you all happy and healthy at the next reunion.....Special Regards to all.



LOVE AND PEACE

Emil Brunner, the theologian, tells this magnificent story. Two neighbors have quarreled and parted company for some reason or other. Then it occurs to one of them that this situation is just not right. He writes a letter to his former friend suggesting that they make peace. He receives no reply. Come now, he thinks, I must try again. "Let us make peace and resume our former friendly relations." Still no reply.

The the man decides one evening--it is a bitterly cold winter's night with howling wind and snow--to undertake the long journey to the other man's house on foot. He arrives panting, snowed up, and petrified with cold. He repeats by word of mouth his invitation. And now it begins to dawn on his neighbor that he has before him a real human being, frozen, drenched with snow, and panting. Now his heart melts and he takes the invitation seriously. Now he says "Yes."

Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey

WHO ARE YOUR OFFICERS:

JOHN PLUDE TMCS USN Ret. -Executive Board Member-

I was born in "da" Bronx, New York, in 1934, and moved to Brooklyn where "the boids choip" in 1940. My Dad was an old Battleship Sailor, having served on the USS Wyoming in 1917. One of my first memories was of my big brother going off to war in 1941 and not coming back for 5 years. Navy of course.

After an uneventful period of required education, I finally attained my long awaited dream of being a sailor and enlisted in November, 1951. Following boot camp at Bainbridge, I was assigned to the USS Coral Sea CVB-43 and served three years aboard in "A" Division. After Steam Catapult School in Philly, I was assigned to the USS Shangrila for training and then to recommission the USS Lexington CVA-16 at Bremington, WA. I served on the Lex for 18 months and then was selected to go to the Army's Ballistic Missile School in Huntsville, AL for training as a Ballistic Missile Repairman.

After many months of training in AL and numerous contractor schools throughout the country, I transferred to Patrick AFB, Florida, to open the Naval Ordinance Test Unit and to assemble, test and fire what was to become the Polaris Missile System. A tour of duty on the USS Observation Island EAG-154 at Cape Canaveral testing missiles; a tour aboard the USS Holland AS-32, loading missiles on Subs; a tour at the Guided Missile School at

Any shipmate that was on the flight deck in the calendar year of 1963 who witnessed a RF8 Crusader (Plane equipped to take photos) do an inverted upside down snap roll when catapulted off the ship. Please get in touch with Henry P. Glindeman RADM USN Ret. 3976 Long Leaf Dr.- Melbourne, FL 32940-1464 Phone 407-752-5477 E-mail RADMU@concentric.net

A shipmate from VF-154 needs verification for the VA, as usual they don't believe him, and there are no records to support same. Sounds familiar?

**SHIPMATE NEEDS HELP
SPECIAL REQUEST**

"KUDOS"

TO: All Hands
FROM: Charles J. Gallo CS3 "51-55"
SUBJECT: Our President "Chuck Whitcomb"

As many of you may remember at our reunion in Williamsburg, VA. My wife Mary and I were the bartenders. We put a cup on the bar for people to put their can tabs into. Chuck came and asked me what they were for? In Philadelphia we have a club named "Junod Association" and they contribute to the Ronald Mac Donald house and these tabs help the parents stay at the house with their children, who have cancer.

Well on January 31st the post office carrier knocked at my door and handed me a heavy box. When I brought it into the house and opened it up, I found "Chuck" had sent me about 40 lbs of can tabs. What a surprise!!! On Friday night February 2nd I presented the tabs to the President of the Junod Association and he was much surprised. I told him that this was a gift from the President of the greatest Association in the world. The USS Coral Sea Association and it's President "Charles H. Whitcomb".

P.S. I want every one to know what a great Association we have.....Thanks Chas

"THANKS"

FROM: George Zadroga MM2 1954-1956 A Division

My sincere "THANKS" to the shipmates whom awarded me a plaque, as a token of appreciation for the help getting the web site on line.

Your thoughtfulness is something that I often will recall....."THANK YOU"

CREDIT AUGUST 1960 BREEZE

Julius Caesar, upon seeing Cleopatra for the first time: "Wow! a perfect XXXVIII, XXII, XXXVIII!"

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Dear Shipmates and Families,

It's the first quarter of 2001 and not a whole lot to report on, that's new.

I ran into George Newman (Paul's younger brother), a member from Toledo, OH on Tuesday evening. January 30th.. George had just come from Laughlin and reported that the hotel was very nice. I have heard the same thing from several other members, who have been there, and reported that it was an excellent hotel. By the way, I ran into George at the Craps table in Circus in Las Vegas. We were both there for lessons in "investing".

John Pritchard has assured me that everything is on schedule for our reunion this coming October, in Laughlin, NV. Elsewhere, in the newsletter, you will find a sign-up sheet for the Laughlin reunion. I would suggest that you fill it in and send it to John Pritchard ASAP. Not only will this be a good reunion, but the price is right. There is a lot to see and do in the general area besides gamble and we should fill-up quickly. Go ahead and sign up while it's on your mind.

Bill Williams reports that everything is going well with the Scholarship Fund committee. In the last newsletter, he had solicited input from the members. Sad to say, there had only been two comments received by today, which was the deadline. Regardless, they will have a good product to present to the membership for approval at our next meeting.

Jack Webber reports that donations to the different memorials have been slow coming in. A check was mailed for the W.W.II memorial on February 5th for \$2,525.00. This was a \$2,500. contribution voted on by the membership, and a \$25.00 donation from the membership

We have over \$400.00 in the fund for the Granite memorial to the Coral Sea, to be placed in Norfolk, VA, and a little over \$200.00 in the fund to help save the USS Ranger. Come on, guys, if each of our 1,400 members gave only a couple of bucks to each fund, we could erect the Coral Sea memorial in Norfolk and give Admiral Glindeman a token to show those from the Ranger that the Coral Sea shipmates support their efforts to save their carrier from the scrap heap.

If you would like more information on the Granite memorial, to be placed in Norfolk, contact Bill Thayer, who will be glad to fill you in on the details and how much it will cost. For more information on saving the USS RANGER, contact Admiral Glindeman. The Admiral was C.O. of the Ranger and is taking an active part in the movement to save her.

Efforts are underway, by your board of directors, to have a proposal for San Francisco in 2003 or '04 and a proposal for the Norfolk area for the other year. This does not prevent the membership from making proposals for other sites. Give us your input on Norfolk and San Francisco.

Sincerely,

SPECIAL LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM: C.R. (Bob) Mackey, President Emeritus
TO: Shipmates
U.S.S. Coral Sea CVA-43 Association.

SUBJECT: MESOTHELIOMA

Do you know what Mesothelioma is? The layman name is **LUNG CANCER**, which is caused by **Asbestos**, otherwise known as **Asbestos Lung Cancer**.

Former Sailors - Marines who served aboard ships in the 1940's - 1950's - 1960's and early 1970's were exposed to **Asbestos**.

This means all 70,000 to 80,000 sailors and Marines who served aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea were exposed to **Asbestos**, in their working spaces, living quarters or any compartment aboard the ship. Also to flight personnel who were on deck when incoming aircraft came aboard, their brakes being applied etc. Let's face it! All of us assigned to Naval Ships were subject to **Asbestos**.

Every one of us should have a chest X-RAY frontal and side views, and then the X-RAY must be read by a "B" reader. This procedure should be done every four to five years, after first X-RAY is taken and read.

Shipmates this is for your information only. Your Secretary Herman W. Doernbach has gotten me involved in this program. I must say that I have gone through this entire **Asbestos Lung Cancer** program and I was given a clean bill of health. Now I must get another X-RAY by August next year which would place me into the fifth year.

FOR MEDICAL RESOURCES:

Web site: www.mesotheliomaweb.org/n8426
or Telephone toll free 1-877-367-6376 to receive a free packet or to ask questions. (packet includes information on mesothelioma treatment, clinical trials, cancer links, how to access legal and financial resources, and frequently asked questions with answers.)

WARNING!!!!

Beware of a bill in Congress, sponsored by Henry Hyde (6th District Illinois) - HR 1283. My opinion that this bill should be defeated. Name of bill is: **ASBESTOS COMPENSATION ACT**.

Shipmates, in the last 18 to 24 months this Association has lost quite a few members and none members. The Military Retirees should use the Armed Forces hospitals and the civilian personnel should contact their local doctor and get these X-RAYS and tests done.

Shipmates, I have served this Association as a chartered member, holding the Office of Vice-President 4 years, President 9 years and immediate past President 6 years, including the years 2000/2002, also a Plankowner of the USS Coral Sea CVB-43 of 01 October, 1947.

I can be contacted at: **1-708-891-6771** Any time, but do help yourself and family by getting the **Lung Cancer Testing**.

Your Shipmate
C.R. (Bob) Mackey

PASSING OF A GOOD FRIEND AND SHIP-MATE

By James Williamson

I first met Ed shortly after reporting on board USS Coral Sea in 1954. At first he was the driver of the car, which, on weekends, transported me and a couple of others to Connecticut and back to the ship. Later we became good friends, spending many a liberty together. We remained that way, through the years, right up to the very end.

Ed was a member of USS Coral Sea Assn and attended a few reunions. He would have been at the last in Williamsburg had he not been sick, but he asked to be remembered to all who attended. He also asked me to deliver a message, which I did to a few, but wanted all to hear. I will do that at this time. Ed was diagnosed with lung cancer about a year ago. He, earlier on, had a bout with breast cancer, but after surgery, beat it only to be stricken again. This cancer was attributed to asbestos, which he was subjected to while serving in the Navy aboard both USS Coral Sea and USS Roosevelt.

Ed was a boilerman and then later, a Damage-Controlman and had many an opportunity to work with asbestos, and because he did not realize the danger, did not take the proper precaution. He was not alone and he wanted me to let you all know, that if you were subjected to asbestos and have not checked into it, please do so. It is a disease that sneaks up on you, but if diagnosed early on, could be treated. Ed had a claim into the Navy and I was contacted to support him, which I did. His claim will not help him now, but maybe, just maybe, one of you will benefit. Hopefully, none of you will have to go through what he did.

I talked with Ed Jr. this morning and they had a service in Meriden, CT yesterday. He will be cremated today and will be taken back to Fort Myers, FL, where there will be another service tomorrow, 21 February. His ashes will be scattered at sea.....Ed was a good friend and ship-mate, and will be missed and remembered.

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RENAL CELL CORCINOMA

From: Michael J. Lisonbee G Div. 59-62

Herman, I was surprised to read the letter from Mrs. Terrell about her husband that had Renal Cell Corcinoma. In 1988 I had my left kidney removed and a friend of mine in the same division (G) died in 1994 or 1995 of the same thing. We was all on board at the same time. It seems kind of strange don't you think that so many contacted the same kind of cancer. I am very lucky, I am going on 13 years and am cured...Michael J. Lisonbee e-mail mjlls@xmission.com

Editors note: Can any one add to the above experiences? We would certainly like to hear from you.

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ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA:

THE FLEET as of February 12, 2001

Facts & Figures	From Navy Times February 26, 2001
Navy: 372,236 (active)	176,036 (Ready Reserves)
Marine Corps: 172,550	39,535 (Selected Reserves)
Ships: 315 Underway: 135 (43%)	

4 CARRIERS, 6 LHAs/LHDs/MCS
22 Submarines (40%)

DEPLOYED

94 ships (30%)
3 Carrier battle groups
3 Amphibious ready groups

EXERCISES: 10

Total deployment personnel: 39,377

UNDERWAY

HARRY S. TRUMAN CVN-75
BATTLE GROUP PERSIAN GULF

KITTY HAWK CV-63
JAPAN

JOHN F. KENNEDY CV-67
ATLANTIC OCEAN OPERATIONS

CONSTELLATION CV-64
PACIFIC OCEAN OPERATIONS



**WELCOME
Aboard!**



<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATE</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>DIV</u>
BLACKMON, SHERRIL A.	SA	64-65	VAH-2
BLAYLOCK, FRANK J.	EM3	55-56	E
BOWEN, CLYDE E.	SKG2	52-54	S-1
BRADY, DANIEL F.	MMFN	56-57	A
CARROLL, ALLEN D.	AOAN		VC-9
DEEGAN, BRADLEY C.	MS2	79-83	S-5
DiSALVO, ALFRED T.	ABE3	63-67	V-2 CAT
FLAUGHER, ROBERT H.	SN	64-66	1ST
HAMPTON, RONALD G.	AD2	54	VF-103
HANNA, HUGH E.	AOC USN RET	66-70	GM

HARRIS, CARL T.	RM3	72-75	COMM
HOLLIS, TOM J.	AT3	80-81	AIMD
JOHNSON, NICKOLAS W. IC2	82-86	E	
KAWELMACHER, STEVEN BT2	64-66	B	
LEWIS, ELTON W. LTJG	64-66	SUPPLY	
MARKS, GEORGE W.	RM3	72-75	COMM
MURPHY, MICHAEL L.	E-3	67-69	VA-153
OBRITZ, MICHAEL G.		77-80	AIMD/AIR
PAGE, ROBERT L.	AO2	49-53	V-3G/V-2
PIERSON, JIMM R.	FTG3	69-72	F

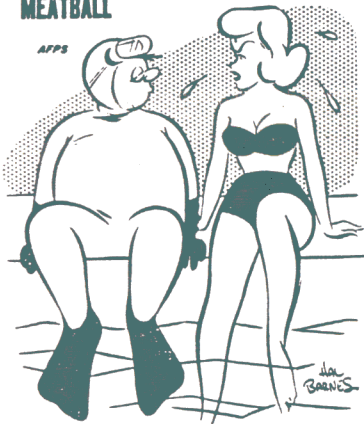
PFEFFER, MIKE L.	BTFN	74-77	B B4
PRITCHARD, DAVID L.	E-3	74-77	NAV
ROHR, WILLIAM J. E-8 USN RET	E-8	69-71	AHD
SLELTON, ROBERT E.	BT2	65-68	B
SMITH, THOMAS W.	MM1	62-65	M
SPRAGUE, DUANE L.	AN	72-74	VA-94
SUMNER, WILLIAM E.	BT3	51-54	B
TROTT, LEWIS E. JR.	BM3	67-69	3RD
WILSON, CHARLES B.	ASS. MEMBER	Worked with Barbara Mandell when aboard for her USO show	

REINSTATE

DAVIS, WILLIAM R.	FN	61-62	R
DUKOFF, SHELDON	AN	52-54	V-1/O-I PHOTO
ELDRIDGE, LARRY K.	EN2	72-77	M
HOWARD, LYLE J.	AN	54	AIR GRP
NORDEMAN, JACQUES C. LT USNR	LTJG	59-62	CIC/OOD



MEATBALL

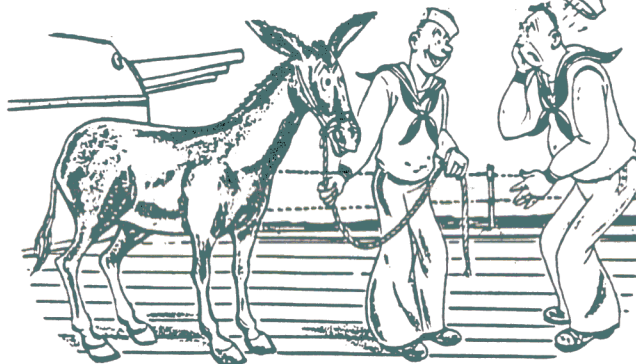


"I wish you'd stop croaking!"

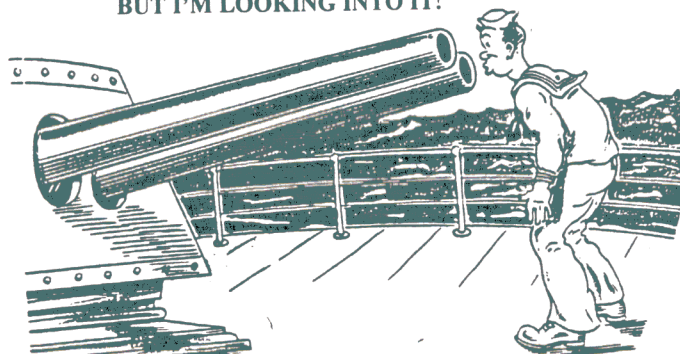
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Truism: It's sad for a girl to reach the age where men consider her charmless, but it's worse for a man to attain the age where girls consider him harmless.

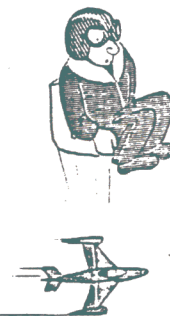
WELL - DIDN'T YOU ASK ME TO BRING BACK SOMETHING WITH A KICK IN IT?!



I AIN'T ONE OF THE "BIG GUNS" YET, BUT I'M LOOKING INTO IT!



New Ensign Standing The Mail Buoy Watch



Oops! Wrong Button Again

FOX DIVISION ADVENTURES - CURRENT

Number 22 in a Series

by

Rom Braun

FT2 (1953 - 1956)

rbraun1@wi.rr.com

The Williamsburg reunion was an exceptional event for FOX Division. Why? Well, there were five of us who were on the Coral Sea at the same time.

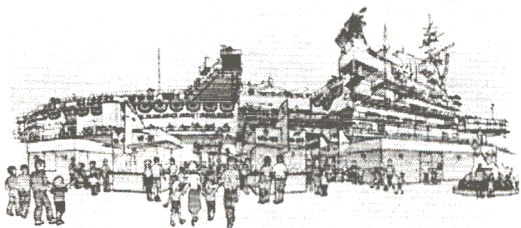


Left to right: Rom Braun, Marty Fasciana, Jim Williamson, William Radogna, Tom Jackson

The last time the five of us were together was at the 1997 spring meeting in New Jersey.

The next thing we need to do is to have reunion that includes the remainder of the Firecontrol men in the Association that served with the five of us: Brombacher, Cronin, DeLoach, Edwards, Foshee, John Firehammer, Hill, Gepes, Pettijohn, and Bob Tuttle. There are other Firecontrol men in the Association and we should make it a point to meet with them as part of the reunion. What can we do to make ALL this happen?

The get together included sea stories and the current events that were happening. One of the big current events is the USS Midway and its possible location in San Diego. Jim, the information source, indicated it is not a done deal as yet. Getting the ship there is not a small project and then keeping the ship in good shape will require much maintenance and a lot of volunteer help. It is my understanding, that after the Midway is finally berthed in San Diego, the Coral Sea Association will donate \$10,000 over a three year period.



All of this begs the question - Will there be another reunion in San Diego when the Midway is ready?

I received a response from my last article that needs to be presented. This is great as it represents

Another Viewpoint.

by

Jim Williamson

FT3 (1954-1956)

Manning the telephone switchboard may not have been a watch that Firecontrol men were trained for, but to me it was a watch I enjoyed standing or sitting. Although it could get boring at times, it wasn't when we first hooked up, shortly after mooring at the pier. The switchboard at that time was really humming, especially after a long cruise.

Between crewmembers trying to call home and home trying to connect with crewmembers, it kept me pretty busy at times. What I enjoyed most was talking to all the operators around the country and at times, the wives and or sweethearts of the crewmembers. And, although, I never managed to get any dates, we did have some pretty interesting conversations while waiting for the calls to go through.

During the slow periods I managed to get some reading in, or at times a little studying on a correspondence course that I that was taking. At times I would inadvertently disconnect someone and that would cause some grumbling, but over all it wasn't too bad a watch.

The space where the switchboard was located was in the IC control room and was maintained by the Inner Communication Electrician. For some reason or other, the IC men and the Firecontrol people did not get along, the reason might being, we each thought we were better than the other, for which I will not make any comment at this time.

Credit

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The hillbilly still owner was brought before the judge to stand trial.

Judge: What's your name?

Defendant: Joshua, your honor.

Judge: Are you the Joshua that commanded the sun to stand still?

Defendant: No, your honor, I'm the Joshua that made the moon-shine.

A school teacher instructing her class on the different values of American coins took a half dollar out of her purse, laid it on the desk and asked: "Can any of you children tell me what it is?"

From the rear of the class came a small voice: "Tails."



**COMPUTER
CORNER**

E-MAIL ADDRESSES:



we put out the master list for the year as well as the master roster.

Shipmates, this list is for new or corrected addresses & radio call letters. I can not stress the importance of keeping your addresses up to date..... The master list is published in June's Breeze. List as of 2-28-2001

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"COOKS CORNER"



**That Good
Navy Chow**
NAVY BEAN SOUP (100 Portions)
Yield: Approximately 6 Gallons
Portion: 1 Cup

- Beans, Navy, dried 5 Pounds, 8 Ounces
- Water, cold To cover
- Ham Stock 5 Gallons
- Onions, chopped 1 Pound
- Ham Bones 8
- Cloves, whole 1 Teaspoon
- Flour 8 Ounces
- Water, cold 1 Quart
- Pepper 2 Teaspoons
- Salt, if needed 1/2 Cup

Pick over, wash and soak beans, in water to cover, 2 to 3 hours. Add ham stock, onions, bones and cloves. Heat to boiling temperature. Let simmer 2 to 3 hours. Remove bones.

Blend together flour and water into a smooth paste. Stir into soup. Add pepper, and salt if needed. Reheat to boiling temperature.

NOTE 1: Ham bones may be omitted.

NOTE 2: Flour may be omitted. If omitted, the soup must be stirred while serving, as beans will settle to bottom of container upon standing.

Source: The Cookbook of the U.S.N. Revised 1944.



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Building Better Lives for America's Disabled Veterans

February 23, 2001

Mr. Herman Dornbach
Sec. Of the USS Coral Sea Association (CVB CVA CV-43)
3134 South 98th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53227

Dear Mr. Dornbach,

I am so pleased to let you know that the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has received an especially generous gift from Mr. John F. Dillon, in honor of *The USS Coral Sea Association*. We are so happy to be able to honor him/her in such a special and lasting way! We have sent a special acknowledgment letter to Mr. John F. Dillon, expressing our gratitude for being so very thoughtful and generous.

If you should like to send your own message of thanks, here is the address:

*Mr. John F. Dillon
39 Mt. Carmel Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518-1903*

As a veteran and a DAV supporter myself, I can tell you what our services mean to men and women who came home from our armed forces wounded, sick or otherwise disabled.

Once again, on behalf of all of us at the DAV, we are so grateful for this gift in honor of *The USS Coral Sea Association*. It will be a tremendous help in our efforts to reach every disabled veteran and family member who needs our services!

Sincerely,

ARTHUR H. WILSON
National Adjutant

RADIO CALL LETTERS

- CORDERO, Marnie G.....KD61V
- GLOVER, Ronald E.....WB4FFI



NOTE: Shipmates, make sure your E-mail address is up to date and that I have it correctly listed. June mailing is when

Editors Note: Jack Dillon offered (2) 11x17 reproductive paintings of the straight deck ship. One is the ship at sunset and the other underway in heavy weather. \$ 15 each or 2 for \$ 25 S&H included. Proceeds over cost will go to the Disabled Vets in the name of the USS Coral Sea Association. Above letter is the result of his promise. Jack Dillon - 39 Mt. Carmel Ave - Hamden, CT 06518

FAREWELL

Here is a tribute to the Coral Sea from one of the finest officers and gentleman who sailed on her and captained her.

*** Coral Sea, A Requiem ***

"Regarding the gotterdammerung of the Coral Maru; what a shame. But all good things must come to an end and the "Ancient Warrior" had a pretty good run at it.

I know my feelings about her demise are not shared by many who loved her but, I for one am somewhat pleased that Coral Sea went out as she lived, not with a whine but with a challenge. I'm told that no less than three companies who tried to demolish her went broke in the process. Yeah, they finally got to her, but it wasn't easy.

That ship, more than any I know was built to steam, to fly airplanes and to do battle. She sure did all three very well and for more years than most any other. Frankly, I would hate to see her as a museum or tourist trap somewhere - something for the uninitiated to gawk at in not understanding what made her great, just missing the point.

Yes, she was well built, expensively equipped and the product of an outstanding design. Sure she wallowed in any sea at all but, when the chips were down, Coral Sea ALWAYS met the challenge - head on, and came away a winner.

And no, it wasn't steel, gray paint or money that made her great. It was the spirit and morale of her crews, all who manned the ship over her 40 year history. I was aboard shortly after she became operational in Norfolk and was impressed by the esprit de corps of her crew and their pride in her massive dimensions, cleanliness and beauty. I was there for her decommissioning more than a generation later.

Long since dwarfed by newer, bigger, faster and now, jazzier carriers, the Coral Sea still looked pretty good, at least on the outside. But, though she may have suffered a little in comparison with newer ships, the pride of her decommissioning crew in THEIR ship pervaded the pier and the ceremony. When one of her crewman sang her hymn, "God Bless the Coral Sea" there may have been some dry eyes there, but I didn't see them and certainly my own watery optics didn't help.

The obvious question is why? What was it that brought this wonderful result? This great spirit? How can we duplicate it? Like the father in "Fiddler on the Roof," I have the answer: I don't know. But now and again, such ships just seem to come along. In my career I would place Enterprise and Kitty Hawk in this group (albeit not QUITE as high). But that begs the question and, again, I just don't know. If I ever find out and can sell it to today's more politically correct Navy, we'll set records for years to come.

Anyway, there she goes. She has done her bit for her country and for those who manned the ship and made her great. Perhaps the Coral Sea will soon be forgotten as former crewmen who manned her, die, and go away. I won't see that. I'll never forget her. God bless her."

-- Rear Admiral Paul Peck, USN(Ret.) August 14, 2000

Admiral Peck entered the Naval Service as an apprentice seaman in 1944 and 35 years later retired a Rear Admiral. He is a heavily decorated veteran. He commanded and flew many strikes into Viet Nam. He rose through the ranks and in 1972 he reported aboard the USS Coral Sea as the Commanding Officer. In later years he would again return to the USS Coral Sea as an Admiral, using her as his flagship.

"SEMPER FI"

Letter to Hubbard Glassett

From: Kenneth E. McHenry Marine Det 1961-1963

I read the little blurb in the Coral Sea Breeze lauding your abilities as "our" Locator. I've been interested in locating the address of a prominent character actor who now goes by the name of R. Lee Ermy, I believe. He was a shipmate in the Marine Detachment in 1962-1963. I was not aware that this actor whom we've all seen in a hundred films, tv programs, commercials, etc. (He played the mayor of the Mississippi town in Mississippi Burning), he was the DI (he's perfect as a DI: he also did a cola commercial as a DI.) that was killed by a recruit in Full Metal Jacket, he was the voice of a soldier in Toy Story, etc. was the same Ron Ermy that we marines called "Erma."

When my long lost buddy whom I'd lost touch with for 35 years got in touch with me 5 or 6 years ago, he told me about the various shipmates that he knew about including Ermy. I couldn't remember Ermy so I went to my cruise book from 1962's Far East Cruise to try to find his picture. I couldn't find it anywhere. As I looked at the Marine Detachment picture I saw my name in the middle of the back row, but I remembered that I "got out" of that picture by volunteering to clean 45's in the Cpl of the Guard shack just before the picture. So I looked to see who was in the spot where my name was. It was "Erma."

I'm hoping you can find his address so I can:: A. write him a fan letter, and B. rib him a little that since he took my place in the picture, maybe he also took my place in the moving pictures.

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THE DEATH OF A SHIP

Article from The Flying "A" (USS Albemarle's newsletter)
Submitted by: Reginald Boone M Div 48-54

It's a sad sight to see a United States fighting ship, a man of war, going to the scrap yards to be dismantled and melted down into iron ingots. It's just not the same as losing a line ship in a battle some where at sea. They lay on the bottom of some ocean in their own graveyard. They did their job against an enemy of the United States and lost, but their names have gone down in the history books to live on forever.

Pat and I experienced such an event at a reunion we attended at Virginia Beach, VA. Sitting on the Norfolk City docks in downtown Norfolk, watching the activities, and eating an ice cream cone, enjoying the warm sun with not a worry on our minds. What a beautiful day it was!

That was shortly spoiled by a United States Naval ship coming up the river escorted by 4 tugboats, it was the USS Coral Sea a heavy aircraft carrier, of WWII era, going to the scrap yards across the river.

What a sad, sad sight to see this silent, darkened ship being towed up river by 4 civilian tug boats. The darkened engine rooms now silent of the superheated steam that once drove her massive Westinghouse steam engines. The stilled propellers that turned at cruising speed of 33 RPM's The humming, the banners from the yard arms, the union jack from the bow, the F4F's and Corsair fighter planes on her flight deck, the bugler sounding "Chow Call" all gone. Complete deathly silence, in fact sitting there watching that fighting ship, pass by me in eerie silence was very disturbing to me and my wife. I felt as if death itself was the Quartermaster at the wheel on the bridge.

Standing on the flight deck on the bow of the ship and on the flight deck on the after end of the ship were two lone sailors, dressed in the uniform of the day, dungarees with white hats. My guess they were "deck apes" to do the line handling jobs on board the Coral Sea.

I said to myself I never want to see that sight ever again. Respectfully offered Ernest Blaine President USS Albemarle Assn.

Editors note: I'm sure there are many shipmates that agree with Ernest. Just another reason to give Admiral Glindeman support to save the USS Ranger.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

You will find the raffle tickets for our 24th annual reunion to be held at Branson, MO. in your envelope. Tickets \$ 1.00 each or 6 for \$ 5.00 Please make checks out to: USS Coral Sea reunion fund. And send to Robert Locke who is the sponsor of our 24th Annual reunion. Good Luck!

- 1st Prize \$350.00
- 2nd Prize Full pkg. for 2
- 3rd 2 nights Hotel for 2

Drawing to be held at this years reunion at Laughlin, NV. Winner need not be present.



NOW HEAR THIS!

From: John F. Pritchard "Laughlin Reunion Sponsor"

To all my shipmates of Coral Sea;

As some of you may know I am working for a T.V. Station in Nevada Channel 41, KPVM. I work as a studio comptroller, a part time reporter & a show host. At the present time. I have convinced management to give me a show of my own. The format of this show will be to look at the past. The name of the show will be "LEST WE FORGET." The show will focus on the Military and the men that served. I plan to go back to World War II or as far back as the Civil War. I think our young people don't understand what this country has gone through to get to this point of it's history.

What I need from my shipmates are story's that I can form in my program, also anything about our Military, I will be using the USS Coral Sea for some of the story's. I will also be interviewing people on camera about their experience in the service. I also hope to interview on camera some people at the reunion. I hope for some of you men of the Coral Sea to show some of our past "LEST WE FORGET." Your Shipmate John Pritchard

You can contact John at:

John F. Pritchard
2191 N. Bannavitch Phone 775-727-6910
PAHRUMP, NV 89048 E-mail videoutlook@teknet.com



NOW HEAR THIS!

SPRING FLING...Our Great Lakes Recruit Training Review...Has not been finalized as yet, due to a low turnout for this event it was not practical to hire a bus. Shipmate Johnson is looking into the possibility of us using a few cars or vans to arrive at the Base. I will notify everyone who has signed up what the story is when I get the final report.

Herman Doernbach



NOW HEAR THIS!

Shipmates Request:

I am interested in finding a member of the Coral Sea Association who lives west of the Mississippi River who would be interested in trading the new U.S. Quarters.

I am collecting them in an effort to complete a full set, both those of Philadelphia and Denver, for two grandchildren....If anyone is interested they may contact me by either of these.

Blaine L. Miller Phone 570-758-3032
P.O. Box 167 If anyone is interested, it may be possible to make a swap at the reunion at Laughlin in October.
Dalmatia, PA 17017

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Shipmates, have a great Spring

*Work and play safely
Herman Doernbach
Secretary/Editor*

SHIP 'S STORE

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION
 MAIL TO: HENRY KLEEMAN
 336 COTTAGE PLACE
 LEWISTOWN, PA 17044-1217
 TELEPHONE: 717-242-0248



NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
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	CORAL SEA JACKET	M-LG-XLG-2XLG-3XLG	NAVY	\$ 42.00	
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	CAPS (Red)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USS CORAL SEA • U.S. MARINE DET. LOGO 		\$ 14.00	
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	PIN	USS CORAL SEA CV -43 Made of oxidized metal (bronze) dye struck and silver plated - the finish is hand rubbed		\$ 9.00	
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	PIN	NAVY WIFE Fouled gold anchor		\$ 12.00	
	PIN	USN Silver		\$ 9.00	
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Shipping & Handling					\$ 4.00
TOTAL					

NOTE: BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER WHEN ORDERING.
 SHIPS STORE IS OPERATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR MEMBERS.

USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOCIATION 23ND ANNUAL REUNION

DON LAUGHLIN'S RIVERSIDE HOTEL & CASINO
P.O. BOX 500 1600 CASIN DRIVE
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For Reservations call **1-800-227-3849**

Mid week - Sunday to Thursday
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Individuals will be responsible for booking & guaranteeing their own room either by credit card or cashier check (three) 3 weeks prior to arrival.



MEAL RESERVATION FORM

(THIS PORTION OF FORM, MAIL TO PERSON & ADDRESS BELOW)

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS _____

The following rate includes Friday night South Sea Luau, Saturday breakfast, Sunday Brunch & Saturday night Banquet Dinner & Hospitality room.

One Person - - - \$ 95.00 (Deposit of \$40.00/Person must be paid with Reservation)*
Two Persons - - - \$190.00
Three Persons - - \$285.00

Banquet Only - - - \$ 30.00 per person

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL:
1-775-727-6910

e-mail videooutlook@teknett.com

Prices are with all Gratuities & Taxes paid

Banquet Choice one per person:

() - Chicken Wellington or () - Roast Prime Rib of Beef

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

*Balance must be paid in full by September 1, 2001

Make check out to:
"USS Coral Sea Reunion fund"

MAIL TO: JOHN F. PRITCHARD
2191 N. BANNAVITCH STREET
PAHRUMP, NV 89060-3167

Further information on planned activities we can
arrange, will be in the next news letter.

A gamble pays off for town, namesake.

To get your picture on a U.S. Postage stamp, you have to be dead. Luckily for Don Laughlin, the same rule doesn't apply to having a town named after you.

Laughlin, a silver-haired 69 year old casino owner, has lent his name and more important, his vision to a dot on the Southern Nevada map that has grown into a \$ 600 million gambling market. And he's still very much alive, and working 16 hour days.

Laughlin the town, is about 90 miles south of Las Vegas on the west bank of the Colorado River, across from Bullhead City, AZ.....Laughlin the entrepreneur, took the first step in creating what has become a full-blown resort destination when he bought a bankrupt bar, an eight-room motel and six riverfront acres in 1966 in a dusty place known as South Point because it was in the

That lonely bar and motel has grown into the 1,400 room Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino, and Don Laughlin has a few casino neighbors these days - nine of them, most operated by corporate heavyweights such as Harrah's and MGM MIRAGE.

"We didn't have much business until we moved the river in," Laughlin joked.

Certainly having the Colorado River rolling past the back doors of most of the casinos has given the Laughlin area a dimension not even Las Vegas, with its ersatz Eiffel Tower and Statue of Liberty, can duplicate.

In addition to the cool Colorado, the laid-back resort town has another trump card: bargain prices. There are more than 10,700 rooms and 2,400 RV sites in town. Food is hugely discounted as well.

Article taken from the Philadelphia Inquirer. Sunday 12-17-00



USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 11TH ANNUAL MIDWEST SPRING FLING



Why the Spring Flings?

A majority of our shipmates cannot make the Fall Annual Reunion so these Flings are an opportunity for ex-crew members to get to know each other and shake the winter blues.

WHERE: Marriott Courtyard
Arlington Heights - South
100 West Algonquin Road
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

DATES: April 26 - 29, 2001
Check in time: 1500 Hours (3:00 P.M.)
Check out time: 1300 Hours (1:00 P.M.)

CUT OFF DATE: April 6, 2001

I. D. YOURSELF: "Coral Sea"
When making reservation.

TELEPHONES: 1-800-228-9290
FAX 1-847-437-3367

ROOM RATES: \$ 75.00 Singles/Doubles
Room tax at 11%

Meeting Room (Hospitality etc.) to be announced. Refreshments will be available.
Bring your memorabilia & Sea stories.
No airport Transportation provided by Courtyard Marriott.

THINGS TO DO:

NOTE!

We would like to set up a graduation review at the Great Lakes Recruit training command on Friday April 27, 2001. But before we can do so according to Navy Policy we need a head count, **AND THEY WANT EVERYONE TO ARRIVE IN ONE VEHICLE.** Those interested please notify Herman by 1-15-00 if you would like to attend this review so I can make the arrangements.

There are great shopping Malls in this area..... Gurnee Mills, Gurnee, IL. and Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, IL as well as Long Grove Village (A quaint community that has many stores in a beautiful setting). Also some shipmates toured downtown Chicago last year via the RTA & L.

DIRECTIONS:

By Auto: Interstate #90 East (Toll Road)

From North: Turn off North at Route 53 to Algonquin Road - proceed East 2.5 miles - Located on Left side.

From South: Interstate # 90 West (Toll Road) To exit Arlington Heights Road North - proceed to Algonquin Road, turn left, located .2 mile on right side.

QUESTIONS? - INFORMATION:

Bob Mackey (Past President) 300 Webb Street - Calumet City, IL. Phone 1-(708)-891-6771
Herman Doernbach - 3144 S. 98th Street - Milwaukee, WI. Phone 1-(414)-321-0098
E-mail HermanWD@aol.com

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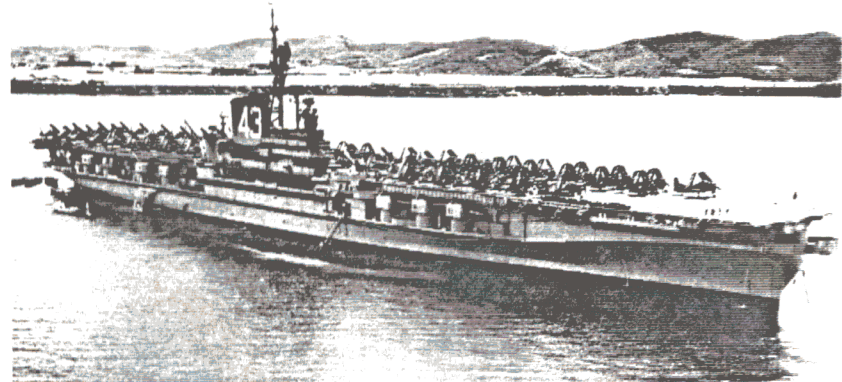
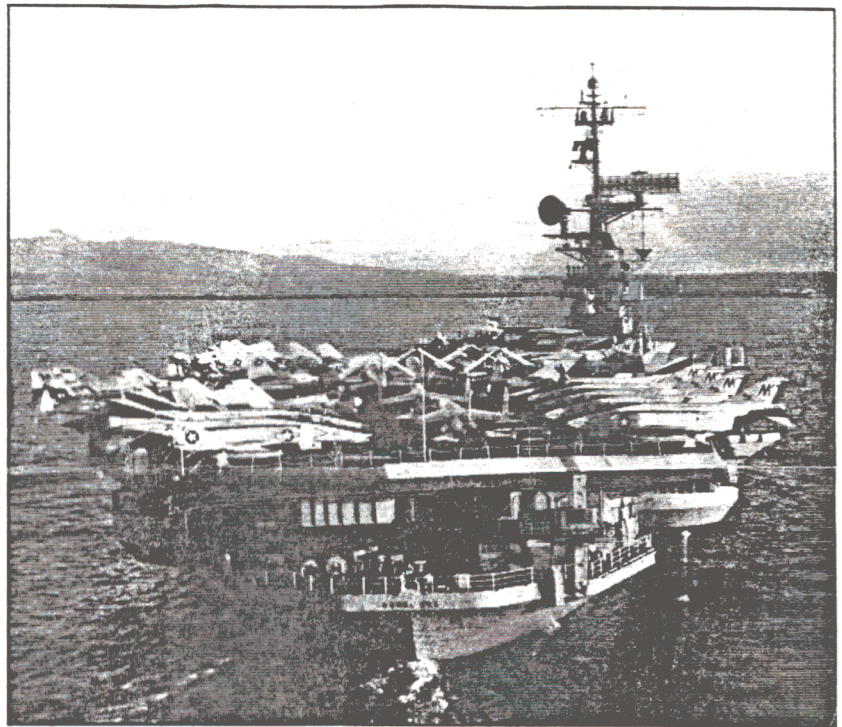
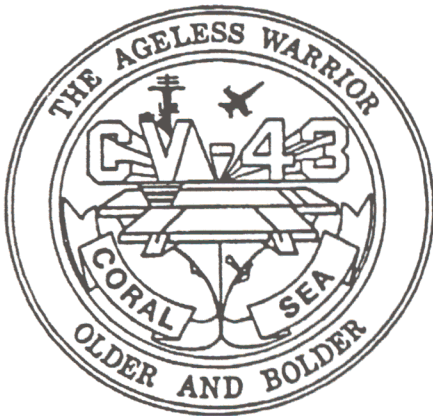
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 Please make checks payable to USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION

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