

# The Coral Sea Breeze

JUNE, JULY 2001

## HERMAN DOERNBACH RESIGNS AS SECRETARY AS OF MAY 16th.

Herman Doernbach, secretary of the USS CORAL SEA Association has notified the board of his intention to resign from the secretary's office, effective May 16, 2001. Herman has been secretary to the association and editor to the "BREEZE" since 1994.

Herman is, hands down, the most well known and most popular member of the association. He was a friend to everyone.

A dedicated member, Herman was a hard worker and put in many hours in working toward the success of the association. I'm sure that you all join the Board in wishing Herman the Best of Everything in his new leisure time.

## ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS!

With Herman's resignation from the secretary's position, we will have two board positions to fill in the business meeting at this year's reunion in Laughlin, NV, the secretary and a three year board member.

The duties of the secretary include:

- a. Record the minutes of the business meeting.
- b. Keep a record and file of association correspondence.
- c. Receive dues from members and record same in members record and forward monies received to the treasurer.
- d. Maintain an up to date membership file.
- e. Appoint an assistant secretary to help with above.
- f. Send a quarterly financial report to the treasurer detailing all income received and expenditures paid.

The duties of the three year board member are to represent the membership in the day to day operation of the association and serve on various committees, as appointed.

If you, or anyone that you know would be interested in serving in one of these positions, please let any of the board members know. Nominations will be made from the floor at the business meeting.

### USEFUL WEB SITES:

### AIRPORT GUIDE:

[www.expedia.com/daily/airports](http://www.expedia.com/daily/airports) Information on transportation, shopping, restaurants and services at US and foreign airports

## DO YOU TAKE IBUPROFEN, OR OTHER NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS?

IBUPROFEN AND OTHER NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS (NSAIDs) may trigger *congestive heart failure* (CHF), warns David Henry, MD. Of more than 1,000 patients-average age 75-those who took NSAIDs were twice as likely to be hospitalized for CHF as those who didn't. NSAIDs may interfere with substances that regulate blood pressure and kidney function. *Possibly safer:* Acetaminophen, but talk to your doctor. Low-dose aspirin has been shown to protect the heart and probably does not have this effect. *David Henry, MD, is professor of clinical pharmacology, University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. Article from "Bottom Line".*

## 2001 REUNION IN LAUGHLIN, NV. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLANS YET?

For those of you who may have not gotten the word (either by being out of the country, in the brig or whatever), our reunion this year will be held in Laughlin, NV at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. If you haven't made your reservations yet, you better "get cracking". Further into this newsletter you will find a reservation sheet that will give you instructions on reserving your room and meals.

Several members have asked "Where is Laughlin and how do I get there". If you are driving, Laughlin is located in the southeastern corner of Nevada, across the line from Bullhead City, Arizona. It's located on any road map (well, almost any road map), just off Nevada state route #163. For those of you that are flying, there is an airport at Laughlin that has commercial flights. Before booking a flight into the Laughlin airport, you might want to get the rates into Las Vegas and taking a shuttle bus to Laughlin. It's about a two hour drive and will cost from \$50.00 to \$65.00 per person, round trip. Reservations are required (three days is the recommendation) and the shuttle leaves from the Las Vegas airport. There will be more information in the next newsletter including the names of the different shuttles, their toll free phone numbers and the rates. Also, if any will offer us a group rate by mentioning the USS CORAL SEA.

Also, for those of you, who are flying and are in the Southwest Airlines market, Southwest Airlines is always running specials and we just booked our flight into Las Vegas for \$198.00 plus landing fees, round trip from Birmingham, Al. Their best  
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specials are on the internet and they change weekly. If you have internet access, booking online is the cheapest way to go.

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### **HISTORY: "SALUTE TO THE CORAL SEA"**

*A reprint from the 12 April, 1957 issue of the "BREEZE". Can you identify the author? A free beer to the first five shipmates that get it right (at the Laughlin Reunion hospitality room).*

"The CORAL SEA is entering the Navy Yard for a very well-earned rest -- for two years of modernization. While that work is underway, of course, it will be difficult to recognize her as the proud, stately ship she is today. In fact, many will look upon her as a lifeless metallic cage-- her crew gone, her side plating removed, her flight deck dismantled, her engines deathly still.

But those of us who have sailed in the CORAL SEA -- who have been part of the CORAL SEA -- will see an entirely different picture. When we look at her, even though it be just in reverie, we shall remember many wonderful things. The cool, clean nights of smooth sailing -- almost gliding -- under a golden Mediterranean moon. The dark, angry days in the violent North Atlantic, when it seemed as though Neptune himself was venting his stormy wrath against all who dared invade his realm. The seemingly effortless, clicking precision of flight operations, when the team was at its peak. The nagging feeling of persecution on days when "everything went wrong," and the horrible, sinking sensation when a shipmate was injured or lost. The many hours of steady steaming, with no other ships in sight. The numberless hours of cruising formation, of replenishing at sea, of independent exercises, of helicopters, of high lines -- and the thrill of high speed radar approaches to rejoin formation at night. The heartaches of parting from loved ones, as a cruise to the Med began. The letters home-- telling first of a bit of homesickness, then of experiences abroad, and then "It will be only a few more days....." Finally, home. Then -- as with all who follow the sea -- when the time is at hand, gone again.

To all of us who have been part of her during the last ten years, the CORAL SEA is truly a living creature -- possessed even of a soul -- which temporarily is being brought to rest. And while she rests, other men will make her over. They will transform her into a newer, more powerful, more versatile, Royal Lady of All the Seas.

But regardless of the changes made, the CORAL SEA always will have the character that has come from the joys, the sorrows, the pains, and the pleasures that we have known in our days with her. She always will retain an intangible part of every one of us -- of us who flew her planes, or nursed her engines, or manned her guns, or healed her wounds, or paced her quarterdeck or her bridge, or restored her beauty upon entering port after a rugged siege at sea. As she rests there in the shipyard, we shall be

there with her. And when again she puts to sea, everyone of us -- even though we may be so far away as no longer to draw mortal breath -- will sail as members of her crew.

And that is the life in the CORAL SEA. It is the life we have known because of her-- and the life she retains because of us. She is not an inanimate, metallic hulk!

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### ***She is the CORAL SEA!***

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#### **Factoid:**

The CORAL SEA ended it's first WEST PAC combat deployment in Vietnam on Nov. 1, 1966 after 331 days on station. A record for ANY U.S. Carrier. The CORAL SEA completed six combat deployments in the Vietnam conflict.~

#### **TAPS:**

**GIBLIN, JOHN E.** Passed away May 10, 2001. Served aboard '47-52 in 1st. Div. Was an inactive member of association since 1994. Resided in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

**GOLOB, MICHAEL R.** Passed away Dec 23, 2000. Served aboard '59-61 in E Div. as EM3. Was member of association since 1998. Resided in Helena, MT.

**HANLON, EDWARD M.** Passed away Feb 15, 2001. Served aboard '54-56 in R Div. Was a member of association since 1994. Resided in Fort Myers, FL.

**MACKEY, AGNES "NESSIE"** Passed away March 30, 2001. Wife of Clarence "Bob" Mackey (association past president). Any one who has ever attended an association reunion met and loved this dear lady from Scotland.

**WHEELER, ROY E.** Passed away October 14, 2000. Served aboard '52-55 in VA-104 as an AN. Was a member of the association since 1965. Resided in Chester, MA.

**WINDSOR, KENNETH M.** Passed away March 26, 2001. Served aboard '52-56. Was member of Association since 1999. Resided in Gastonia, NC. Ken was preceded in death by his brother, Alton, in 2000. Both served together in O3 Div. as RD3's.

#### **SICK BAY:**

**MIELKE, FRED P. ABCS, USN RET.** Is recovering from a quadruple heart by-pass and the installation of an Aorta valve. Hang in there, Fred. Fred's new address is: 2605 Brookside Drive, Apt #156, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

**THAYER, RUTH** Wife of Past Vice President, Bill Thayer was in the hospital suffering from a heart attack. At this writing, she should be home recovering from same.

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**NOTE:** Because of the size of this issue of the "BREEZE", I have left out several articles that were submitted for publication. I will try to include them in the September issue.

## IN APPRECIATION

*Coral Sea Association,*

*Your kindness and sympathy at this time are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.*

*C.R. "Bob" Mackey*

NOTE: Herman Doernbach represented the association at Nessie's funeral. A spray of flowers were presented by the association.

*Dear Mr. Doernbach:*

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Coral Sea Society for the beautiful sympathy bouquet and the prayer, which was offered in memory of my husband, Kerry Ellis, at the past Coral Sea reunion.*

*Kerry enjoyed the visits from crew members which served on the Coral Sea. He felt honored that they came and shared their stories, experiences and memories with him and also thought it was wonderful that they come to pay their respects to her and to get one last glimpse of the vessel.*

*Kerry Ellis and the Coral Sea are both gone, all we are left with is memories. Again, I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness.....Sincerely,*

*Sandra Ellis*

NOTE: Kerry Ellis was the owner of Seawitch Salvage, who was awarded the contract to break up the Coral Sea.

Shipmates, do you know of any shipmate that is ill or has passed away? If you do, please send me their names in order that the Chaplain can be notified and offer some solace. Also, so it can be announced in the BREEZE

## VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well shipmates, it is spring and here in Florida the flowers are in bloom! By now, our shipmates should have had their spring reunions around the country. Hope as many of you as possible attended. We had a nice time at ours here in Florida, But more about that later.

I hope many of you can afford the reunion in Laughlin in October. John Pritchard is working hard to plan a great time for all. If you have any questions or want to offer your help, contact John at (e-mail) [videooutlook@teknett.com](mailto:videooutlook@teknett.com)

While in Laughlin, be sure to see the original London Bridge, it is quite a sight!

There are other attractions that are also very interesting. Come early and stay for the whole reunion. Keep wearing the ball caps and displaying the Coral Sea Association bumper stickers. This is one of the best ways of advertising our organization. If you have any idea of someone who served on the ship and is not a member, give me a ring 1-(941)-485-4360. Or, send an e-mail to ([cvabill43@hotmail.com](mailto:cvabill43@hotmail.com)) and I'll be glad to contact them.

Until we see you Laughlin, smooth sailing and Good speed.

*Bill Johnson*

## SECRETARIES CORNER:

Dear Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I have to report to you that as of May 16, 2001 I have resigned my position of Secretary/Editor of the USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association. This was not an easy decision to make on my part but hopefully things will turn out for the best.

Until further notice please send all correspondence, dues, inquires etc to the President, Charles Whitcomb 3308 Argyle Lane - Birmingham, Al 35242...A special election will be held for this position at the Business Meeting, Laughlin, NV Oct 13, 2001

Regards

*Herman Doernbach*

## CHAPLAINS CORNER:

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

When there is hatred, let me sow love.

When there is injury, pardon,

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

And where there is sadness, joy.

O, Devine Master, grant that I may not seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

May this prayer serve for all of us.

*Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.*

Friends: You will be delighted to know that the USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL MUSEUM in Honolulu has ordered our book, "GOD WAS AT MIDWAY", for resale in the museum's book store. We feel God has honored us in the acquisition. NOW the book is in the major military museum book stores including: The U.S. Naval Academy, The U.S. Naval Memorial, The Admiral Nimitz Museum, The Navy Department Library, The Naval Historical Center, and now the Arizona Memorial Museum. There are others, also. We Praise the Lord for his goodness in this, our success.

*Editors Note:* Want to honor one of our own? A survivor of the Battles of Coral Sea & Midway aboard the USS YORKTOWN, CV-5! Read his book "GOD WAS AT MIDWAY". Send \$14.95 + \$4.00 S&H (California residents add 7.75% to your total). Send to: Stanford E. Linzey, Jr., 1641 Kenora Drive, Escondido, CA 92027-4025. Chaplain Linzey will personally autograph the book for you.

**A letter from a student that Chaplain Linzey corresponded with about the battle of Midway:**

*Dear Mr. Linzey;*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful fax. I can't wait to add it to my display. Sorry I did not get back to you sooner, as I was in the State championships, and I have good news to report! I !!AM!! going to Washington, DC but I just got back so; I could not have gotten to you sooner. Also I was wondering, you mentioned you played in the Yorktown band, did you play during the famous porkchop lottery, with "Waiteress's"?*

*Well in answer to your questions, I am 13 boy from Detroit Michigan. I also am in 8th grade. I want to be a history teacher (Just a dream). I'm a boy scout, with the rank of life, the Second highest, next is life. I can't explain how much you have helped me.*

*Thanks, Rob*

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### **PAST VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER:**

It has taken several attempts to put this letter together, and now at last I think that this is the way I intended my message to be. Accept my apologies if the words do not come out exactly as meant.

In the time since I joined the association, I can say that I have never had such a good feeling as I have had for these past years as your Vice President. I have always felt myself an integral part of the finest group of ex-crewmen and Navy men any person could expect.

In these past years I have had some disappointments and then a lot of good feelings. I never thought that a man could live for such a giant get-together for a year at a time. The reunions are all that they are cracked up to be and I will be in attendance as long as I am able. Coral Sea has no equal in comraderie.

Now that I am out of office, I can only wish Willie Johnson all possible good luck and hope that he will feel the same pride which I felt in serving the Association in office

So til we sail again together in Laughlin, let these, my best wishes, follow like a strong fair wind at the stern, and return the association safely to port.

*Smooth Sailing  
Bill Thayer*

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### **SCHOLARSHIP NOT AVAILABLE YET!**

From William G. Williams, Scholarship Program Chairman.

Scholarship not available yet. Members are advised not to hand out material yet on the Coral Sea college scholarship program. The reason: the program is not yet in existence! It was delayed at Williamsburg last October to give members time to suggest changes.

The revised program is now ready for presentation again at this Octobers's reunion in Nevada. If approved at that

meeting the program will probably go into effect early in the year 2002.

Scholarship committee chairman Bill Williams reports that he has received two e-mails from students asking to whom they should mail their applications. It's obviously a disappointment to such students to learn that the scholarship program does not yet exist. When the program is approved by the membership, it will be announced in the newsletter with copies of the application.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PLAN READY FOR VOTE!**

The Scholarship Formulation Committee has considered suggested changes to the proposed program and will present the package for a final vote by members at the October meeting in Nevada.

One major change was approved by the committee from a list submitted by members of the USS Coral Sea Association. It add an important category to the list of applicants who would be eligible for the \$2,000. annual award. Here is the proposed wording regarding applicants, with new language in capital letters:

**"They must bde either a son, daughter, grandchild, great-grandchild, stepchild or stepgrandchild of (1) an Asso;ciation member in good standing on the datae the scholarship is awaraded, (2) or of a deceased member in good standing at the time of death, (3) OR OF A NON-MEMBER WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS CORAL SEA IN SHIP'S COMPANY OR AIR GROUP, OR WAS CAPTURED AS A PRISONER OF WAR, OR WAS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO THE EXTENT THAT SEPARATION FROM THE U.S. NAVY WAS REQUIRED."**

Several other proposed changes were considered and rejected by the Scholarship Formulation Committee, according to Bill Williams, committee chairman.

The schlorship proposal was first offered at last October's reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia, but was tabled for further consideration when several questions arose. Copies of the complete program will be available at the registration table in Laughlin, NV.

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### **SMALL STORES CLOSES OUT TEE SHIRTS!!**

Hank Kleeman, association store keeper advises that he will close out remaining inventory of the Special Souvenir Tee shirts from the Savannah reunion for \$5.00 each (plus shipping and handling). This is a white, Hanes "Beefy Tee" with a four color process silk screen picture on the front. The shirt alone is worth more than this. This is strictly a first come, first served offer. When stock is gone, that's it.

## REPORTS FROM SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Florida Spring Fling was held on March 10, 2001 at Purple's Restaurant in Venice, FL. We had 54 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch and visiting.

We had a very good speaker, Commander James W. Kissick. He was the man that made the fifty thousandth (50,000) aircraft landing on the Coral Sea. He talked about some of his experiences on the ship. He was well received by the people.

I want to thank Commander Kissick for his participation in our program. I also wish to extend a hearty "Thanks!" to Leo and Shirley Collins for their help with the reunion. Another special thanks goes out to Bud and Violet McKay for their help.

When we left Purple's, a good number of the folks came over to my house for a little more sea stories and fellowship. It is always a pleasure to host such a great bunch of folks!

Those in attendance were:

Corky & Dana Hunt  
George & Jan Christoff  
John & Theresa Paradiso  
Bud Orens  
John Ruschak  
Robert Tomhave  
Herman & Patricia Wessel  
Joe & Audrey Messina  
George Haase  
Clair McCurdy  
John & Betty Milia  
Don & Doreen Magee  
Dick & Ruth Johnson  
George Barr (tin can sailor-George will be putting on a Fall reunion in Venice for the destroyer Vandenberg),  
Bud & Violet McKay

Mel & Louise Johnson  
Ray & Margaret Semones  
Oscar Holdridge  
Joe Smolinka  
Roger Pelletier  
William & Lois Riley  
Gene & Wanda Davis  
Bob & Mary Castricone  
Steve Jones  
Leo & Shirley Collins  
Calvin & Teresa Thomas  
Bob & Leann Hintz  
Paul Thompson  
Cdr. James Kissick & me.

Thank you all again for coming to Venice and we hope to have another around the same weekend in March 2002.

Signed

Bill Johnson and Bud McKay

## NEW JERSEY SPRING REUNION

The 10th Annual N.J. Reunion of U.S.S. Coral Sea Shipmates was held on April 28, 2001 with a total of sixty eight in attendance which also included wives, relatives and friends.

After the pledge to our Flag, a moment of silence in honor of our deceased members and a word of grace our Buffet Lunch was enjoyed.

Following our Lunch and most delicious Cheese Cakes, again provided by Rosie and "Boats" Ed Lontz and other deserts provided by Nancy Strawn and Jean Radogna, each shipmate introduced himself.

There were four Plank owners Present: Billy Lockwood, John McGrath, John Ruschak and Frank Trout. Jim Turner talked about the midnight raid on Omar Khadafi on April 15, 1986.

Many books and albums were on display for all to enjoy....It was decided to have next years N.J. Meeting on April 27, 2002.

Every one was reminded to pay their dues early if possible, and about the Association projects which are, the Coral Sea Memorial, World War II Memorial, Ranger restoration and the Scholarship Program....Also we were reminded of our next two Association Reunions: This year in Laughlin, NV October 12-14, 2001 and our 24th Association Reunion in Branson, MO October 11-13, 2002. Get your reservations in early.

Thanks very much to my wife, Doris for all her

assistance and guidance. And mostly, Thanks to all of you for attending and making the day very successful.

Those in attendance were

Ernie & Cathy Akromas  
'Wild' Bill Becker Sr.  
David & Rosemarie Belber  
Walter & Marie Chrastina  
Frank Costantino  
Martin & Betty Fasciana  
Richard Gil De Leon & 3 guests  
Tom Jahnke Vietnam (Navy)  
Tom & Betty Jackson  
James & Patricia Kelly  
Allen Lamm & Janet Kostrowski  
Hester De Nure  
James McCloskey  
Bob Miller  
Eddie Priest  
Don & Jeanette O'Neill  
Jim & Jeanne Ribbe  
Richard Schultz  
Dudley Stouch  
Frank & Nancy Strawn  
Jim Turner & Guest  
Thomas & Barbara Watts  
Len Weber

Walter Arrigoni  
Bredford Behnman & Mary  
Jane Drury & Jane Drury  
Paul Clark  
John & Patti Curzi  
Charles & Mary Gallo  
Charlie Wagner  
John Scalzo Korea "Army"  
John Janovsky  
John & Regina Lallo  
Billy Lockwood  
Ed & Rosie Lontz  
John & Beverly McGrath  
Pat Barr  
John Murphy & Evelyn Berger  
William & Jean Radogna  
John & Irene Ruschak  
Daniel Schweikert  
Harold & Nancy Strawn  
Frank & Dorothy Trout  
Joe Toth Ret. Master chief  
Jack & Doris Weber

Stay Loose & Smooth Sailing

*Jack Weber*

## MIDWEST SPRING FLING

The 11th Annual Midwest Spring Fling was held on April 26-29 at the Marriott Courtyard in Arlington Heights, IL. There were a total of 36 in attendance .

Friday 27 we met in the lounge of the hotel and filled up 2 vans plus 2 cars and proceeded to Great Lakes Naval Training Center for Recruit Graduation Review. We were met by Kenneth Johnson CSCS USN RET. (Who set this visit up for us) As the guests of the Commanding Officer we watched the graduation of 11 Divisions, we called them (Company's in our day)...you have to get goose pimples watching these young sailors march and sound off, What an outstanding job these recruit commanders do.

A speech by Alexander Ottaviani Command Master Chief U.S. Naval Forces Korea was the most inspired speech that we in attendance ever heard. It brought on a few wet eyes.

We then had lunch at the Port of call, being introduced to Captain E.W. Gantt USN CO of Great Lakes as well as other officers and wives by Ken Johnson (who by the way is known by every officer & their wives). Also we got to meet the Master Chief PO of the Navy, James Herdt & Command Master Chief Michael MCalip.

A tour of the training ship USS Whitehat ended the day for us. And once again we Thank You Ken Johnson for setting this up for us. It was enjoyed by all.

The girls once again enjoyed the great shopping that is prevalent in that area as well as the camaraderie.

Those in Attendance were:

Rom & Betty Braun  
Tom & Carole Flanery  
John & Phyllis Budde  
James & Bonnie Johnson  
Robert & Muriel Peterson  
William & Fran Craig  
Glenn & Deanna Anderson  
Ron & Cindy Frosheiser  
Randall & Sandy Cregar  
Herman & Carol Doernbach

Orville & Marilyn Garnett  
James & Lilah Francisco  
Garey & Shirley Kropf  
Corky & Dana Hunt & Baby  
C.R. "Bob" Mackey  
Lawrence & Eileen Platt  
Jon & Janet Lickey  
Edward & Kathy Lundin  
Carole Dickey

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

DON LAUGHLIN'S RIVERSIDE HOTEL & CASINO  
P.O. BOX 500 1600 CASIN DRIVE  
LAUGHLIN, NEVADA 89029 - OCTOBER 12TH to 14TH 2001

Room Rate Mid week.....\$ 19.00 per night, plus 9 % room tax =(\$ 20.71)  
Weekend.....\$ 45.00 per night, plus 9 % room tax =(\$ 49.05)

For Reservations call **1-800-227-3849**

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

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## 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](mailto:videooutlook@teknett.com)

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

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.

## ***NOTICE***

**It's that time of year, again, when Membership Dues are Due. If you have not yet paid yours, it would be *GREATLY APPRECIATED* if you would take the time and do it now. If you are not sure, in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label, there is a date that shows when your dues are paid to. Please mail to:  
USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION, 3308 ARGYLE LANE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242**

**ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION**

**TOUR # 1:** On Thursday October 11th there will be a Hoover Dam Tour. This Tour will take 7 hours with 4 hours to tour the Dam. Price for round trip transportation is \$ 12.00 per person. There is an additional charge to tour the inside of the Dam. Tickets can be purchased at the Dam. Food can be obtained at the Dam.

**TOUR # 2:** On Saturday OCTOBER 13TH there will be a Lake Havasu City/Oatman Tour. This is also a 7 hour tour. Lake Havasu City is the home of the London Bridge and Oatman is an old time mining town dating back to 1902, with (1) active Gold Mine, Price for round trip transportation is \$ 12.00 per person.

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**SEATING IS LIMITED TO 46 PEOPLE PER BUS**

NAME _____
Number of People _____
Tour #1 \$ 12.00 per person \$ _____
Tour #2 \$ 12.00 per person \$ _____
All Tours must be paid by Aug. 15th. In order for me to get more buses if needed. Make checks payable to: USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION Mail to: John F. Pritchard 2191 N. Bannavitch Street Pahrump, NV 89060

**AIRLINE INFORMATION**

For all of the people that will be flying into Bullhead City/Laughlin, America West is the only major Airline that flies into Bullhead/Laughlin is just across the river from Bullhead. There are call phones at the airport for each hotel, use the Riverside Hotel phone and they will pick you up and take you to the Hotel.

For those of you who are flying into Las Vegas you will have to rent a car and get a map of directions to Laughlin.

Lets have some fun! Don't forget Friday night we will have a SOUTH SEA LUAU. Dress casual and colorful.

For those of you that have not reserved your room the time is running out and they are going fast. There are only so many rooms set aside for us. I may not be able to get extra rooms.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ITEMS HAVE CORAL SEA LOGO - PLEASE CIRCLE SIZE, COLOR, ETC. AS APPROPRIATE

QUANTITY	ITEM	SIZE or DESCRIPTION	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
	LADIES NIGHTSHIRT	ONE SIZE FITS MOST BEARS/ HEARTS DESIGN	WHITE	\$ 21.00	
	CORAL SEA JACKET	M-LG-XLG-2XLG-3XLG	NAVY	\$ 42.00	
	SWEATPANTS	S-M-LG-XLG-XXLG	BIRCH or NAVY	\$ 21.00	
	SWEATSHIRTS	S-M-LG-XLG-XXLG	BIRCH or NAVY	\$ 21.00	
	GOLF SHIRTS	M-LG-XLG-XXLG	LIGHT BLUE	\$ 21.00	
	T SHIRTS	S-M-LG-XLG-XXLG	WHITE with navy trim	\$ 12.00	
	T SHIRTS	M-LG-XLG-XXLG	NAVY with gold logo	\$ 12.00	
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	CAPS (Red)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USS CORAL SEA</li> <li>• U.S. MARINE DET. LOGO</li> </ul>		\$ 14.00	
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# PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

## #1: Article V, Meetings

Add (a) to Section 2.

“Executive Committee (Board of Directors). Thursday evening: 1900 hours (7:00 P.M.), Room to be announced. Agenda: Call to order, Salute to flag, Roll call of elected officers, reading of minutes (last board meeting, last business meeting), Committee reports, Unfinished business, New business, Good of association, Adjourn. Note: All votes must show a total tally voted.”

## #2: Article V, Meetings

Add (a) to Section 4.

“Business Agenda. Opening Ceremonies: Pray by Chaplain, Pledge to Flag, (Please stand, hand salute), Moment of silent pray, (remain standing), Roll call of elected officers. Announcements, (membership, introductions) This will establish quorum. Reading of Minutes. Last business meeting and (BOD) if needed. E/C (BOD) meeting of Thursday. Special meetings, (if held). Reading of treasurer’s report. Committee reports. Unfinished business. New Business, elections, (even year), All other association business. Good of association, announce reunion sites for next two years, including dates, and place (hotel site) and state. Adjourn. Note: All votes must have a total tally voted.

## #3: Article XIV Small Stores

Small Stores Quarterly Reports. Fiscal year: 01 July thru 30 June. Quarterly Reports filed on: 30 Sept, 31 December, 31 March, & 30 June. Criteria: Balance (month/day/year)\$\_\_\_\_\_, Income (itemized.)\$\_\_\_\_\_, Total for three Months. \$\_\_\_\_\_. Sub-total\$\_\_\_\_\_. Expenditures (itemized)\$\_\_\_\_\_, total for three months.\$\_\_\_\_\_. Balance total (month/day/year)\$\_\_\_\_\_. Included on last quarterly report of fiscal year 30 June, Total assets (including inventory)\$\_\_\_\_\_

## #4: Article XII Committees

Reunion Committee, add 1 to (d). Two (D2) bell ceremony. Articles needed:-----, Bell, Candles with matches, cassette player, tape of “TAPS.” Saturday evening after the banquet/dinner, the Chaplain (or Chaplain pro-tem) shall proceed to microphone and call for a two bell ceremony for deceased members. “Dim the Banquet Hall Lights.” Attendees will be assigned names to eight the candles when that name is called and bell is rung two times, this continues for each deceased member until concluded. Conclusion of the Bell and Candle Lighting, the MAA shall proceed to play TAPS on the order of Chaplain. Ends this Two Bell Ceremony and continue with the reunion.

## #5: Article XII, Committees

Reunion Committee Add 2 to (d). “POW-MIA” “POW-MIA” Table shall be set-up for all meals next to the flag of the United States. Table will have a four place setting, with the following articles placed onto the table:----Officers Hat, Chief Petty Officers Hat, White Hat, Marine Corp Hat. The back of #4 chair next to American Flag behind regular set-up will have a “POW-MIA” Cover. Table will also consist of un-lit candle. during regular business meeting, a chair with “POW-MIA” cover will be placed in front of the American flag in honor of MIA’s.

## #6: Article VII, Officers

Amend Sec. 2, Duties and responsibilities of officers shall be as follows: President shall: Add item f. as shown below: f. Pre-approve all expenditures and co-sign all checks except as outlined in this section of the bylaws under, Treasurer shall: item B”. This control must also be observed by the association Secretary in any expenditures not required for the actual printing and distribution of the association newsletter “BREEZE” and/or other items outlined as his required duties. This control also applies to expenditures by the association’s storekeeper on any item which is not a “for sale” item, or those materials required for the shipping, handling, or storage of those items.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE CONCLUSION:

The Bylaws Committee’s recommendation is as follows: Proposals #1 thru 5 are not needed. #1,2,4 &5 would be more appropriate as guide lines for the operation of the reunion rather than as bylaws. #3 is already covered in Article XIV, section (d).

The bylaws committee recommended passage of Proposal #6.

Note: While voting against proposals #1,2,4 &5 as additions to the bylaws, the board felt these proposals had merit, especially proposal #5. It was the consensus that the bylaws shouldn’t be overburdened with “simple procedural suggestions”, that should be handled in guidelines for running a reunion.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATE</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>DIV</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
AMELIO, JOSEPH P.	ADJ2	62	VF-151	
BALES, LEWIS C.	AMAN	52-53	V-2	
BOARDMAN, DAVID E.	E-3	72-74	O-I	
BREHM, LAWRENCE K.	YN3	68-69	X	
BROWN, T. WOODY	EM3	51-53	E	
CALABRO, ANDREW CWO USN RET	DK1	47-54	SUPPLY	
CARGIULO, LUIS CWO USN RET	SN	47-50	4TH	
CARLSON, WILLIAM C.	ABHAN	69-72	V-1	
CLARK, JOHN R. ABCS USN RET				
COOK, WILLIS W. ADCS USN RET	ADC	48	CVBG5	
		54	CV910	
COPELAND, DARRELL L. CPL	USMC	61-63	MAR DET	
COPERTINO, JOHN	AEM3	56-57	V-1/V-3/V-4	
CORNETT, CHARLES S. CAPT USN RET	JO3	52-53	X	
CRABAUGH, CHARLES J.	RO2P2	60-61	OI	
DeGHETTO, FRANCIS A.	EM3	52-54	E	
DERBY, ROBERT J.	SN	61-64	3RD	
DONATELLI, ANTHONY A. MD	DT2	51-52	DENTAL	
DRUM, JIMMIE O. E-5 USN RET	ABF2	69-72	V-4	
EUBANKS, JAMES E. E-7 USN RET	ABFC	67-71	V-4/X	
FLANDERS, LEWIS T.	BT3	51-54	B	
FRANCISCO, JAMES D.	FT3	53-55	F	
FROSHEISER, RONALD A.	AC3	66-68	OC	
GARGUS, THOMAS B. LT USN RET	LTJG	76-78	ADMIN	
GILLON, PETER				
GOOD, JOE EMCM USN RET		76-80	E	
HANLON, FRANCES	WIDOW OF EDWARD			
HARRIS, HUBERT V. LT USN RET	ENS/LTJG	64-66	X	
HART, JAMES LCDR USN RET	LCDR		SUPPLY	
HUFF, JACK S. ADC USN RET	ADC	66-68	V-6	
HUSTED, DAVID R.	E-3	61-63	G	
IMFELD, HARRY G. AZC USN RET	AZC	75	VA-22	
JENKINS, JACKIE E.				
KOYKAR, BRUCE	RD2	54-56	O-I	
LALLO, JOHN F.	SN	52-54	2ND/VF-11	
LASETER, WILLIAM W.		54-55		
LINK, EDWARD E.	SN	55-56	A	
McCARTHY, CHARLES J.	EM1	53-56	E	
McCLOSKEY, JAMES P.	FPFN	57	R	
MORELLO, BRUCE J.	CTSN	60	COM CAR DIV	
MORRISON, WILLIS F. DTC USN RET	DT1	54-57	DENTAL	
MURPHY, MICHAEL L.	E-3	67-69	VA-153	
NERBETSKI, ROBERT S.	AN	52-53	V-1	
OLVEY, JAMES G. JR. ABEC USN RET		66-68	MORALE CHIEF	
ORENS, HOWARD B.	SK3	51-54	SUPPLY	
PACIGA, JOHN R.	BT3	62-66	B	
PAUL, LAWRENCE J. LCDR USN RET	LTJG/LT	56-57	X	
PARRISH, M. KIETH	ADAN	55	V-30	
ROSA, LUIS A.	AMH3	69-71	VA-35	
SANTO, MICHELI	SN	52-55	7TH	
SBARDELLA, DOMINIC V.	MM3	48052	B/M	
SEGER, GEORGE W. JR.	AN	55-56	V-1	
SHIVAK, FRANK J.	E-8	56-57 64	O-I	
SMITH, KENNETH W. BM1 USNR RET	AN	71-72	V-3	
STONEFIELD, JOEL S.	LTJG	54-55	SUPPLY DISB	
THORNTON, RONNIE F.	ADJAN	59-63	V-1	
TROWBRIDGE, VERN H. CDR USN RET		68-70	COMM CDR	
TULLER, KENNETH O. SR	FN	48-50	E	
TUREK, THOMAS P.	E-3	64-66		
VANDENBOSCH, RON	AN	53-55	V-3	
WELSH, EDWARD L. CWO-3 USN RET	CWO-2	66-68	OE	
WESTERLIND, WAYNE D.				
WETHERALL, ELLEN	WIDOW OF GORDON			
WHEELER, SHIRLEY	WIDOW OF ROY			
<b>REINSTATED</b>				
PEDERSON, NORMAN E.	E-4	54-57	2ND	
SMITH, JOHN M. LCDR USN RET	LTJG	47-48	ER	
<b>NAME CHANGE</b>				
VARNADO, EZZARD C.		74-75	MEDIA VAC OFF	

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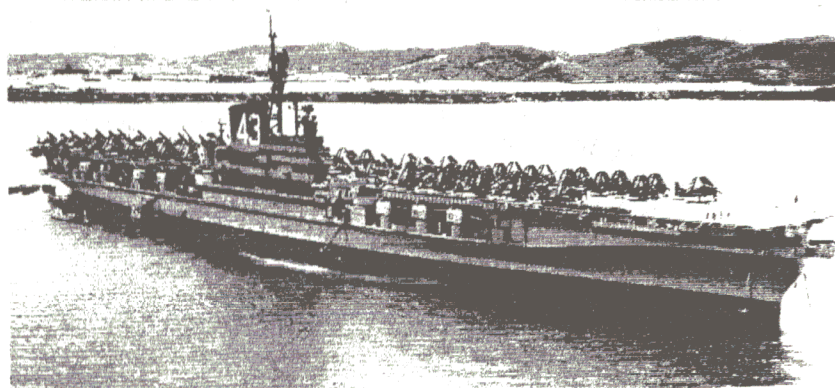
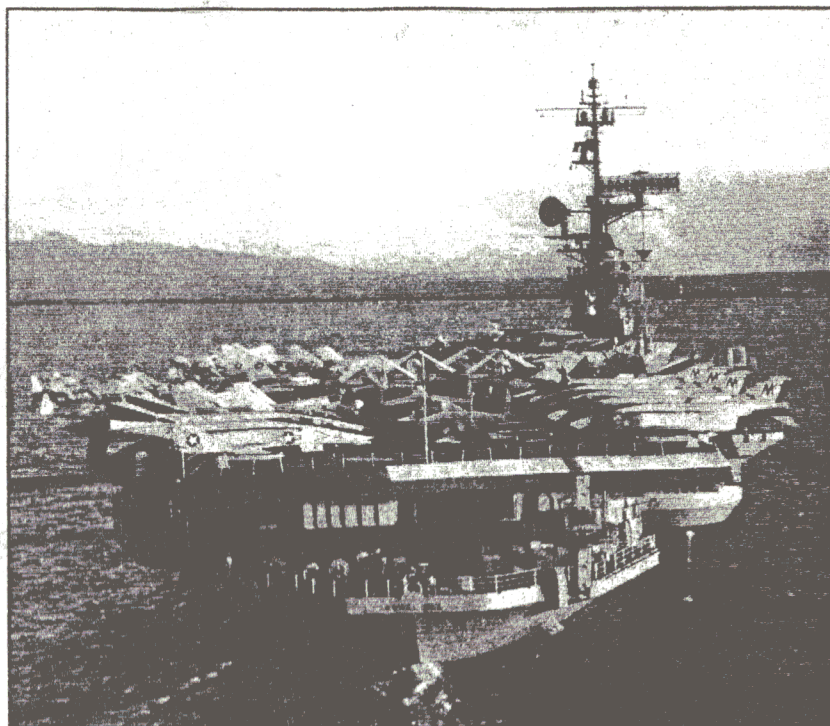
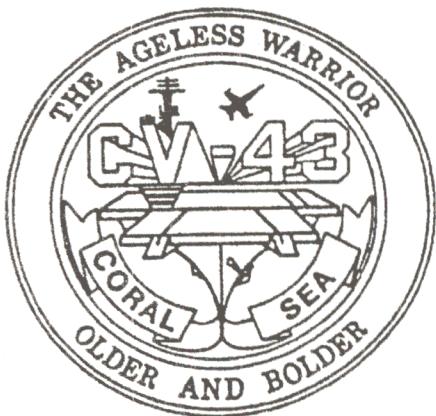
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The Origins of CIC

## From Tricycles To PPIs To Combat Kills

By DAVID F. WINKLER

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In the early 1940s, the radar carried by the U.S. Navy's aircraft carriers convincingly demonstrated its utility in detecting aircraft at long range and led to a new position being created on the GQ (general quarters) watchbill: fighter director officer (FDO). The FDO was tasked with tracking radar "bogeys" and guiding friendly aircraft to intercept them. For that reason, the billet seemed to be a job cut out for aviators. However, the need to keep Navy pilots flying precluded using them as FDOs. So the Navy sought men with broad-based management experience who possessed the ability to think quickly. Salesmen, lawyers, journalists, stockbrokers, and teachers were recruited to fill the FDO ranks during World War II. The Navy assigned these "90-day wonders" to the Fleet FDO Schools in Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, Calif.

One of the most unusual classrooms was built in the Pacific Fleet School, initially located in a hangar on the North Island Naval Air Station. A visitor walking into the hangar during training would see 10 concentric rings on the "deck" with bearing strokes emanating from a "bull's-eye" serving as the task force center. He also would see a number of grown men pedaling tricycles, with each man wearing restricting visors and a sound-powered headset suspended from the overhead.

On the catwalk above, two students would be looking down on their "live" radar screen and reporting the locations of friendly and enemy tricycles. In a room outside the visitor's line of vision, other FDO students would plot the tricycles and vector friendly tricycles to their intercept courses.

Quality training can guarantee only so much. A critique of the Battle of the Coral Sea, which cost the United States



*Lt. Cdr. Allan F. Fleming (right), fighter direction officer, directs operations with his staff in the combat information center on board the Essex-class aircraft carrier USS Lexington during raids on Japanese positions in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands in November 1943.*

the carrier USS *Lexington*, concluded that the physical arrangements provided for the FDO aboard ship were inadequate. The solution was to use a larger space equipped with several plan position indicators (PPIs), devices that replicate the picture on the master radar scope. For this reason, the PPIs were dubbed "repeaters." On new-construction warships, space equipped with several PPI repeaters, plexiglass boards, plot tables, and voice radios became standard features. In November 1942 the Pacific Fleet commander christened these spaces as "Combat Operations Centers," or COCs.

However, other senior officers bristled at the notion that operations were being conducted from an area other than the bridge. Consequently the word "Information" replaced "Operations" and the COC became the CIC. However, and despite the name change, in reality combat operations were being directed from these darkened rooms within the ship's superstructure. In the battles of Leyte Gulf and the Philippine Sea the fleet counted on the young FDOs to guide the Navy's fighter pilots against enemy pilots desperate enough to sacrifice their aircraft, and their own lives, for the sake of an Emperor they had never seen.

Guided by the combat information centers, U.S. Navy pilots accumulated

numerous "kills" against Japanese aircraft. Still, some Kamikazes did slip past the fleet's combat air patrols and evade the barrage of flak thrown up by the defending ships, inflicting horrific damage on Navy warships and killing thousands of American Sailors.

Although the valor and skills of U.S. Sailors and Marines ultimately led to an American triumph at sea in the Pacific, post-war combat analysis unveiled that the toll extracted by the Japanese could have been much worse. Had the suicide pilots used coordinated multidirectional tactics, for example, more Kamikazes could have broken through. Moreover, the penetration power of the relatively lightweight Zero fighters was not optimal. Toward the end of the war the Japanese began deploying the Ohka, a manned rocket bomb that could punch deep into the hull of most warships. In future conflicts, it was readily apparent, the Navy would have to be much better prepared to meet a much more complex threat. From the lessons learned from World War II, the seeds had been sown for the introduction of digital computers as a battle-management tool. ■

*For more on the origins of CIC and the development of the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS) see David L. Boslaugh's When Computers Went To Sea: The Digitization of the United States Navy.*