

The Coral Sea Breeze

September, 2001 Issue

2001 REUNION IN LAUGHLIN, NV

The deadline for registering for the 2001 reunion in Laughlin, NV is drawing near. It looks like this reunion will be well attended, so, if you haven't already made your reservations, you need to do so now. We have 250 rooms blocked and quite a few have already been reserved. Those rooms that haven't been reserved by September will be released. If you wait until after that date to make your reservation, it will be on an "if available" basis. If you haven't already done so, call the hotel today at 888-733-5824 and reserve your room. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the USS CORAL SEA Association to insure you get the special rate. Then, while it is on your mind, send your meal reservation, with deposit, to John Pritchard. This will insure that you get the meal choice you request.

NEW SECRETARY WANTED!!

As you are all aware, Herman Doernbach has resigned as secretary. At the General Meeting on Saturday morning, October 13th, we will accept nominations to elect a new secretary, how about YOU? It isn't, exactly, an easy position, but it isn't too difficult, either, if you have a computer and have a very basic knowledge of Microsoft "Works", as that is the program I am building the new data base in (if you have "Word", but don't have "Works", that will work too). If you would be interested in running for secretary, please let me know and I'll be glad to give you more information and answer any questions you may have. If you are retired, looking for something to do and would like to serve the association, this would be an ideal position (you don't have to be retired).

Also, to be elected at this years meeting will be one, three year board member. Anyone interested in running for this position, please let me know.

Nominations for both positions will be taken from the floor. If I know that you are interested in serving as an officer, I will make sure that you are nominated.

USS CORAL SEA had 37 Commanding Officers of which 28 made Flag Rank.

NEW STORY BROUGHT TO LIGHT ON USS UTAH & PEARL HARBOR

Note: This is a reprint of an article from "KIDD'S COMPASS", newsletter of the USS KIDD, submitted by shipmate Jerry Jones of Haines City, FL

For several years, a story has circulated that a baby girl's ashes are interred aboard the USS UTAH (BB31/AG16), which was sunk at Pearl Harbor on the opposite side of Ford Island from USS ARIZONA. Many dismissed the story until recently. The excerpt that follows was written by the baby's twin sister.

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"Chief Yeoman Albert T.D. Wagner had the ashes of one of his twin daughters, Nancy Lynne, in his locker aboard ship on that fateful day of December 7, 1941. He was waiting for a chaplain to come aboard and for the UTAH to go out on maneuvers so that her ashes could be scattered at sea in the old Navy tradition. The urn containing the ashes of the tiny baby girl went down with the UTAH. Frogmen tried to reach Wagner's locker to retrieve the urn, but the ship was too badly damaged. Therefore, there is a baby girl aboard the USS UTAH being guarded by 57 of the Navy's finest....."

The scene is breathtaking. The UTAH lying on her side like a magnificent metal giant guarding her cherished treasures entombed within her bowels like a mother guarding her children. She is protective; she is magnificent. She is at peace as are her charges--57 gentlemen and one tiny baby. Her bed is an azure carpet of blue, her blanket is a gentle breeze, and her lullaby is a mixture of a whispered wind and the delicate sounds of song birds lulling her and her children to sleep on into eternity. Nothing else could be so beautiful. Nothing could be so wonderful. And as I quietly release a fragrant floral lei out to her as an offering of gratitude and love, I can't help but whisper, "Aloha, my little sister. Thank you my brave Warriors, for taking such good care of her."

~~~Mary Diane Wagner (Kreigh)

NUTS & BOLTS SAFETY FACT

If you have reason to suspect that a car you purchased has been in an accident, have the seat belts replaced without delay. Or if you have an accident with your own car, replace the seatbelts.

The automatic locking reactors on sholder harnesses are not made to withstand the impact of more than one accident, according to Nutz and Boltz newsletter

KOREAN MEDAL NOW AVAILABLE

Excerpted in part from the Marietta Daily Journal of the Web, March 12, 2001 and submitted by shipmate, Don Mattson.

This medal is not to be confused with the United States "Korean Service Medal. Those who believe they are entitled to the Korean War Service Medal should contact the Air Force Personnel Center. The Secretary of Defense has appointed the Air Force as the lead agent to distribute the medal. The Air Force Personnel Center processes the requests and distributes the medals to all Korean War Veterans who qualify, regardless of their branch of service on a first-come, first-served basis. It may take up to 6 months to receive the medal due to the high volume of requests.

Eligibility requirements:

Served during the period of hostilities, June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953

Assigned on permanent duty for 30 consecutive days, or 60 non-consecutive days.

Performed duty within the territorial boundaries of Korea, waters immediately adjacent to, or in aerial flight over Korea.

Applicants must furnish a copy of their DD-214 as proof of eligibility and mail their applications to: Air Force Personnel Center, HQ AFPC/DPPRA, 550 C Street West-Suite 12, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714. Information on how to apply for, or request the medal may be found by calling the AFPC, Mon-Fri, 0730 - 1630 (CST) at 1-800-558-1404.

Service members who need to request their military records can download a request form at:

<http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html>

Mail the form to: NPRC, Military Personnel Record Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The editor presumed that widows of eligible veterans may order the medal with proper documentation

ATTENTION ALL MARINES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

NEVER SEEN BEFORE, COMBAT FOOTAGE FROM VIETNAM

Listed as a "Significant Event" in Marine Corps history for 1967 and classified "SECRET" for over 20 years, the artillery shelling from North Vietnam at Dong Ha resulted in the Third Marine Division ammunition supply depot to be ignited. This SPECTACULAR event laid havoc to Marine

Helicopter Squadron HMM-361, adjacent to the ammo dump. 46 Marines wounded, Miraculously, no was killed. 22 choppers damaged or destroyed. 3 September, 1967 is a day that will live in infamy for the men of HMM-361.

Now you can own this Miraculous Combat Footage which includes rocket and artillery attacks from 28 AUG, '67 thru 3 SEPT, '67. The package includes: (1). Narrated 45 minute video with songs from the sixties. (2). Photo's, before and after 09-03-67, HMM-361 choppers on combat missions. (3). HMM-361 squadron reports for Aug-Sept. '67, detailing the results of the attacks. (4). Certificate of appreciation, \$10.00 of the purchase price will be donated on your behalf to the restoration of a UH-34D helicopter, the same chopper's there That day, flown by the Marines of HMM-361.

To own this piece of Vietnam History and help keep history alive and flying again, send \$29.95 (Includes S & H in the continental US) to:

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NOTE: This is an unpaid solicitation. I thought it appropriate to include in the newsletter for our Marine shipmates and others. chw

VOTE ON SCHOLARSHIP AT NEVADA REUNION

Association members attending the business meeting in Laughlin, Nevada, will have the opportunity to vote for the establishment of The Annual USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship.

The Scholarship Formulation Committee has approved some changes to the proposal presented last year and will present the plan for a final vote on October 13. Serving on the committee for the past two years have been Guy Dunbar, Bill Eannetta, Henry Kleeman, Bill Wilson, David Yokley and Bill Williams, Chairman.

The committee approved one major change from a list of suggestions submitted by association members. It adds an important category to the list of high school applicants who would be eligible for the \$2,000. annual college award. Here is the proposed wording regarding applicants, with new language in capital letters:

"They must be either a son, daughter, grandchild, great-grandchild, stepchild or stepgrandchild of (1) an Association member in good standing on the date the scholarship is awarded, (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.”

Copies of the proposal will be included with your registration at Laughlin.~

MESOTHELIOMA

(Excerpts from letter from Bob Mackey)

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

Former Sailors - Marines who served aboard ships in the 1940's, '50's, '60's and early '70's were exposed to Asbestos.

This means all 70,000 to 80,000 shipmates who served aboard the Coral Sea during this period 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 the first X-ray is taken and read.

FOR MEDICAL RESOURCES:

Web site: www.mesotheliomaweb.org/n8426 or telephone toll free at 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.

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.~

CORAL SEA NOVEL DUE!

A new novel about life in the Navy, which uses the USS CORAL CVA-43 as its main stage is expected to be available to members at the October reunion in Nevada and, by mail, to members who don't get to Nevada.

Association member, Bill Williams, who also has a Civil War novel in print, says his latest book is scheduled for publication on or about October 1. For every copy sold to an association member, Williams will donate \$2.00 of the profit to the association's scholarship fund. The book initially is being offered in a limited edition of 500 copies and may not be available in some bookstores.

The novel--entitled "Heroes Among Us"--is about a young sailor aboard the Coral Sea in the mid 1950's who, along

with some shipmates, uncovers evidence that a Soviet spy ring may involve another crew member. That discovery leads to a murder during a Med. cruise. The story also deals with two real events during the 1956 deployment to the Sixth Fleet-- the Suez Crisis and the Hungarian Revolution.

The book is believed to be the only one ever published in which the action takes place on the USS Coral Sea. Members may be interested in obtaining an autographed copy for their own reading pleasure. They may also want to buy copies as gifts for children and grandchildren who would enjoy reading about life as "dad" or "grandpa" lived it at sea, without getting bogged down in technical details

There will be more information available at the Nevada reunion regarding price and in a future newsletter, on how to obtain a copy by mail.~

Message from the Vice-President:

As we approach the annual reunion in Laughlin Nevada, I will be attending my first reunion as Vice President. It has been a trying year, to say the least, with the resignation of the secretary, Herman Doernbach. Herman is truly one of the greatest Coral Sea secretaries we have ever had. Herman, you will be sorely missed by all of us!

Now, the closer we get to the annual reunion we encourage as many that can attend to please do so. Members from the West Coast are especially encouraged to find as many of our shipmates as possible so that they may know of our association.

As we go forth into our reunion come in with open minds and let's try to have the strongest association possible. If you know anyone interested in being secretary of our association, please come forth and let us know of your interest.

John Pritchard is expecting a good turn out and he has an excellent reunion planned. ~

Bill Johnson

TOUR CHANGE

Received notice from John Pritchard that the tour scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13th has been changed to Friday, October 12th, and will depart the hotel at 10:00 AM. If this will cause any problem, please contact John Pritchard. You can e-mail John at: videooutlook@teknet.com or you can call him at (775)-727-6910, or write him at 2191 North Bannavitch, Pahrump, NV 89048. We're sorry for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Benediction- On Behalf of Aviators

This benediction was given by Pete Peterson at the recent Daedalian Luncheon in Las Vegas and was submitted by Bill Eannetta.

“My friends, it was once said...”O Lord, we have long know that prayer should include confession. Therefore on behalf of the aviators and their guests gathered here this afternoon, I confess their sins: Lord, they’re just not in step with today’s society. They are unreasonable in clinging to old-fashioned ideas like Patriotism, Duty, Honor and Country. They hold radical ideas believing that they are their brothers keeper and responsible for the aviators on their wing. They have been seen standing when colors pass, singing the national anthem at ball games, and drinking toasts to fallen comrades. Not only that, they have been observed standing tall; taking charge and wearing their hair unfashionably short. They have taken Teddy R’s and JFK’s words too seriously and are overly concerned with what they can do for their service and country instead of what it can do for them. They take the pledge of allegiance to heart and believe that their oath is to be honored.

And...they know well what the definition of “is” is. Forgive them, Lore, for being stubborn men and women who hold these values as genuine. They are aware of the price for honor and with total command of their spirit, they have been willing to pay the price. After all, what more can you expect? They’re Aviators!

O Lord our God, bless these men and women, continue to raise up in this nation strong leaders and deliver us from “Me First” managers and “don’t ask me” leaders. Be our honored guest today, oh Lord, and join with us in laughter, good food, good drink, and telling of tall tales and legends that may occasionally exceed the truth.

We bow our heads to those aviators who were lost in places to protect our freedom and our ability to praise you. Watch over and keep safe all those who wear this nation’s uniform with special attention to their families and love ones everywhere. We thank you for your Grace during this convention and all the days and nights in our future. God bless you, God bless this great nation and God bless the President of the United States of America.

Keep the Blue Side Up! “

WW2 MEMORIAL BACK ON TRACK

Submitted by Bill Williams

Last October, the USS Coral Sea Association joined other organizations and individuals across the United States in saying “YES” to a memorial for World War 2 veterans in the nation’s capital. Construction will be underway this fall on the Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

We approved a donation of \$2,525. to thank all veterans—and especially those who later served on the Coral Sea— for their dedication to duty in that great conflict. And

we suggested to all association members that they might want to make an individual donation toward the construction of this \$100 Million tribute to all who served. The memorial is financed by private contributions, not tax funds.

There was a delay in the project when memorial opponents filed a lawsuit to prevent construction. The problem was solved when Congress pass legislation allowing the project to continue; that bill was signed by the President on Memorial Day.

According to Robert Patrick of the memorial campaign staff, construction equipment was moved to the site on August 21 and work was to begin the day after Labor Day. The work will require thirty months and dedication of the memorial will be scheduled for sometime in 2004.

Association members who would still like to make a contribution may send a check payable to the World War II Memorial Fund and mailed to World War II Memorial Fund, American Battle Monuments Commission, P.O. Box 98147, Washington, D.C. 20090-8147. To gain credit for your contribution as a member of the USS Coral Sea Association, write on the notation line of your check the following: “Mail Code VGOQZ~

REQUEST FOR HELP!

“I have been a member of the association for the past couple of years and really enjoy keeping the memories of my past and that of our ship alive. I am writing for your help, or the help of my fellow shipmates to locate a set of Armed Forces Recipe Cards. I was a Mess Specialist on board our great ship from April of 1985 to July of 1997 and worked in the Executive Officers Mess during that time. I have been able to find it on CD Rom but really am interested in the index cards that I used while working.

I wish to thank you for all the efforts you and the other officers put forth to keep the association running and wish to extend my offer to help the association in any way possible. Thanking you in advance for any help you can provide! Keep up the good work and God Bless

Signed: Paul D. Nowosielski

195 Beverly Road, Worcester, Ma 01605

SMALL STORES NOTICE

Henry Kleeman, Association Store Keeper has advised that **SMALL STORES** will not be open in Laughlin. There will be a display for mail orders. Please use the new order forms that contain the correct information and pricing. Use of the old, out of date order form will result in a delay in shipping your order. If you wish a tee shirt, hat or sweatshirt to wear at the reunion, use the order blank included with this newsletter. Please allow at least three weeks for delivery.

DUES

There appear to be some mis-conceptions about our dues and I would like to take this opportunity to advise those that aren't sure, what is correct

Our dues are \$10.00 each year. The year runs from October 1st thru September 30th of the following year. Dues paid for the year of 2001 expire on September 30th, 2001.

Dues are waived if the \$10.00 would present a hardship. No member has ever been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues if there was a hardship *that we knew about*.

If you have a financial situation that would make paying dues a hardship; or, if you know of anyone else that has a financial problem that would make paying the dues a hardship, PLEASE, let one of the officers know so that the member won't be dropped from the roster because of non-payment. ~

A man's best friends are his ten fingers

Robert Collyer

HEART HEALTH REVELATIONS:

If you are overweight and have hypertension, your blood pressure will almost certainly go down with every pound you lose.

Heart disease can not only be slowed, it can be reversed. Changes in lifestyle can reduce the size of coronary plaques without drugs.

Not all fat is created equal. Fat around the middle of your body is more dangerous than fat lower down.

Three 10-minute bouts of jogging are as effective as a single 30-minute jog.

To stop smoking, skip the coffee. Caffeine heightens the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.

"Fake fats" are made from transformed egg and milk proteins. They contain just 1.9 calories per gram compared with the 9 calories in real fat.

From the Harvard Heart Letter

FROM ROME TO THE MOON

TRADITION!!!

Submitted by Bob Fennell.

Most of this factual story has been around a year or two. It is interesting to read the addition to it. Somehow, the world never changes!

Does the expression, "We've always done it that way" ring any bells? The US standard rail road gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing. Okay!

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So, who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

and the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

And bureaucracies live forever! So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...(and the newest part) There's an interesting extension to the story about the railroad gauges and horses' behinds.

When we see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRB's. The SRB's are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRB's might have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRB's had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRB's had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's behind. ~

SHIPS ARE NOT A "SHE" ANY MORE

The IRS has corrected recent regulations on passenger ships to apply to a vessel and "its owners" instead of a vessel and "her owners."

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This list is for your information and convenience. Please feel free to contact any of your officers at any time about any question you may have pertaining to the association.

"Morality in government begins with officials using words as honestly as possible to describe the truth"

David Gergen, "Eyewitness to Power"

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

My name is Timothy Searfus and I'm the youngest son of CDR William H. Searfus. He was killed on Nov. 25, 1967 somewhere in the Gulf of Tonkin while attempting to lead his squadron into combat. I don't mean to bother you, if by chance any of my siblings have already contacted you concerning our father. If you have ever heard of him or know anyone who was in VA-155 between 1965-1967, I would like to contact them to see if they may have any photos or information concerning his death. All that I know is that there was an accident during a catapult with an F-4. My address is timothysearfus@aol.com and I live in Coronado, CA. Thank you for your time. (I emailed Timothy to get his mailing address. It is)

The pursuit of truth is like picking raspberries. You miss a lot if you approach it from only one angle~

If you are looking for a poster of the USS CORAL SEA, go to www.assaulttroops.com in the internet. They have two posters of the Coral Sea along with quite a few articles of interest to members of the USMC.

SEARCHING FOR LOST FRIEND

Received the following:

I saw your announcement regarding a reunion planned for Navy Guys from the USS Coral Sea on the internet. I am hoping you can be of some assistance. I have been doing research for a friend by the name of Don Hiley. Don Hiley is looking for a shipmate from the USS Coral Sea by the name of William Sattler. They were last together in the spring of 1972, aboard the USS Coral Sea. William Sattler's last known rank was WO3 and he might have retired in 1976 or 1978. If you should have any information, please respond to Nancy Raskopf at: nraskopf@air-internet.com

If any of you guys know the whereabouts of William Sattler, please contact Ms Raskopf. If you don't have an internet connection, advise one of the officers and they will be glad to relay the information.

ODDS AND ENDS

Farmers Dilemma

The percentage of farmers with income below the poverty threshold is 22 percent, or twice the national rate. But the average net worth of farmers is four times the national average.

Alcohol more risky for women

If a man and a woman of similar weight drink the same amount of alcohol, 30 percent more alcohol will enter the woman's bloodstream because women have less of certain stomach enzyme that digests alcohol. Alcoholic women may lack that enzyme altogether. Even with less alcohol consumption, women are more likely to develop liver disease than men are. And they have a greater risk of dying once the liver has been injured.

Where's the (lean) beef?

A 3 ounce serving of the leanest beef has less than 180 calories and 8 grams of fat: Select-grade round tip, eye of round, top round, top loin, sirloin and tenderloin. (University of California, Berkeley, Wellness Letter)

THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all those that have given a word of encouragement when submitting dues or the information sheet. It does make the job go easier when you feel like your efforts are appreciated.

So far, I have processed over 900 names into the new data base. This is good, but it means that over 500 have not responded. This means that which ever list I use to mail, there will be a large number of members that will not receive their newsletter. I regret this, but due to timing, in order to get the newsletter in your hands before the reunion, there are limited options.

The last newsletter missed quite a few, but it also brought back many that had been dropped because of non payment of dues. I ask your patience and understanding. AND, if you haven't sent in the info sheet with your personal information for the data base, I ask you to send it in now. Your help with this will insure that the information received by the new secretary will be as up to date as possible and require less effort on his part.~

CORAL SEA FACTS

Taken from the PLAN OF THE DAY, dated 23 November, 1963, Underway in the Pacific:

FACTS ABOUT OUR DEPLOYMENT:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Deployed | 237 Days |
| At Sea | 153 Days |
| In Port | 84 Days |
| Miles Steamed | 59,000 |
| Flight Operations | 122 Days |
| Flight Hours | 18,638 |
| Arrested Landings | 8,756 |
| NSFO Received | 19,072,526 gallons |
| NSFO Consumed | 18,868,289 gallons |
| JP-5 Received | 8,661,231 gallons |
| JP-5 Consumed | 8,617,756 gallons |
| AV Gas Received | 650,178 gallons |
| AV Gas Consumed | 650,542 gallons |
| NSFO Delivered to 45 DD's | 3,026,924 gallons |
| Total Water Distilled | 35,368,845 gallons |
| Potable Water Distilled | 15,109,607 gallons |
| Feed Water Distilled | 19,259,238 gallons |

No matter how you dice it, those are LARGE numbers.

The Ageless Warrior: Older and Bolder

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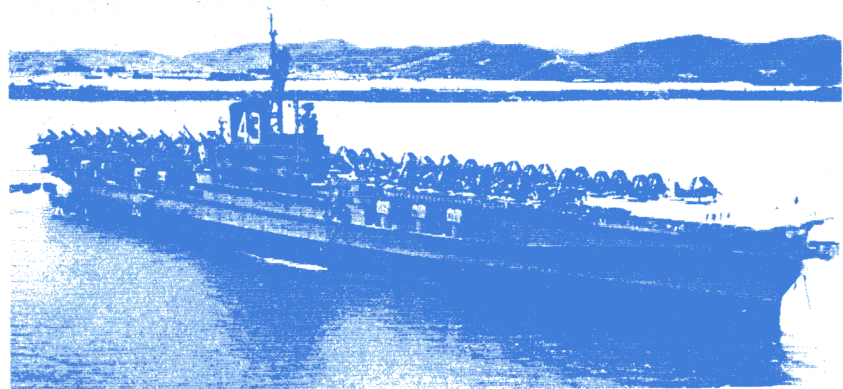
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USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOCIATION RENEWAL/APPLICATION

I apply to renew () or for membership () in the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOCIATION and forward \$ 10.00 yearly dues.

Name: _____ (_____) Spouses Name: _____
first/middle/last nickname

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ Office Phone: (optional) (_____) - _____ - _____ Fax: (_____) - _____ - _____

Computer E - Mail Address: _____ Radio Call Letters: _____

Crew Member: From _____ - _____ to _____ - _____ Division(s): _____ Rank/Rate: _____
month year month year

Military Retirement: No ___ Yes ___ If yes, Rank/Rate ___ USN/USNR ___ USMC/USMC ___ USCG ___ Army ___ Air Force ___

Return application to: USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION, 3308 Argyle Lane, Birmingham, AL 35242-3912

Make checks payable to USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION

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

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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 videoutlook@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.

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 46 PEOPLE PER BUS

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| 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.

VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Requirements: Service in U.S. Military UNDER age 17.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
(City, State, ZIP)

Date of Birth _____

Youngest age at enlistment _____
Branch(es) joined underage _____

Dates Served: _____ to _____

1. What document did you use to prove age? _____
2. Document used was: My own _____
Someone else's _____
3. Did you have permission of parent or guardian? _____
4. Why did you enlist? Bad home situation _____
Adventure _____ Patriotism _____
Other (explain) _____

5. Were you discovered underage?
Yes _____ No _____

What did authorities do? _____
(Optional) What type of discharge did you receive? _____

6. Did others suspect you were underage?
Yes _____ No _____

7. Would you allow your history to be published? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The Veterans of Underage Military Service was founded by Allan Stover of Ellicott City, MD in 1991. Now Past Commander, Allan enlisted in the Coast Guard at age 14.

Our Commander as of 1 January, 1999 is Edward E. Gilley, 401 Tiger Point Blvd., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-3515. Ed enlisted the Air Force at age 16 in 1949.

toll free 1 888 653 8867
FAX 850 934 1315
e-mail-ed-bess-gulfbreeze@att.net

Regular membership dues are \$15.00 per year. Life membership is prorated according to age:

- Over 80 - \$ 40
- 70 to 79 - \$ 60
- 60 to 69 - \$ 90
- 50 to 59 - \$ 135
- 40 to 49 - \$ 170
- 30 to 39 - \$ 200

The Vums Auxiliary encourages spouses of members to join. Dues are the same as for members. Write for details.

Send your application and dues payments to the National Vice - Commander,

Ray Jackson 710 E. La Jolla Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85282 - 5355
FAX - 602 - 966 - 5661
Phone - 602 - 967 - 5107
e - mail - raydjackson@att.net

Make checks payable to VUMS

How did you hear about VUMS _____

Did you serve in the U. S. Military underage?



If you were a "kid" in the military, WE WANT YOU! We are looking for those few who served our country before reaching the legal enlistment age. JOIN US TODAY!

VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE
1-888-653-8867

"You don't have to be very old to grow up fast." ... Admiral Jeremy Boorda, USN, Underage Veteran.

WERE YOU A "KID" IN THE MILITARY?

Thank you for your inquiry concerning our organization, Veterans of Underage Military Service. We have only one requirement for full membership: U. S. military service under the age of 17, or under the age for which parental consent was required, whatever the circumstances or duration (under 16 for World War II Merchant Marine vets, and under 20 for women veterans of World War II.) If you meet this single requirement, please join us now. Our members have experienced many of the same problems and joys as you did in the military at an age when most kids were still dreaming of high school proms. Indeed, some of our members joined too young even to have attended high school! Three of our members served at the age of 12, while most were 13, 14, 15, or 16.

OUR PURPOSES

Our main purposes are: to establish and maintain contact with those who served in the armed forces while underage; to assure all underage veterans that there will be no retribution from the government because of their fraudulent enlistment; to enjoy the

friendship of comrades through meetings and our newsletter, and to record for history the unique experiences of underage veterans.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

We publish a newsletter every other month. In earlier issues, we published letters and stories about many of our members. We wrote of our honored member, Jacklyn Lucas, the youngest recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor since the Civil War. Jack enlisted at age 14 and earned the MOH five days after his 17th birthday. We told the story of 4-star Admiral Jeremy Boorda, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy at age 16, and became the Chief of Naval Operations, the top job in the Navy! We wrote of Calvin Graham, who served with heroism at age 12 during the Battle of Guadalcanal, and on whose life the TV movie, "Too Young the Hero", was based. We published letters from all branches of the service and the Department of Veterans Affairs on their policy for underage veterans, personnel, and retirees. Periodically, a roster of active members is published.

The VUMS book, *America's Youngest Warriors*, published in March 1997, recounts the exploits of 199 underage veterans.

OUR HISTORY

The Veterans of Underage Military Service was incorporated in Maryland in

1991 by Allan Stover. Now past commander, Allan served four years in the U. S. Coast Guard after enlisting at age 14.

Policy letters obtained from all military branches state clearly that underage veterans and military retirees have nothing to fear for enlisting underage. We provide free copies of "Underage Veterans Handbook: Government Policy on Underage Veterans" to any underage vet.

The IRS and U. S. Postal Service recognize us as a nonprofit organization. No officer or member receives any pay from the association.

We are a unique association of individuals who, as patriotic youngsters circumvented recruiting requirements, altered various documents, and in some cases, lied in order to serve this great nation. In some instances we were aided and abetted by family and friends.

If you were one of that rare breed, a kid who enlisted underage, you should be very proud. Join us and share that pride. Whereas we once kept it a secret that we manipulated the system, we now strongly proclaim it a badge of honor to be an underage veteran.

If you served as a kid and want to join your underage buddies, just fill in the application and return it to the address shown on the other side.

For additional information, call toll free:

1-888-653-8867
(1-888-OLD-VUMS)