

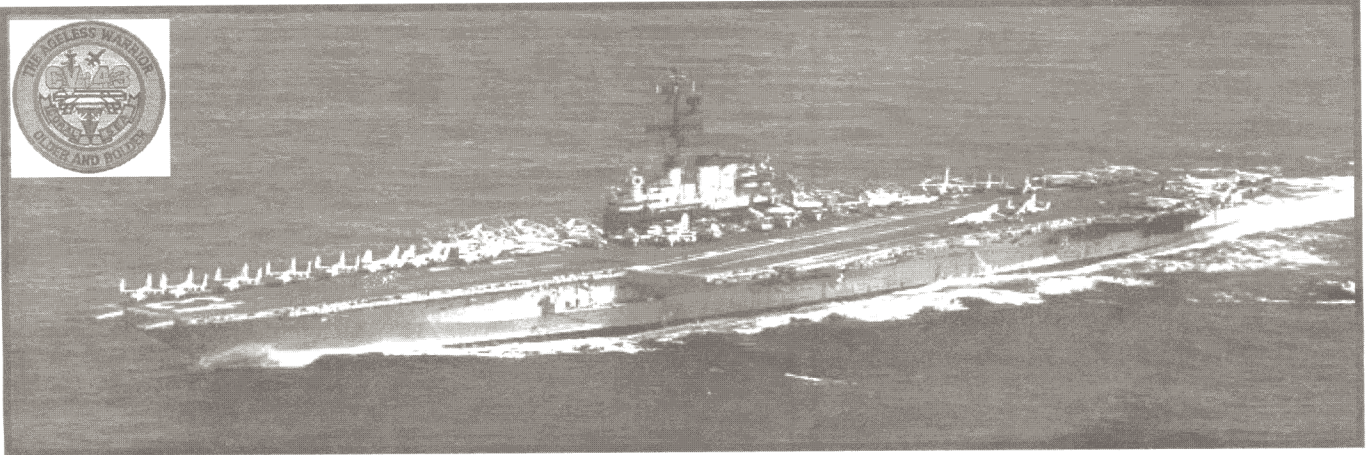
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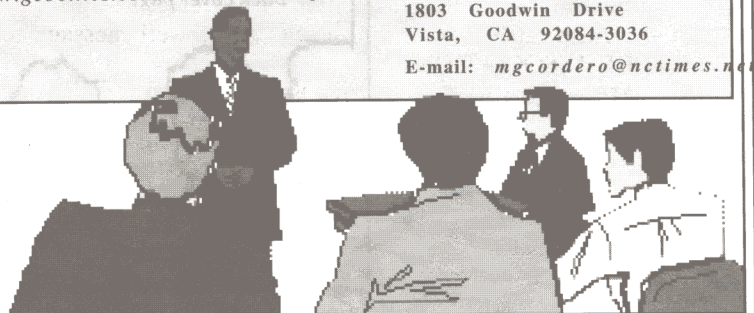
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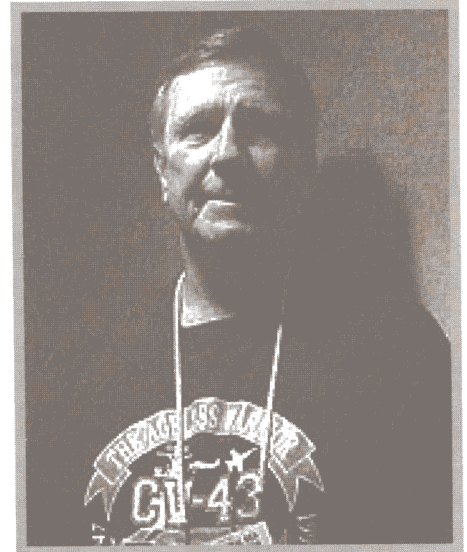


## From the President...

### Dear Shipmates and Families:

Christmas has come and gone and it is a brand new year. I made a New Year's resolution to lose some weight, but have reneged. I hope you are doing better with your resolutions than I.

I finally took the time to fully read shipmate **Bill Williams'** new book **HEROES AMONG US**, a novel that takes place on board the Coral Sea during the Med Cruise of 1956. Having been aboard during that cruise, it brought back a flood of memories. If you haven't yet read it, I think you will really enjoy this look at life at sea aboard an aircraft carrier.



Charles Whitcomb (President)

Speaking of entertainment, my neighbor loaned me a copy of *The Fighting Lady, An American Carrier in Action*, a 1944 news-drama narrated by Robert Taylor. This was all official Navy color film in honor of all American carriers. The ISBN is 0-7662-0569-X and you could probably find it at the library. If you are a WWII history nut, this is a "must see".

**Bill Williams** reports that we had three applications for the scholarship program. Not a lot, but there wasn't a lot of time for the first year, but it's a start. As the word gets out that it is now in effect, I imagine that the next year will require a lot of reading by the scholarship award committee. So, if you have kids, grand-kids, etc., in high school, start prepping them on writing the essay.

Talked to **Bob Locke** last night. He reports that the Branson Reunion for this October is shaping up nicely. Bob was telling me about some of the tours and sight seeing in the area and I was amazed at the variety of things to do and see...not counting the music. Also, Bob has planned several surprises, including a biggie, that I can't reveal. I think that **Marie** and I will have to go out much earlier than originally planned.

Speaking of the Branson reunion, you will find reunion reservation forms elsewhere in this newsletter. I would suggest that you send in your reservation EARLY as we expect a *full house*. It will be better to send in your reservation early and have full accommodations than wait until the last minute and have trouble finding a room (we only have so many). Should something happen that would prevent you from going, you could always cancel (at no charge, if canceled at least 30 days prior to reunion).

How do you like the new format for the newsletter? All the reports that I have received have been very favorable. If you have a computer, have you logged on to the on-line newsletter yet? If you haven't, send MG an email and request that you be placed on the list. He updates it about once a week with news items that he is sent plus other timely items. It's a nice way to keep up to date with what is happening. You can email him at [mgcordero@nctimes.net](mailto:mgcordero@nctimes.net). I think MG is doing a great job and deserves our accolades.

Our web page is another area that those of you with a computer on line can visit. Webmaster and board member, **Guy Dunbar**, has worked hard in re-doing our web page, and it shows. Guy, also, deserves our accolades for a job well done. Visit our web page at [www.coralsea.org](http://www.coralsea.org) and see for yourself.

For those of you that didn't know, our Chaplain, **Stanley Linzey** has been in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer. He is home now, doing well. I mention this, because it is Stan who sends out those get well or condolence letters, on behalf of the Association. But, who sends a get well message to the Chaplain? GET WELL, Chaplain, on behalf of the ENTIRE ASSOCIATION.

Marie and I wish you all the best,

*Charles Whitcomb*

President

**Editorial****Murder, She Wrote**

**F**rank shivak is a shipmate and a member of the USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION. Frank and his wife Lucy, now reside in Oceanside, CA. On April 9, 1986, their daughter Lisa Marie Shivak was brutally and unmercifully beaten to death with the butt end of a shotgun.

The murder took place in the home of JEFFREY LANGNESE in El Cajon, CA, but her body was found in the Viejas Indian Reservation in San Diego county. Her legs were bound, her body wrapped in a blanket. Her brain stem had been severed and the base of her skull was crushed. The coroner stated that you could not tell where one blow started or ended.

JEFFREY LANGNESE pleaded guilty to the crime and the murder was plea bargained to SECOND DEGREE. Jeffrey Langnese was sentenced to 15 years to life. He will have served just fifteen years when his hearing comes up in May this year (2002).



**Lisa Marie Shivak**

In 1998 a parole hearing was held for Jeffrey Langnese for the second time; he was denied parole. A third parole hearing is scheduled in May this year (2002). It is outrageous to find that this brutal killer should be considered suitable for parole. On behalf of our shipmate's family, Frank and Lucy Shivak, I am asking everyone to write a letter to the parole board and urge them to detain this murderer for at least five or more years, or even for life. I fail to see what this man can contribute to society.

Below is a sample letter you can copy and send to California Board of Prison Terms. Tell others, and as many as you can to write the same

Date: May 2002

CAROL A. DALY, Chairperson  
California Board of Prison Terms  
1515 "K" Street, Suite 600  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: JEFFREY A. LANGNESE ID #D-38652

Madam Chairperson Carol A. Daly:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to the aforementioned convicted murderer of Lisa Marie Shivak. In California, second degree murder carries a life sentence, and that is what he should serve.

Jaffrey Langnese callous disregard for human life denies him the privilege of a place in our society. The heinous nature of this crime should preclude this prisoner any consideration.

Please consider not only the victim but also all the lives of the family and friends who were affected by this brutal crime. I strongly urge you to vote NO on granting a parole date.

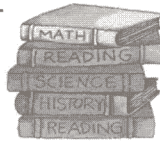
Thank you.

Your Name  
Street Address  
City/State/Zip

CC:  
Shivak Family  
1126 Masterpiece Drive  
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**Editor's Notes**

There is also a petition form available in our online newsletter which you can print out and collect signatures. If you are able to access the internet, please print out this form and get as many signatures as you can.



## SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANTS AT WORK

(by Bill Williams)

Entrants in the first Annual **USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship** competition are busy writing their essays and gathering the required data for the top prize of \$2,000. The winner will be announced in early June by the Scholarship Committee.

The association's contest opened January 1. The official entry form, the essay and other required information for this year's prize must be in the committee's hands no later than April 15.

Committee Chairman **Bill Williams** announced the names of his committee members. They are **Frank J. Shivak** of California, **William J. Wilson** of Florida and **David G. Yokley** of Alabama. In addition, **George Theofanis** had agreed to serve on the committee this year and his name will be carried in the record as an honorary member. George passed away quite suddenly in December.

### USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### OUTLINE:

The USS Coral Sea CVA-43 Association, hereinafter referred to as the **Association**, will award The Annual USS Coral Sea Remembrance Scholarship of \$2,000 (or an amount to be determined each year by the Association's Scholarship Committee) to the winner of an Association-sponsored essay contest.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements. They must be either a son, daughter, grandchild, great-grandchild, step-child or step-grandchild 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. They must be a high school senior with at least a B or 3.0 grade point average. They must submit the official entry form accompanied by an essay of between 800 and 1,000 words on one of the following topics:

*"How To Improve the Homogeneity of American Society,"* or

*"What It Means to Me To Be an American Citizen,"* or

*"Why We Need To Keep Our Armed Forces Strong".*

They must agree to use the scholarship for their personal education at an accredited two-year or four-year United States college, university or post-secondary technical-vocational school.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants must obtain an official entry form from their relative who is a member in good standing of the Association (or from the committee chairman in situations where the member has died), complete that form and submit it to the address listed no later than April 15. The form must be accompanied by the essay as described above under "**Eligibility**," by two letters of recommendation and by a high school transcript. Entries will be judged by the Association Scholarship Committee. A winner will be selected no later than **June 10** and notified in writing within five days by the chairman of the Committee. (The winning essay will be published in the *Fall* edition of the Association newsletter.)

#### DETAILS OF ENTRY:

An original entry form must be filled out completely. The information requested must be typed or legibly printed. Only one entry is allowed each year from any applicant. A winning applicant may apply in subsequent years but will be considered only if there are no applications from other applicants. The essay must be the original work of the applicant. It must be typed double-spaced on one side of a sheet(s) of paper. All reference sources for the essay must be listed and footnoted. Two dated and signed letters of recommendation must be submitted from a clergy person, teacher, employer or community leader who has had a professional or working relationship with the applicant; relatives of the applicant cannot submit such a letter. An official high school transcript showing all marking periods to date of the applicant's senior year and grade point average for those periods must also be submitted. The entry form, letters of recommendation and transcript must contain the applicant's full name. However, neither the applicant's name nor address may appear on the essay; instead, the only identification on each page of the essay will be the applicant's Social Security number in the upper right-hand corner. A check for the scholarship will be mailed by the Association to the college, university or school designated by the winning applicant. All material entry form, letters of recommendation, transcript and essay must be mailed in one envelope to the chairman of the Association Scholarship Committee no later than April 15.

#### CRITERIA OF JUDGING:

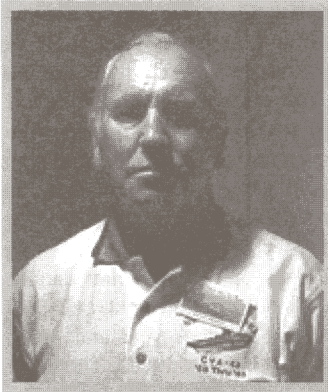
Essays will be judged and a winner selected by a three-person committee elected by the Association membership. A fourth person -- the committee chairman -- will be appointed by the Association president. (Relatives of committee members are not eligible to enter the competition.) The chairman will be the only committee member who will know the identity of the essay writers and therefore will not have a vote on selection of the winner. Terms for the initial Scholarship Committee will be: one for one year; one for two years; one for three years. At each subsequent annual meeting of the membership one person will be elected to the committee for a three-year term to replace the retiring member. The chairman will send copies of all essays (identified only by Social Security numbers) to each of the three committee members but will not divulge the names, addresses or Association relationships. In addition, the chairman will send to the three committee members copies of all other material required of applicants, namely, the letters of recommendation, the high school transcript and page two of the official entry form, making sure that the applicant's name does not appear. In case of a tie vote, the applicant with the highest grade point average for the entire senior year will be judged the winner. Essays will be judged on the *originality of thought, adherence to topic, completeness, quality of writing, spelling and punctuation*. All material submitted to the Association scholarship program becomes the property of the Association and cannot be returned to the applicant.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

**To use the Scholarship Program entry form found in this edition, please xerox copy pages 10 and 11 separately on ONE SIDE only. Pages 10 and 11 must be submitted on one side only together with other requested material. To obtain entry form, please contact the Scholarship Program Chairman.**



## From the Vice President...



**Bill Johnson**

### Shipmates:

**H**ow ya' doing!? Christmas and New Year's celebrations have come and gone. I hope you have all had happy holidays and got everything you wished for.

The Laughlin reunion has come and gone and if you were there for your first reunion, we are looking forward to seeing you at the next one. We really

have a good time as a group at these reunions. We get the chance to see old shipmates as well as making new acquaintances and always look forward to increasing our big happy family.

Bob Locke and his crew are planning a big reunion in Branson, MO, which will be our 24th. As we make plans for the coming reunion, I encourage you to contact Bob with any questions or if you want to volunteer your help.

By the time this newsletter comes out, our Florida Spring Fling will be upon us (March 9, 2002). We meet at a local restaurant for food and fellowship and afterwards we adjourn to my house for anyone who wants to continue the fun. This year, we will be doing things a little differently. Usually, we invite just the Coral Sea members, but this year we are inviting the fellows from the Midway and FDR to attend as well. These were our sister ships, as you know, and there are lots of members of these associations in our neighborhood.

The other Spring Flings will be coming up, so keep this in mind: try to attend the ones in your area so we can continue to encourage new members and keep in touch with current friends.

'Till we meet again, so long and smooth sailing!

Bill Johnson  
Vice President

We are blessed by beginnings and endings. The circle takes us away from and then back to our origin. So endings are beginnings and beginnings are endings. The one requires the other. The Sufis greet sudden disappointment with joy. Loss, signals the beginning of new growth. We can do this.

## Chaplain's Corner

LOVE AND PEACE.

**Emil Bruner**, 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." He wrote. Still no reply.

Then the man decides one evening -- it is a bitterly cold winter's night with howling wind and snow -- to undertake a 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."



### A PRAYER FOR OUR FALLEN SHIPMATES

**Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as yours is, at the passing of the souls of our brothers and sisters into eternal life. You experienced deep and loving relationships while on earth and wept at the death of your friend, Lazarus.**

**In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith. I pray also for those who are facing at this moment their own last agony. How wonderful it is to know that I can support and comfort them in their final moments.**

**When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen. O Lord, increase my faith in the great mystery of eternal life. Teach me to live each day knowing that all here passes and that when we leave we will travel very lightly.**

**May you, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray into eternal life at the moment pleasing to you.**

**Amen.**

## TAPS PLAYED FOR GEORGE THEOFANIS

(by Bill Williams)

Members who attended the reunion in Nevada last October or a string of reunions in previous years knew **George C. Theofanis**. He was the guy who was always smiling, always talking to one and all, always ready to pitch in.

Two months after that Nevada event, George passed away very suddenly on December 15. His work for the association continued to the last moment. He was selling chances at the final dinner at Nevada to raise funds for the association and he had agreed to serve on the association's Scholarship Committee for this year.

George, born in New York City in 1929, lived with his wife, **Myrna**, in Granada Hills, California. He was a World War 2 Pacific Theater veteran. In addition to the Coral Sea, he served aboard the Midway, the Weiss (APD135), and the Soley (DD707). He was active in the American Legion and the VFW.

## TAPS:

Date:	Name of Deceased
10-22-2001:	Tom Watts
10-27-2001:	Jules Houghtaling and wife Edith
11-08-2001:	Bill Gaughan
11-20-2001:	Russell R. Mayer, Sr (70)
12-15-2001:	George Theofanis
01-18-2002:	Harmon D. Edwards (66)

**HARMON D. EDWARDS, 66** of Cape Coral passed away Friday, 18 January 2002. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Shanon Marks, mother Beulah Lane, sisters Carolyn Richardson and Paula Brandon, 3 grandsons: Brandon and Corbin Jarvis, and Logan Marks.



Russell R. Mayer, Sr.

**Russell R. Mayer, Sr., 70** of Bloomington, IN, died at 5 a.m. 11/20/2001 at his residence. Born February 4, 1931, in Elizabeth, NJ, he was the son of Charles F. Mayer, Sr., and Hazel (Munnings) Mayer.

Russell was a retired insurance salesman and a Navy veteran. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, USS Coral Sea Association and Disabled American Association.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Russell R. Mayer, Jr. and Betty Mayer of Bloomington; two daughters, Louis S. and Terri R. Mayer, both of Bloomington; and his brother-in-law, William L. Carney of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Josephine in March 1995; one sister, Hazel Fedyna; and two brothers, Bill and Charles Mayer.

## PRAYER LINE



(From *Chuck Whitcomb*)

I just learned that **Mike DiStefano** was diagnosed with cancer of the immune system. Mike had a kidney transplant a couple years back and the anti-rejection drug he has been taking allowed the cancer to start. Evidently, he had the cancer for about a year before finding it. He has undergone radiation therapy, which has put the cancer into remission for the time being.

Mike is a former president and also treasurer, and now a life time member of the association.

(From *Kathy Lundin, wife of member Edward Lundin*):

My dad passed away early Wednesday morning at 2 am. Memorial services on Friday at 11 am. Just wanted to let everyone on my e-mail friends what I have been doing. will get back on track soon. Thank you for all your concerns and prayer.

## A FRIEND

A guy walking down the road of life, fell into a hole. A doctor was passing by, and the guy yelled out: "Doc, can you help me out?"

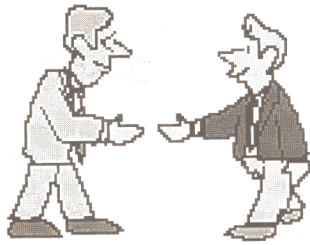
The doctor wrote a prescription on a piece of paper, threw it down into the hole then walked on by. Then a priest walked by and the guy yelled out: "Father, can you help me out?"

The priest wrote a prayer on a piece of paper, threw it down into the hole then walked on by.

A friend walked by and the guy yelled out: "Hey Mac, good buddy, can you help me out?"

Mac looked down and saw his friend down the hole. Mac jumped into the hole with the guy, and the guy said to Mac: "Are you stupid? Why did you jump in here for? Now we're both in a hole."

Mac said: "I know. I've been here before -- but I know the way out."

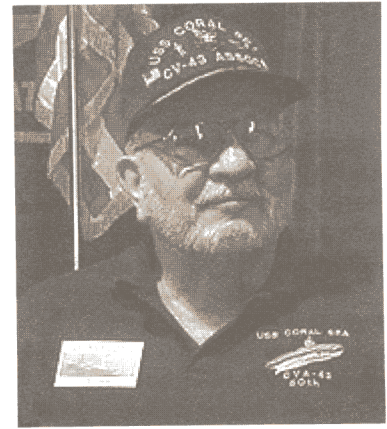


## Annual New Jersey area Spring Meeting

**When:** Saturday, 27 April 2002  
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Where:** Sir John's Restaurant  
230 Washington Place  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Phone: (732) 297-3803



**John (Jack) Weber, III** (Treasurer)

**To All Shipmates and Guests:**

**SIR JOHN'S** will again be the site of our 11th *Annual Spring Meeting*. A hot and cold buffet will be served at **12:30 PM** at a cost of **\$22.00** (including tax and gratuities). A cash bar is available. After a short program there will be time to swap *sea stories* with old and new shipmates.

A good time was had at our **Coral Sea Association** yearly reunion in Laughlin, NV, October 12 - 14 and we are looking forward to **11-13 October 2002** for our next reunion in **Branson, MO**. However, for those of us unable to go to the yearly Association reunion, this **SPRING MEETING** is a way to stay in touch with some of our **Coral Sea** shipmates.

When our **SIR JOHN'S** time ends at **4:30 PM**, **Doris** and **I** would like to invite you to return to our home, which is a little over three miles from **SIR JOHN'S**, for a continuation of our get-together. Directions to **SIR JOHN'S** are included here. Please fill out the form below and return with a check by **April 17th**.

Mail To: **John Weber**  
**273 Crestwood Drive**  
**Milltown, NJ 08850-1805**      **Phone: (732) 828-1234**

**DIRECTIONS**

**From 287 South:**

ROUTE #1 SOUTH. (stay right for exit ramp) ROUTE #1 SOUTH towards TRENTON for 4 miles to ROUTE #130 SOUTH. (jughandle). Stay right for jughandle. Continue thru jughandle to ROUTE #130 SOUTH 1.6 miles to WASHINGTON PLACE. (2nd light-left turn) GETTY gas station on corner. WASHINGTON PLACE for .2 of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake.

**From North Jersey:**

TURNPIKE EXIT #9. After toll stay right, follow ROUTE #18 WEST 1/2 mile (construction area) to ROUTE #1 SOUTH, keep right for ramp - ROUTE #1 SOUTH for 4 miles - towards TRENTON. Continue to ROUTE #130 SOUTH jughandle (keep right) continue thru jughandle to ROUTE #130 SOUTH 1.6 miles to WASHINGTON PLACE (2nd light-left turn) GETTY gas on corner. WASHINGTON PLACE for .2 of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake.

**From South Jersey:**

TURNPIKE EXIT 8-A - After toll keep right. On to ROUTE 32 WEST pass thru 1st light for 1 mile to ROUTE #130 NORTH take right onto ROUTE #130 NORTH 7 miles to light at WASHINGTON PLACE (GETTY gas station on right). Turn right on WASHINGTON PLACE for .2 of a mile to SIR JOHN'S on the right at the bottom of the hill before the lake.

----- Cut along the dotted line ----- Cut along the dotted line -----

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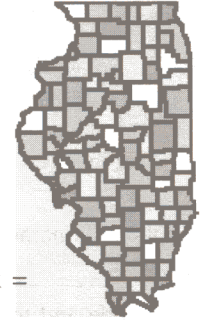
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 12th ANNUAL MIDWEST SPRING FLING



### WHY THE SPRING FLING?

A majority of our shipmates cannot make the Fall Annual Reunions, so these "Flings" are an opportunity for crew members to get to know each other and shake the Winter blues.

**WHERE:** Best Suites of America Phone: (815) 227-1300  
7401 Walton Avenue (Identify yourself as  
Rockford, IL 61108-4607 Coral Sea member)

**WHEN:** 25-28 April 2002

**ROOM** King Suites \$75.00 + \$9 tax = \$84.00  
**RATES:** Double Suites \$85.00 + \$10.20 tax = \$95.20

### SPECIAL AMENITIES:

Elegant Lodging - Free hot breakfast buffet every morning - Free evening hors d'oeuvres - Early check-in and late check-out - Small heated indoor pool and whirlpool. (Buffet and evening hors d'oeuvres are estimated \$25 value per person)

### ROCKFORD

Bisected by the Rock River, Rockford is named for the shallow ford used by the *Galena-Chicago Stagecoach Line* before the area was settled. The city's streets were designed to accommodate the winding river. Its citizens nicknamed Rockford "The Forest City" because of the many trees.

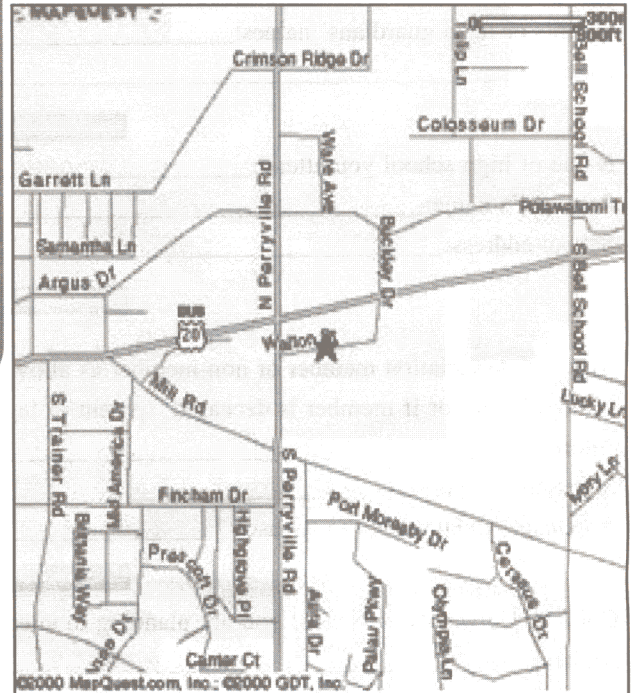
### ROCKFORD AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

211 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101-1010  
Phone: (815) 963-8111 or (800) 521-0849

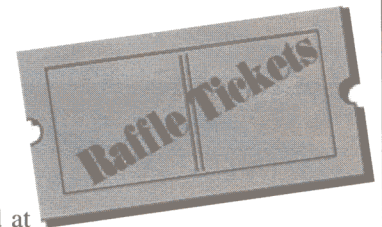
### FOR INFORMATION or QUESTIONS?

**BOB MACKEY** (Past President)  
300 Webb St., Calumet City, IL 60409-4716 Phone: 1-708-891-6771

**HERMAN DOERNBACH**  
3144 S. 98th St., Milwaukee, WI 53227-4210 Phone: 1-414-321-0098  
E-mail: HermanWD@aol.com



**Location:** From I-90, MM 63 1/2, just W to Bell School Road, then S



Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. When asked his occupation, Ole answered, "Panty Stitcher. I sew the elastic onto ladies cotton panties."

The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week unemployment pay. Sven was asked what his occupation. "Diesel fitter" he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week.

When Ole found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The Clerk explained, "Panty stitchers are unskilled and diesel fitters are skilled labor."

"What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on the panties, Sven puts them over his head and says: "Yah, this'll fit her."

(Submitted by Guy Dunbar)

Winners of the raffle held at the last reunion in Nevada were:

- 1st Prize: Hank Vezina**
- 2nd Prize: Francis Karr**
- 3rd Prize: Burton Siebert**

Prizes for this raffle are for the coming reunion at Branson, MO

Raffle tickets enclosed in this issue are for next year's (2003) reunion at Portsmouth, VA. Buy your tickets early. \$1 each, or \$10 only for 12 tickets. Return stubs in the enclosed envelope. Drawing will be held at the Branson reunion. More tickets will be available in September.



USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR THE ANNUAL USS CORAL SEA REMEMBRANCE SCHOLARSHIP



Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Area code and telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or legal guardians' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



Name of high school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date(m/y): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Association member or non-member as allowed under the rules: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor if member is deceased (parent or legal guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Years served: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's relationship to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_



College, University or School you are planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Major field or area of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting date: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I hereby certify that the essay submitted by me is totally my own work and that all of the information on this entry form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If I am judged the winner of this scholarship I agree to use the entire amount for my personal education at a two-year or four-year United States college, university or post-secondary technical-vocational school."*

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this entry form accompanied by your (1) essay, (2) two letters of recommendations, and (3) a high school transcript. Page 2 of this form must be on a separate sheet. All material required must be mailed in one envelope and received by the Chairman of the Scholarship Program no later than APRIL 15. Mail all material to:**

**WILLIAM G. WILLIAMS**  
Chairman: Scholarship Program  
100 Fairway Drive  
Camp Hill, PA 17011-2066



USS Coral Sea Scholarship Entry

**APPLICANT NOTE:** Do not put your name or address on this sheet. Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe community services or work activities you have undertaken in the past two years:

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Please list your school activities (clubs, sports, special events, projects, etc.) for the past two years:

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Please list honors or recognition you have won (both in and out of school) in the past two years:

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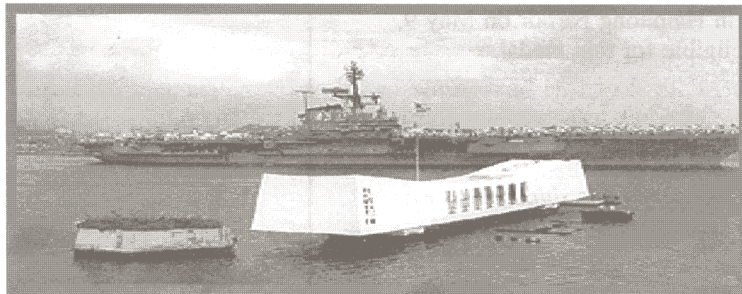
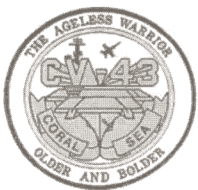
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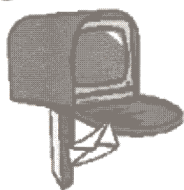
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Thank you from the men of the USS Coral Sea for your entry.  
We wish you the best of luck in this program and in your future endeavors.





## Letters & E-mails



(From LCDR Larence H. Brown, USN-Retired):

My wife Gloria who is a teacher at Annapolis H.S. wrote this poem. I have disseminated her poem to many people and all have been appreciative:

In an instant God grasped them amid their known distress.  
Saying, "Child I am taking you graciously to your home and final rest.  
You will not know or feel the pain -- of what the terrorist did hope to gain.  
During this terrible attack on nine one one, my day with you had just begun.

While jumping out of windows, I heard your cry.  
Caught you in my arms, gave comfort in your sigh.  
When families and friends awaited your fate,  
I gloriously blew the flag of the United States.

In your solemnity, sorrow, and many tears,  
The red, white, and blue will settle your fears.  
This act of hatred, of evil, of guile,  
I do not honor, nor do I smile.

Patience is all I ask of you, love and cherish in all you do.  
Charity for all mankind is your utmost goal,  
And you shall remain the victor of all that unfolds.

What happened to those who knew not my name?  
I gathered them in my bosom without any blame.  
I caressed those who fell, easing their pain.  
The terrorist were failures in their dastardly fame.

Flying high in the skies of blue, the victims were taken with a love so true  
The mighty flight of 93, went down with heroism and victory.  
Fear not tomorrow or any day, together we unite, together we pray.

The United States is what we hail,  
And to this end, we shall prevail.

(From MN2 BOB GILL):

Hello Chief,

My name is Bob Gill (ex-MN2) mineman. Do you know if the USS Coral Sea got a Navy Unit Citation for the period of 12/15/71 to 7/1/72?

I was TAD aboard the Coral Sea for the whole period. I was the POIC of the 3-men mine assembly team out of MOMAG, (Charleston SC). I worked in G division (bomb assembly). I got out of the Navy in Nov. of 1972, (4-yr. man). I live in Billerica, MA. We put 36 service mines in Haiphong harbor on May 9, 1972. I just wondered if I'm eligible for that medal.

Thank you,  
Bob

(Does anyone have the correct answer to this shipmate? I was off the ship in '68, so I don't have a sure answer. ----- editor.)

## Second Wind

by STEPHANIE BUCKLEY

(The following article on LCDR Larry Brown was published a few months ago in the **Runner's Journal** by RAC (Run Across America), a sports merchandise magazine. It is published here with permission from Larry Brown. Larry is a member of the Coral Sea Association.)

A recent study concluded that the average person walks 150,000 miles in a lifetime. Lt. Commander Larry Brown, retired, is already way ahead of the average at 67. This former runner and current power walker exercise seven days per week, averaging five miles per day. A decorated naval officer, Brown retired after 24 years of service and is committed to keeping fit and healthy.

"As a military man, I was used to staying in good physical condition," Brown says. "As you get older, you cannot rest, you cannot sit down -- you must keep going."

Brown definitely walks the walk. He recently raised \$900 walking 200 miles for the American Heart Association.

In addition to his active walking schedule, Brown combines strength training, stretching and nutritional supplements to keep his energy level high and his immune system strong. In fact Brown has not had any illnesses since he began his daily commitment to health and fitness back in 1991. He's an inspiration to the people of Annapolis, MD, where he answers questions about fitness and nutrition at the local *Gold's Gym*.

"There is no rationale to not make a full commitment to health and fitness," according to Brown, "for it is the most definitive lifestyle to enhance one's quality of life and perhaps one's longevity. To feel robust and energetic seven days a week is the immediate payoff for the investment of time and energy in health and fitness."

→  
LCDR Larry Brown



## From the Secretary . . . . .

**O**n page 16 of this issue you'll find a list of names of shipmates (new members), who joined the Association recently, as well as members who sent in their renewals. On behalf of the Association, I thank you all for your continued support.

At the last reunion in Nevada, there were several shipmates who walked in and joined the membership, but for some reasons were not able to fill out the standard application form. Later, I received a list of names with their dues, but without the completed form I had some difficulties getting the record straightened out. Some of the names in the list were missing the necessary information such as rank/rate, years on board, division, etc., and most importantly, mailing addresses.



Secretary: M.G. Cordero

If anyone who joined or renewed his membership during the months of October, November, and December of 2001 and your name is not listed on page 16, please contact me immediately so we can fix the problem. Meanwhile, I have three names with no address information: **Richard Edwards**, **Alan Mutke**, and **Larry Patterson**. If anyone knows these guys, please tell them to contact me. I can be reached almost instantly by e-mail, but in a case like this a good written address thru snail mail is preferable.

Then there's **George W. Simons** whose application was forwarded to me just recently; I immediately sent him his membership card and a copy of the newsletter but both mails were returned to me with a note from the postmaster saying that his "forward time expired", whatever that mean. I suspect George moved and turned in a forwarding address, but probably that was a long time ago -- now the post office consider it "expired" and will not forward his mail. Again, if anyone knows George, tell him to contact me -- preferably with his written current address. No phone call please; my hearing has gone to the dogs.

On similar issue, some of the members who renewed their membership were using the new application/renewal form -- I thank you; it makes a lot easier to update the file. Some are still using the old form as well as the form from the *usscoralsea.org* website. I have no problem with this except when they send it in with their names and some scribbled notes about being a "long time member", and nothing else. Shipmate, try and put down your address too; do not assume I have it. I appreciate your continued support, but telling me that you've been a member since the Great Flood doesn't help me much if I don't know where to send a reply to you. Crying to mother won't help you much either.

**While we're on the subject of membership, I'd like to point out (again), that your membership dues (\$10) for this year covers you up to 30 Sep 2002, unless of course if you paid your dues with an amount to cover more than one year. If you don't remember when your membership is due, just look at your address label. You should see dates by your name -- dates like [9/02], [9/03], etc., etc. This is the month and year of your membership dues paid. If you don't see any dates, you're past due. If you're past due and you don't pay your dues between now and the first week of June, most likely you won't get the next issue of this newsletter. By the way the next issue will be out late in June.**

### THE INTERNET.

I'm sure not everyone got the word yet, but we now have an online version of this newsletter. For lack of a better title I just call it *SEA BREEZE ONLINE*. It's not an exact replica of the newsletter you're reading now, but the concept is similar. Keep it in mind but don't confused it with our official website "*usscoralsea.org*". *SEA BREEZE ONLINE* does not replaced our official website. *SEA BREEZE ONLINE* url address is: [www.geocities.com/cva43seabreeze/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/cva43seabreeze/index.html)

*SEA BREEZE ONLINE* carries announcements and other items that are temporary in nature, for example, information on reunions, noteworthy news from members, passing of shipmates, fun and inspirational e-mails, and many other contributed materials from shipmates. I'm still working on it, and we can make it grow thru interactive sharing and have something to enjoy at our convenience. Incidentally, the site is at no expense to the association -- it's free just like some of the best things in life.

### PRAYER LINE:

During the past several weeks I have received many reports of shipmates who weighed anchor and sailed away to Paradise. Most of us never had a chance to say goodbye, but it doesn't mean we can't wish them good sailing with a silent prayer. I have a section for this also in our online newsletter. Feel free to join us there when you have the time.



USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION

Small Stores Order Form



The Ship's Store is operated for the convenience of our members. WHEN ORDERING PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

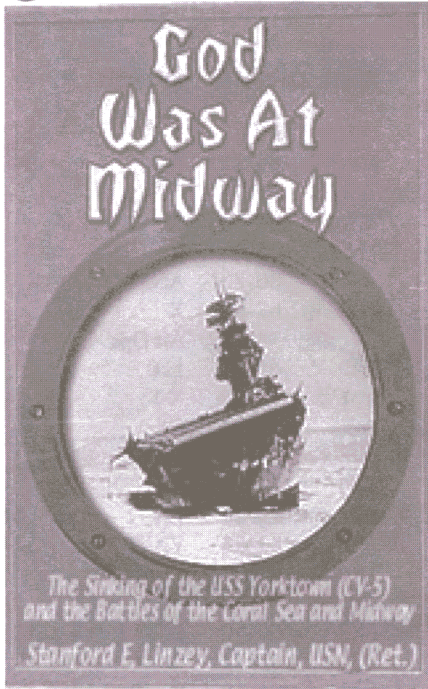
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All items have Coral Sea logo. Please circle your choice of size, color, etc.

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**The Battle of Midway has been described as the greatest Naval Battle in history.**

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Now the untold story of faith and prayer from a surviving and now retired Navy Chaplain has taken form in the new book: **GOD WAS AT MIDWAY**. This encouraging story tells how Chaplain *Dr. Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.*, conducted Bible studies on board ship, and in answer to the

prayers of those men and their loved ones, many accepted Christ. Miraculous rescues from bomb bursts and fragmented steel are disclosed as Navy destroyers pulled the blue jackets from the sea. This inspiring story uncovers how God turns adversity into victory for His Kingdom. Truly, God was at Midway.

**About the Author:**

**Dr. Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.**, in addition to being a Midway survivor and retired Naval Chaplain, is an active pastor and popular evangelist speaker. He has traveled the world extensively, ministering to thousands of people.

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To order your copy of **GOD WAS AT MIDWAY:**

Send check or Money Order for \$14.95 per book, plus \$4.00 for shipping and handling. If you are ordering more than one book, add \$1.50 for shipping and handling for each additional book ordered. California residents add 7.75% tax to your total. Mail this order with payments to:

**Dr. Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.**  
1641 Kenora Drive  
Escondido, CA 92027-4025

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*Welcome Aboard!*

**New and Renewals received during 1st Quarter only**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Rank Rate</u>	<u>Year Aboard</u>	<u>Division</u>
Dennis E. Allen	ET2	66-68	OE
Sigfried A. Barry	AB3	68-70	V-1
Stewart L. Beane	BT3	48-52	B
Douglas A. Bosin	SN	55-56	Comm
Robert Boudrie	MML3	52-53	M
Bruno J. Bourgeois		ADC	
Gene Bretoi	AC2	62-63	OC
Michael J. Brophy	AQF2	66-67	VF-154
James Brown, Jr.	MS1	85-86	S-2
Rolland L. Brown	EM3	49-52	E
Van B. Browning	AN	60-61	V-3/V-1
Robert G. Burnett	FTG2	65-59	F
Paul E. Butler	GSGT	85-86	Mar.Det.
Joseph F. Carrigan		AO2	52-54 AVOR
Clarence Cassler	AO3	63-65	GM
Roger M. Cochran	ABEAN	68-70	V-2
George V Coley, Jr.	RD1	62-65	OI
Jerry L. Collier	RD3	68-69	OI
George M. Cone	BTC	69-79	B
Kenneth L. Cramer	ABF3	62-65	V-4
William E. Dasinger	GM1	47-48	5th
Byron de Russy	ET3	48-49	ER
John R. Dickenson	RD3	68-72	OI
Thomas G. Donnelly	PN3	54-56	X
Joseph D. Drouin	QM3	48	OI
Lawrence C. Dupont	ABE1	81-82	V-2
Marcelino W. Duran	SN	64-66	3rd
Carl F. Fairchild	LTJG	66-67	ComCar7
Tom J. Flanary	SN	49-50	5th
Eugene E. Foster	E-6	47-52	S-2
Walter J. Galusha	PNT3	53-55	Train
Max H. Garner	FTG2	60-61	F
Gordon G. Geyer	AN	55-56	V-4
Patrick J. Grams	MR2	65-67	R
Jeff Hadden	AMS3	60-62	V-1/V-6
John W. Hamilton	QMCM	66-71	Nav
Wade L. Hampton	ETC5	76-79	OE
Harold Q. Harris, Sr.	LI3	65-67	X
Dennis Holiman	AN	59-62	V-1
Paul R. Hunter	CDR	70-73	
Rufus E. James	SN	69-70	5th
Wayne F. Jansen	E-4	63-65	S-1
Charles B. Johnson	EMP2	54-55	Eng.
Kenneth R. Johnson	BT3	61-65	B
John J. Kelly, III	AN	79-80	V-1
Bennie D. King	ABF3	65-66	V-4
Alvin A. Kleveno	ETR2	71-75	OE

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James G. Klimesh	ABE3	60-63	V-2
Terry B. Lack	DNSN	83-85	D
Kevin J. Larkin	ATN3	69-70	VA-35
Martin B. Kaufer	SN	47-50	A
Ervin A. Lett	FN	65-68	R
Robert H. Macomber	ATCS	80-83	AIMD
Robert L. MacRae	JO2	67-68	X
Gene A. Marek	LT	74-77	Air Ops
David A. Marsjanik	E-3	69-71	1st
Edward P. Martindale	YNC	76-79	X-1
Mark L. McCully	AG3	64-65	QA
Gary R. McCurdy	BT3	67-70	B
Robert P. Michael	CS1	53-56	S-2
Wayne Miller	SN	65-68	1st
John C. Mills	AQ3	83-83	VA-196
David V. Morehead	AE3	78-82	FM-3
Joseph E. Morgese	SH3	47-48	S-3
Paul D. Mortimer	PR2	69-70	CAG-15/VF-161
Clarence Munson	BT3	68-72	B
Robert A. Nadeau	FT3	54-56	F
Melvin R. New	CDR	67-69	WPNS
Frank Nunez	EM2	59-62	E
Michael O'Donnell	E-4	77-77	VMAQ-2
William Pascarella	MM2	80-83	M-1
Donald A. Pelton	AN	51-55	V1-F
Douglas D. Perry	LTJG	47-47	Medical
John Petti	EM1	51-54	E
David W. Pryor	LT	85-89	3rd Div Off
Richard B. Raffensparger	DC3	52-53	R
Dusty R. Rhodes	FN	54-56	E
Elias J. Rodriguez	SN	62-65	3rd
Ronald A. Saltzman	SH3	65-67	S-3
Tony G. Sandoval	AN	47-49	V-3
Robert G. Schoener	FN	54-56	A
Leo I. Schoenle, Jr.	ICC	59-62	E
Neil H. Schultz	AN	56-57	O-P
Arthur W. Seiter	OS3	71-72	OI
John W. Shaffer	ABF2	64-68	V-4
John E. Shaw	GM3	54-57	1st
Gerald E. Shaw	RD2	56-57	OI
William C. Sherman	ABH3	59-63	V-1
Whitney C. Sherwood	RP3	86-90	X
Floyd L. Smith	LTJG	49-51	CIC
Earl J. Spear	LT	68-71	OE
Joel S. Stonefield	LTJG	54-55	Disbursing
Paul S. Taylor	AO3	63-65	GM
Michael C. Thometz	LTJG	60-62	2nd
Hanan J. Thompson	SGT	52-53	Mar. Det
James W. Throckmorton	AMS2	67-70	VF-151
Melvin R. Tuck	FN	50-52	A
Richard J. Vakoc	E-4	60-62	V-3
Victor B. Vieyra	HM3	63-64	Medical
Harold M. Whipps, Sr.		59-62	OE
Willie J. Wilson	CS3	65-69	S-2
Andrew W. Wright	QMC	65-67	Navigation
Richard S. Yarup	AMB	50-53	
David E. Young	YN3	66-68	X



**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION  
24th ANNUAL REUNION**

**WHERE:** Settle Inn  
Thousand Hills  
3050 Green Mountain Drive  
Branson, MO 65616-3814

**RESERVATION: 1-800-677-6906**  
**LOCAL: (417) 335-4700**  
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**ROOM RATES** (11.225% tax not included): Standard = **\$68.00/night** Upgrade to *Theme Room* = **\$105.00/night**

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(Complete and mail this portion only. Mail this reservation to):

**ROBERT LOCKE**  
7534 W. US HIGHWAY 60, Lot 51  
Republic, MO 65738-9586

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

The following rates include FRIDAY dinner, SATURDAY breakfast, SATURDAY night banquet, and SUNDAY hospitality

One person = \$ 65.00      Banquet only = \$25.00/person  
Two persons = \$130.00  
-- Deposit of \$40 per person must be paid with reservation --

**BALANCE MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2002**

**Amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Balance: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU**

(Check mark your choice)

**FRIDAY DINNER:**

**ENTREE:** [ ] Orange Roughy OR [ ] Stuffed Pork Chop

**Vegetables:** [ ] Corn and honeyed carrots OR [ ] Green beans with cheese

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

**ENTREE:** [ ] Grilled chicken on rice OR [ ] Prime Rib

**Vegetables:** [ ] Corn and honeyed carrots OR [ ] Green beans with cheese

**NOTES:**

Due to anticipated large response, we may have to have two sittings on FRIDAY and SATURDAY nights. If necessary, please indicate which sitting you prefer to attend:

**FRIDAY Dinner:** [ ] 5:00 PM [ ] 6:30 PM  
**SATURDAY banquet:** [ ] 5:00 PM [ ] 6:30 PM



**NOVEL ON CORAL SEA LIFE AVAILABLE**

**Y**ou can read a novel about the ship on which you served and help your association's scholarship fund at the same time. A book on life aboard the Coral Sea is now available from *Coral Sea Association* member and author, **Bill Williams**. Two dollars from each book sold to members will go to the association's scholarship program.

The novel is about a fictional group of crewmen, a spy ring and a murder. But the backdrop is real history. The story takes place during the 1956 *Med cruise* which involved the Coral Sea in the Suez Crisis and, in a small way, with victims of the Hungarian Revolution.

The book can give your family a fair idea of your life aboard ship and provide an interesting read for all.

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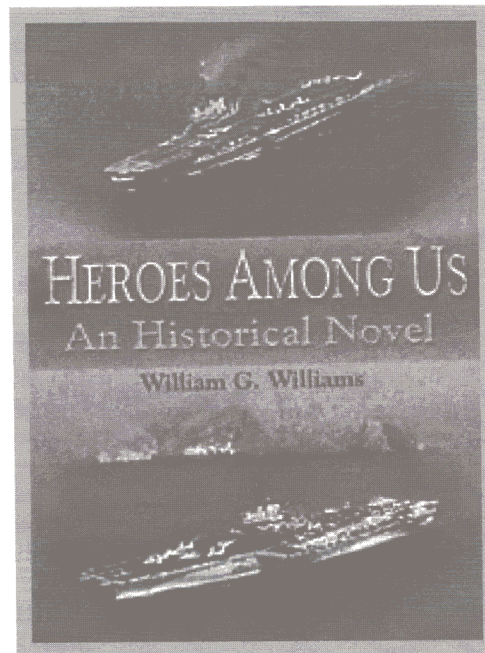
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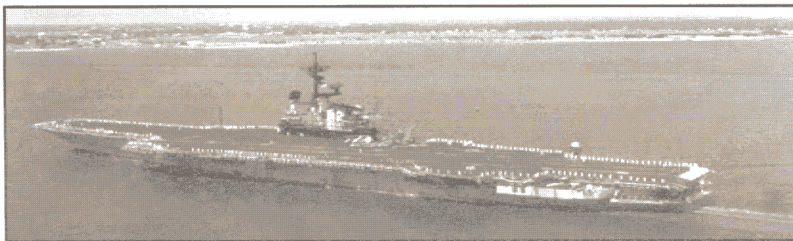
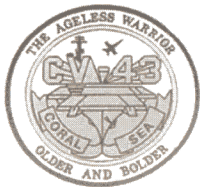
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