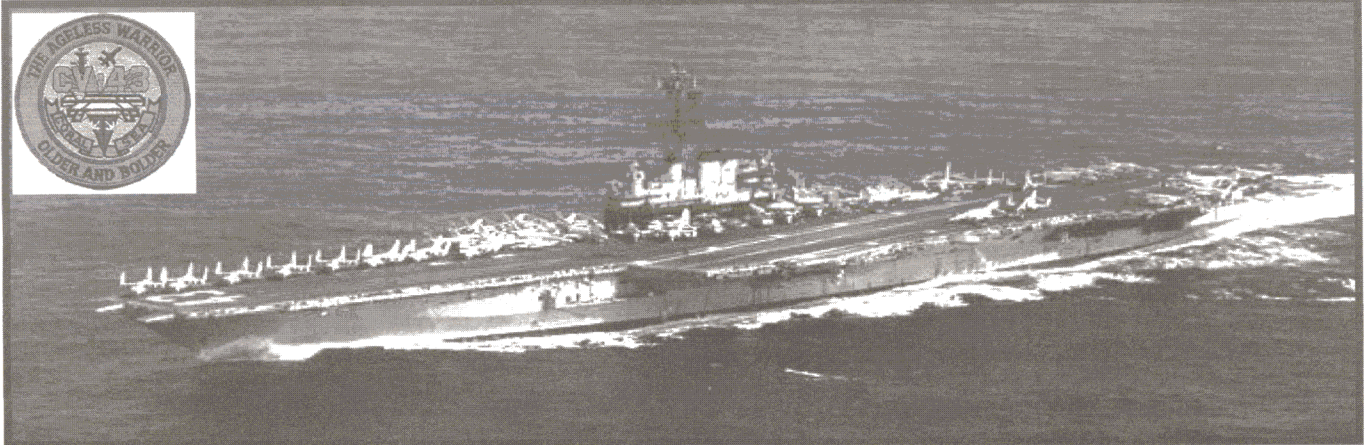


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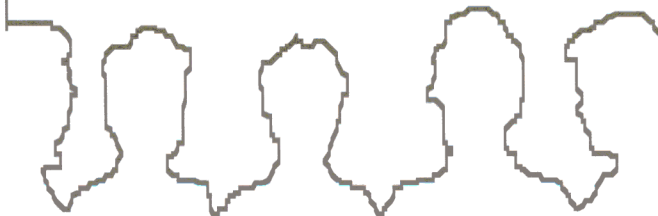
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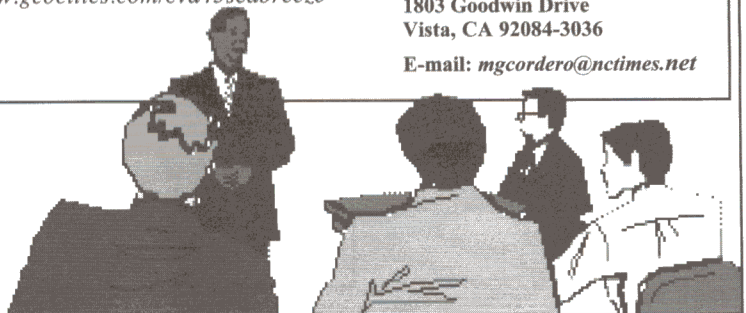
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From the President . . .



Charles Whitcomb
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Dear Shipmates and Families:

First, I would like to welcome member **Cameron Mills** back home. Cameron has just returned from a tour of peace keeping duty in Bosnia.. WELCOME HOME CAMERON. Thanks for a job "well done".

In case you are wondering why you received raffle tickets for the Portsmouth reunion with this copy of the *BREEZE* and also, in the last copy, here is the explanation. In the last newsletter, the tickets were sealed inside. With the heightened security at the post office, the newsletters got some rough treatment and some of them burst open, losing the tickets. As we weren't sure who did and who did not receive the tickets, it was decided to just re-mail them to everybody. So, if you have received them in both mailings, that is why. Note, it is perfectly okay to purchase this second mailing if you also received the first

This year at our annual meeting we will have election of officers. Offices up for election are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Three Year Board Member. If you would be interested in serving your association by running for one of these offices, please let me know and I'll see that your name gets on the ballot. We need "New Blood" with fresh ideas.

WHO AM I??

See if you can identify "Who Am I" from the following clues:

(1) I have no respect for justice. (2) I maim without killing. (3) I break hearts and ruin lives. (4) I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. (5) The more I am quoted the more I am believed. (6) I flourish at every level of society. (7) My victims are helpless; they cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. (8) To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. (9) I am nobody's friend. (10) Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. (11) I topple governments and ruin marriages. (12) I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion. (13) I spawn suspicion and generate grief. (14) I make headlines, headaches and heartaches. (15) I make innocent people cry in their pillows. (16) Even my name hisses.

WHO AM I? I AM CALLED GOSSIP.

I come in many forms: Church gossip, Office gossip, Shop gossip, Party gossip, Telephone gossip and Online gossip.

So, how many clues did it take for you to identify it?

So...Before you repeat something, first ask yourself: IS IT TRUE? IS IT FAIR? IS IT NECESSARY? WOULD I WANT IT DONE TO ME?

Just something to think about. And I hope you have a blessed, gossip-free day. By the way, I received the above from shipmate **John Mastromoro**.

In the last issue of the *BREEZE*, there was a letter from shipmate **Frank Shivak** concerning the upcoming parole of the murderer of his daughter, **Lisa Marie**. While quite a number of you responded, shipmate **LCDR Larry Brown** sent in signed petitions of over 100 signatures. This is the REAL Coral Sea Spirit. Thanks, Commander, for your efforts.

My kindest regards to all,

Charles Whitcomb

President: USS Coral Sea Association

What Is An American?

What Is An American? A primer.

By Peter Ferrara.

Associate professor of law

George Mason University School of Law.

Fairfax, Virginia

You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper there an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them choose.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

An American does not have to obey the mad ravings of ignorant, ungodly cruel, old men. American men will not be fooled into giving up their lives to kill innocent people, so that these foolish old men may hold on to power.

American women are free to show their beautiful faces to the world, as each of them choose. An American is free to criticize his government's officials when they are wrong, in his or her own opinion. Then he is free to replace them, by majority vote.

Americans welcome people from all lands, all cultures, all religions, because they are not afraid. They are not afraid that their history, their religion, their beliefs, will be overrun, or forgotten. That is because they know they are free to hold to their religion, their beliefs, their history, as each of them choose.

And just as Americans welcome all, they enjoy the best that everyone has to bring, from all over the world. The best science, the best technology, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes.

Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The nation symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Many of them were working in the twin towers on the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo and Stalin and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land than you thought were there. One day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands too will join the community of free and prosperous nations.

And America will welcome them.

Regarding job layoffs and downswing in the USA . . .

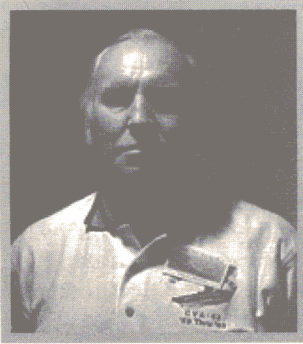
Joe Smith started the day early, having set his alarm clock (*MADE IN JAPAN*) for 6 am . . . While his coffeepot (*MADE IN CHINA*) was perking . . . he shaved with his electric razor (*MADE IN HONG KONG*).

He put on a dress shirt (*MADE IN SRI LANKA*), designer jeans (*MADE IN SINGAPORE*), and tennis shoes (*MADE IN KOREA*). After cooking breakfast in his new electric skillet (*MADE IN INDIA*), he sat down with his calculator (*MADE IN MEXICO*), to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (*MADE IN TAIWAN*), to the radio (*MADE IN INDIA*), he got in his car (*MADE IN GERMANY*), and continued his search for a good paying AMERICAN JOB!

At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day, Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (*MADE IN BRAZIL*), poured himself a glass of wine (*MADE IN FRANCE*), and turned on his TV (*MADE IN INDONESIA*), and wondered why he can't find a good paying job (in AMERICA)!



From the Vice President...



Bill Johnson

Shipmates:

Since the last newsletter, we in Florida have been quite busy. In February, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Collins celebrated their Fiftieth wedding anniversary in Jacksonville, FL. Leo is a member of the Coral Sea Association. Several folks (Lynn and me included) from the association helped them celebrate.

A very unique thing about the Collins family: Leo and Shirley's four children have all been married to the same spouse for at least 25 years! What a marvelous thing in today's world! Congratulations, again! Way to go!

We had the Florida Spring Fling on March 9. We had 80 people in attendance. This year, Bud McKay and I cohosted the event and opened the doors to the Midway and FDR boys in our communities. Also, some of my mates from the Shangri-La didn't want to be left out, so they came too. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. We had a terrific meal at Valenti's Italian Ristorante and two great guest speakers. Captain Fred Murkland of Venice, was a World War II pilot attached to the USS Franklin, the Intrepid and (I think) the Antietam. Murkland was in the air when the kamikazes hit the Franklin's flight deck, and that's how he had the good fortune to eventually come home from the war. He told some great war-time stories and how lucky he was to be alive. He's a great American and everyone should meet him. Our other guest speaker was Major Scott R. Allen of United States Central Intelligence Command. He gave us an unclassified briefing on the war in Afghanistan and the Middle East. Allen is the nephew of Dennis Allen, one of our members of the association from California.

We had a great exchange with the fellows from the Midway, the FDR and the Shangri-LA. Sailors are sailors; we all have sea stories. After the meeting at the restaurant, we headed back to my house and continued the fun. These boys like to be included!

As we are now approaching the reunion at Branson, MO, it is now time to get your reservations in. We are expecting a tremendous crowd; lots of new members joined in Laughlin and there are many Coral Sea Sailors in the midwest. Come early and have a good time. If you have any questions, contact **Bob Locke**. His address is in the reservation form -- **page 17**.

When we get to Branson, the board is going to bring several items before you. One of these items will be about the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC and our plans to become a part of it. If you go to Washington, be certain to stop by the Memorial. It is certainly worth a few minutes of your time. Just look for the Granite Sea (the square in front of the Memorial). The next newsletter will not be out until after Memorial Day and July 4th. Let's all be good, patriotic citizens of the USA and fly our flags and show our gratitude to our soldiers serving here and in foreign lands.

Sincerely submitted,
Bill Johnson,
Vice President

Chaplain's Corner



"If I had my Life to live over"

(In memory of Erma Bombeck who lost her life to cancer)

*** I would have talked less and listened more.

*** I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about the grass stains.

*** Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the very wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

*** When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

*** There would have been more "I love you's..." more "I'm sorry's..." but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it...and never give it back.

*** Stop sweating the small stuff. Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us.

*** Let's think about what God has blessed us with, and what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by.

*** We only have one shot at this and then it is gone.

Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.

Test your Bible skills!

Can you find the names of 25 books of the Bible in this paragraph? This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot...that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.


PRAYER LINE
**TAPS:**

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Name of Deceased</u> | <u>Cause of Death</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 02/??/01 | Edward M. Hanlon | --- |
| 04/12/01 | YNCS Edward W. Murphy | --- |
| 10/21/01 | Thomas Watts | --- |
| 10/27/01 | Jules Houghtaling and wife Edith | Automobile accident |
| 11/08/01 | Joan Gaughan (wife of William) | --- |
| 11/08/01 | Jesse D. Ouzts | --- |
| 11/20/01 | Russell R. Mayer, Sr (70) | --- |
| 11/20/01 | James D. Farrey | Mesothelioma |
| 11/21/01 | George E. Belden | --- |
| 12/15/01 | George Theofanis | Leukemia |
| 12/30/01 | Frederick W. Lockwood | --- |
| 01/15/02 | James J. King | --- |
| 01/18/02 | Harmon D. Edwards (66) | --- |
| 04/18/02 | Larry A. Lavin | Heart Attack |

Provided by
AGCM Fred Baillie
from PA Legion
newsletter

AN OLD SAILOR

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast
As he sat around the fleet reserve
Telling sea stories of the past.

Of a war that he had fought in
And the deeds that he had done.
Of the exploits with his buddies
They were heroes...every one.

And tho' sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke...
His buddies always listened
For they knew of what he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For the Chief has passed away...
And the world's a little poorer,
Because a sailor died today.

When politicians leave this earth
Their bodies lie in state.
While thousands note their passing
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time when they were young.
But the passing of a sailor
Goes unnoticed and unsung.

LARRY LAVIN
 (From Jack Weber, III)

Larry Lavin was on the Coral Sea in Division V3G - aviation gasoline. I'm not exactly sure of his time on board, but it was sometime between 1951 and 1954 when I was there. His rate at the time was AN.

Larry had a history of heart problems and I think he had a by-pass about seven years ago. On Thursday, April 18, 2002, Peggy (Larry's wife) came home from work at 0900 to find him dead, apparently of a heart attack. The funeral was held four days later, on Monday, April 22 at their Presbyterian Church.

The Other Side

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear."

The doctor continued, "I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I will pass through it with gladness, but with no fear. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for. The evidence of things not seen! If we fill our hours with regrets of yesterday and with the worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful."



From the Secretary



HOW WELL DO YOU REMEMBER?

Take this Alzheimer-free test. Fill in the blanks (If you're under-age -- 30 ... or 40 for that matter, don't take it). And don't cheat. Mail your answer with your renewal to me for scoring. I will publish the answers and the high scorers in the next issue.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind? _____
2. The "battle cry" of the hippies in the sixties was "Turn on; tune in; _____"
3. "Kookie, Kookie. Lend me your _____."
4. A group of protestors arrested at the Democratic convention in Chicago in 1968 achieved cult status, and were known as _____
5. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the _____ show.
6. Some of the women who protested the Vietnam war did so by burning their _____.
7. We all learned to read using the same books. We read about the thrilling lives and adventures of Dick and Jane. What was the name of Dick and Jane's dog? _____
8. A Broadway musical and movie gave us the gang names, the _____ and the _____.
9. In the seventies, we called the dropout nonconformists "hippies." But in the early sixties they were known as _____.
10. William Bendix played Chester A. Riley, who always seemed to get the short end of the stick in the TV program, "The Life of Riley." At the end of each show, poor Chester would turn to the camera and exclaim, "What a _____."
11. The real James Bond, Sean Connery, mixed his martinis a special way: _____.
12. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."
13. That "adult" book by Henry Miller -- the one that contained all the "dirty" dialogue -- was called _____.
14. Today, math geniuses in school might walk around with a calculator strapped to their belts. But back in the sixties, members of the math club used a _____.
15. A well-known TV commercial featured a driver who was miraculously lifted through thin air and into the front seat of a convertible. The matching slogan was "Let Herts _____."
16. After the twist, the mashed potatoes, and the watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called _____.
17. In the late sixties, the "full figure" style of Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe gave way to the "trim" look, as first exemplified by British model _____,
18. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____
19. The "Age of Aquarius" was brought into the mainstream in the Broadway musical _____.
20. This is a two-parter: Red Skelton's hobo character (not the hayseed, the hobo) was _____
Red ended his television show by saying "Good night, and _____."



Birthdays

APRIL:

04/06 - Joseph Smolinka
 04/06 - Alan Mutke
 04/07 - Mrs. Della Martin
 04/09 - Garey L. Kropf
 04/13 - Richard E. Martin
 04/17 - LCDR Noel J. Holland
 04/27 - Mrs. Joan Katzenberger
 04/27 - Robert E. Skelton

MAY:

05/06 - John L. Bojanowski
 05/06 - Samuel L. Levy
 05/06 - Mrs Arlene Smieja
 05/06 - Lawrence S. Sullivan
 05/11 - Mrs. Gayle Washausen
 05/13 - Mrs. Rose Smolinka
 05/23 - Dr. Douglas E. Perry
 05/28 - Mrs. Karen Hulbert
 05/29 - Mrs. Charlene Wellington
 05/30 - Mrs. Diane Gold

JUNE:

06/01 - Patrick J. Grams
 06/10 - Mrs. Shirley Kropf
 06/17 - Mrs. Barbara Bonenfant
 06/17 - Mrs. Elaine Voss
 06/17 - Thomas Zmijewski
 06/24 - BTC Paul J. Langan, Jr.
 06/25 - Mrs. Mary Low Walters
 06/25 - Robert Cunningham
 06/26 - Mrs. Jane Allardyce
 06/27 - Rolland L. Brown
 06/27 - Lowell Marsolek

Anniversaries

APRIL: (None)

MAY:

05/06 - EMC James and Josephine McCloud - (35th)
 05/11 - Richard and Joan Schultz - (45th)
 05/23 - Joseph and Rose Smolinka - (51st)
 05/24 - David and Mary Bolt - (27th)
 05/26 - LCDR Noel and Yvonne Holland - (44th)

JUNE:

06/06 - Joseph and Joan Furey - (48th)
 06/12 - Samuel and Ruth Levy - (48th)
 06/13 - Bill and Mary Jane Williams - (43rd)
 06/17 - Richard and Barbara Bonenfant - (38th)
 06/22 - David and Jacqueline Vadney - (50th)
 06/23 - Capt. Gene and Glenna Marek - (18th)
 06/24 - MG and Sal Cordero - (35th)
 06/28 - Bill and Shirley Eannetta - (17th)
 06/28 - SM/Sgt Louis and Helen Jennings - (50th)

Benefactors

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| Billy C. Davis | \$ 5. | Scholarship Fund |
| Billy C. Davis | \$ 25. | USS Ranger |
| Kenneth A. Carr | \$ 5. | Scholarship Fund |
| James H. Katzenberger | \$ 25. | Scholarship Fund |
| Richard A. Bonenfant | \$ 5. | Scholarship Fund |

The List

(forwarded by Chuck Whitcomb)

I have a list of folks I know.....all written in a book,
 and every now and then.....I go and take a look.
 That is when I realize these names.....they are a part,
 not of the book they're written in.....but taken from the heart.
 For each name stands for someone.....who has crossed my path sometime,
 and in that meeting they have become.....the reason and the rhyme.
 Although it sounds fantastic.....for me to make this claim,
 I really am composed.....of each remembered name.
 Although you're not aware.....of any special link,
 just knowing you, has shaped my life.....more than you could think.
 So please don't think my greeting.....as just a mere routine,
 your name was not.....forgotten in between.
 For when I send a greeting.....that is addressed to you,
 it is because you're on the list.....of folks I'm indebted to.
 So whether I have known you.....for many days or few,
 in some ways you have a part.....in shaping things I do.
 I am but a total.....of many folks I've met,
 you are a friend I would prefer.....never to forget.

(Author Unknown)

**Congratulations
 Best Wishes
 and
 Many Thanks
 to All
 who made the
 List**



From Sergeant First Class Cameron Mills . . .

(Cameron Mills was aboard the Coral Sea in 1983 during her World Cruise. Over the past year he has once again deployed overseas. But this time as a member of the Army National Guard. His unit left North Carolina on 7 September 2001 and returned in April 2002, after a successful 6-month deployment in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina. He is a full-time member of the Guard in Raleigh, NC and enjoys giving talks on the National Guard and his tour in Bosnia.)



Shooting the Shooter-

Sergeant First Class Cameron Mills shoots (video that is!) fellow soldiers at Eagle Base, Tuzla in Bosnia. The soldiers were loading presents to take to an Orphanage that has children orphaned by the Srebrenica Massacre of 1995. Over 180 presents were handed out at Christmas time 2001. (Photo by MAJ Chris Simpson)



**E-mails
&
Letters**



(Mills Minefield)

Outside a Minefield- The reason I'm smiling is I'm on the road! Lesson #1 in Bosnia is: STAY ON THE ROADS!! A million unidentified mines make it a place where this rule makes lots of sense! (Photo by MSG Jon Guttman)

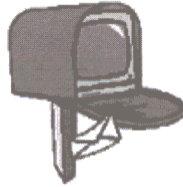


Mission Completed-

Major General William Ingram, Adjutant General of North Carolina welcomes home the soldiers of the 382nd MPAD at a ceremony in Raleigh, NC on April 10, 2002. The soldiers had recently returned from a 6-month rotation on Peace-keeping duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina. **SFC Mills** is seated- 4th from the left. (Photo courtesy of NCARNG, SSG Ed Eudy)



(E-mails & Letters continued to next page)



E-mails & Letters ... continued

(Forwarded by Chuck Whitcomb)

From: P.O.W. Network -
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2002 10:56 AM
Subject: Neil Roberts, Navy SEAL

I think Roberts memory is worth more than Bronze Star.

"I apologize in advance for the lengthy e-mail, but I have just gotten back from Neil's funeral. There were over 1,000 people in attendance and needless to say, it was moving. I had the opportunity to speak with several individuals, both in the Teams and in the Agency, who were in country at the time of Neil's death and who had also viewed the Predator video as well as another video. The following is merely a sanitized compilation of the conversations I had and tid-bits from Fitz's eulogy. The usual disclaimers apply and there is some stuff I need to leave out. And I know I will not do the story justice, nor could I ever hope to.

Supposedly...as the helo was on final, it came under fire. An air-crewman fell off the back ramp and was dangling by his tether. Neil reached down to pull him back in. An RPG hit the nose of the helo (didn't explode) and the pilot subsequently made an evasive maneuver. Neil tumbled out (the air-crewman may have also mistakenly pulled Neil out while Neil was trying to recover him or that may have not even of happened - doesn't matter - bottom line, Neil fell from about 10ft and was on the ground alone). It is unclear as to whether or not the guys on board the helo knew that they lost a man. Helo peeled away, developed hydraulic problems, and crash-landed about a click away.

Neil turns on his beacon and low crawls to a position under fire. Neil takes the offensive, firing and maneuvering against the enemy and allegedly storms a machine-gun nest. Neil was shot several times, but continued the fight. Apparently, the Predator video shows the mortal wound and Neil falls to the ground (an hour after he fell from the helo).

He had expended all of his ammo, both primary and secondary, as well as his grenades. The video has Neil point shooting with his pistol at very close ranges to the enemy.

He was dead by the time the enemy arrived and dragged him off. Not sure on whether they intended to use Neil's body as a decoy for an ambush or as a bargaining chip or for another Somalia street dragging episode.

Doesn't really matter. Then the boys came. The force was a mix of operators and arrived about 2 hours later. As they expected, they encounter significant hostile fire, but returned fire immediately.

Apparently, a lot of undisclosed heroics occurred that night and there was significant payback (and I mean significant). Several of our brothers were wounded, two of which were flown back to CONUS (one of whom may lose a foot).

People are talking CMH level heroics - we'll see. After fierce fighting and a valiant rescue, Neil's body was recovered, as were the other dead, and all were evacuated. Payback has continued in various ways and that is the stuff I can't go into. But rest assured, what comes around, is going around. Neil went down fighting and took many of those @^%\$ with him (an unconfirmed number). The ridge upon which he died is now called Roberts Ridge. He was post-humously awarded the Bronze Star with a V and a Purple Heart.

Neil is now SpecOps folklore and a legend in the Teams for the rest of eternity.

Neil also left a wife (Patty) and an 18-month old son (Nathan). I believe Patty intends to move to Pennsylvania to be with her family (and as of this afternoon, Neil will also be in York, PA). Guys, I hope this helps - it has been cathartic for me, especially after the press has royally screwed this one up (as expected). In the near future, several of us who knew Neil and his family plan to work on the scholarship fund to ensure that Nathan has anything he needs. More to follow on that"

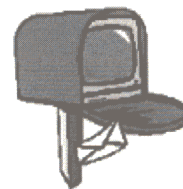
There were 3 Marines PT'ing along the beach during chow one day. A Sergeant, a Staff Sergeant, and a Gunnery Sergeant. They noticed an object floating at the water's edge. It was an old, tarnished lamp. The Sergeant picked it up. As he rubbed away some of the grime a plume of smoke erupted from it's spout, and a genie appeared.

"Gents, you have no idea how daggone happy I am to be out of there. To show my appreciation I shall grant each of you one wish." said the genie. The motivated Sergeant leaped forward. "I'll go first! I wish for a million dollars, a discharge from the Marine Corps, and a beautiful wife with a huge house in Florida right by the ocean. We'll spend our days making love and playing in the surf. Yeah, that's my wish!" And with a poof of smoke the Sergeant vanished.

The Staff Sergeant jumps up. "Okay, now me! I wish for TWO million dollars, a discharge from the Marine Corps, and a drop-dead gorgeous wife with a mansion located on our own private tropical paradise. We'll make beautiful babies and live in peace. That's my wish!" And with a poof of smoke the Staff Sergeant vanished.

The genie looks at the last Marine and says, "Okay, Gunny. What's it going to be? 100% retirement? Your own hunting camp in northern Michigan? I know! Your own bar in Subic Bay!" The Gunnery Sergeant pauses for a brief moment. He folds his arms, lifts an eyebrow, and curls his lip as he leans in toward the genie..... "No thanks, the Corps my life. Just have those two clowns back in time for formation after chow!"

(E-mails & Letters continued to next page)


E-mails & Letters . . . continued


Chief,

I thought you might be interested. My brother, PAUL E. CARRIGAN was in the first group of Aerographers Mates to qualify as combat aircrewman. This was early 1941 prior to Pearl Harbor. I am mailing copies of the book to the museums at University of Alaska, museum of the Aleutians at Dutch Harbor, and USAF 11th Air Force Archives at Elmendorf.

Regards,

Ralph O. Carrigan

(Book Review by Norm Macomber)

**The Flying, Fighting Weathermen
of Patrol Wing Four**

(Author: AGC Paul E. Carrigan)

Paul was born on 11 August 1923 in Paterson, New Jersey. He died on 23 June 2001. The Roaring Twenties and The Great Depression, along with the urban environment of northern New Jersey shaped his formative years. If one has the perception that this situation was a rather tough setting in which to grow up, that perception would be totally correct. At age 8, Paul received a set of boxing gloves and headgear for Christmas. For the next few years, Paul spent a great deal of time learning the art of boxing. With a less than benign temperament and a growing ability to defend himself, Paul was occasionally on the wrong side of the law and saw the U.S. Navy as a means to see the world. After Recruit Training at Newport, RI, Paul was sent Primary Aerographer's School at Lakehurst, NJ and matriculated with Class 22.

THE BOOK:

The book is a 3-volume set of the memoirs of Paul that chronicle W. W. II, primarily in the Aleutian Islands. Paul did extensive research utilizing the libraries of Admiral James S. Russell USN (Ret) and Captain Carl H. Amme USN (Ret), along with many other primary and secondary sources, plus the personal recollections of the many weather personnel and flying personnel involved in the Aleutian campaign from 1941-1945. The book is very detailed about the weathermen (and others), chronicling them by name and exploits. For example, a few of the weathermen cited include: Max Jack, Max Mull, Lester Mallory, William Douglas, John McQuarrie, Burton Lindley, "L" "R" Upton, T.J. Bliss, Ralph Darr, Elzie Carey, Richard Carter, Richard D. Ackerman, Ralph Rayburn, Jesse Vowell, Charles Patterson, Claude Giles, Walter Zamorski, Sander Podmanski, Donald Livingston, Emmet Smith, Glenn Olson, William Stewart, Walter Babic, T.O. Holliland and R.E. Vernon. This list is not exhaustive.

To give you a flavor of the writing style and some idea about the level of detail, here is a passage from Paul's memoirs: (Volume 1, Chapter 15, page 34) "The sunshine recorder was an instrument with a clock mechanism that drove a small cylindrical metal drum to which a chart was attached. A large magnifying glass mounted on the top of the case was supposed to catch the sun's rays and burn a pinpoint trace on the slowly revolving chart. No one could recall ever having seen a sunshine mark on any of the charts. The sunshine recorder sat expectantly on a post outside the weather office.

In addition to his regular duties, the task of changing sunshine recorder charts had been assigned to "L" "R" Upton upon his arrival at Dutch Harbor. Chief Darr held him responsible to see that this duty was performed without fail. Upton took quite a ribbing about all this and soon developed a hatred for the sunshine recorder. During the height of the second day's attack, with bombs exploding, Zeros strafing, and a great amount of firing taking place, Upton momentarily ran out of Zeros to shoot at. He searched for a target and spied an enemy, the sunshine recorder several hundred yards away. He got off two shots and missed before a Zero came in on another strafing run at the radio shack. During the remainder of the raid Upton did not get a chance to take aim again at his secondary target. When the firing ceased it was too late. Upton had missed his golden opportunity. As a result he had to continue changing unmarked sunshine charts until he was transferred to Nikolshi on Umnak Island about the middle of June 1942."

AVAILABILITY:

Chief Carrigan became ill and passed away before he had the opportunity to finish his memoirs. As a result, the final rough draft (#6) of the project remained dormant for an extended period of time. Recently his widow (Jean) decided that his work should be made available to those interested and enlisted Paul's brother Ralph to bring the project to print. Ralph Carrigan took the final rough draft and found a printer willing to publish it on an individual book basis (no mass production). This method is neither efficient nor economical, but the family does not want a large quantity of books gathering dust. The system will accommodate all of those individuals interested in acquiring this exhaustively researched and interestingly written book.

TO OBTAIN:

Anyone wanting to purchase a copy of Paul's memoirs, (THE FLYING, FIGHTING WEATHERMEN OF PATROL WING FOUR), can obtain one by contacting shipmate Ralph O. Carrigan or sending a check for \$45. The cost includes shipping charges. It should be noted that the project is being presented with the idea of making the historical record available to anyone interested. It certainly is not being done as a means of generating profit

Contact:

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Raffle tickets enclosed in this issue are for next year (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.



(Submitted by Kenneth Carr):

This is the transcript of the ACTUAL radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10/10/95.

Canadians: "Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision."

Americans: "Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision."

Canadians: "Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision."

Americans: "This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course."

Canadians: "No. I say again, you divert YOUR course."

Americans: "THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, I SAY AGAIN, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP."

Canadians: "This is a lighthouse... Your call!"

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"**Heroes Among Us**", a historical novel about life aboard the Coral Sea, is still available but may not be much longer. Author **Bill Williams**, an Association member, said the book was printed in a limited quantity so when it's gone, it's gone. About 350 copies remain to be sold. The book is not available in retail stores. Williams will donate \$2 from the sale of each book to the Coral Sea Association's new scholarship fund. The price of \$22 per book includes postage, handling and required state sales taxes.

Association member Bill Craig of Goshen, Indiana, said the story jogged his memory about serving aboard the Coral Sea. Craig said: "I had some tears, some chuckles and some loud laughs throughout the book...I could see, feel and smell the '*Cruel Maru*'. Some things never change. I certainly recommend your book to my shipmates, my kids and wife, for some background on me, as I could see myself and my buddies (the ones both here and passed on) in your characters."

Williams's first book, "**Days of Darkness: The Gettysburg Civilians**" -- a Civil War novel -- is available from major chain book stores. His third book, "**The Coal King's Slaves**" -- a novel about a coal-mining family in the 1890s -- will be released in June and will be available from major chains. A fourth book -- on the rescue of American bomber crews from Romania in 1944 -- is being previewed by his publisher.

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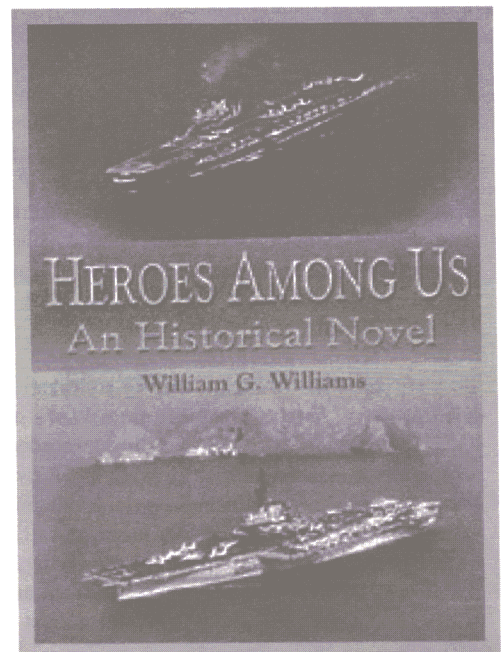
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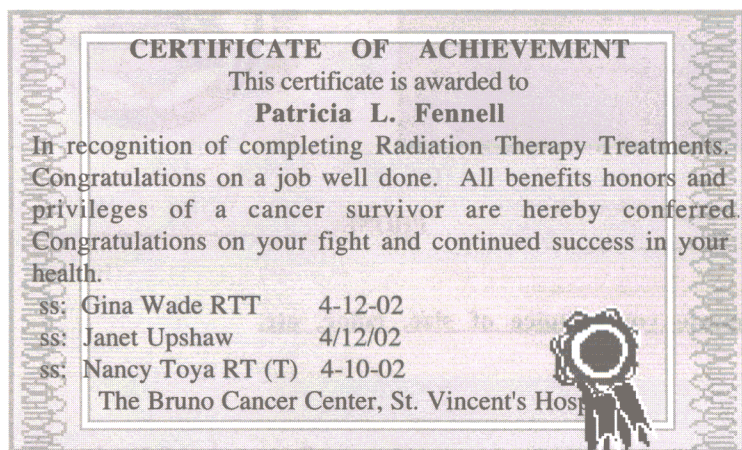
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AUTOGRAPH TO:



**(E-mails & Letters . . . continued)**

[Patricial L. Fennel is the wife of Robert W. Fennel, a member of the Coral Sea Association]



Yes, we're pleased and excited. Patricia completed her treatments yesterday and is on the road to recovery. For the benefit of all, remember that the radiation works from 2 to 5 additional weeks, so she will be -- according to the way it affects virtually everyone -- subject to severe "tiredness", particularly for the next week to 10 days, then gradually regaining her strength (just in time to pack for our vacation). She goes back in two weeks for a check, but this will be mostly to ascertain that there has not been in damage from the treatment. Probably after we return from vacation she will have a CT-scan to verify the completeness of the treatment -- then quarterly checks for about 2 or 3 years.

Thanks to each of you for the countless prayers and good wishes and a very special "thank you" to the fine staff working with Dr. Glover at St. Vincent's. They changed an "ordeal" into a normal everyday treatment -- that she virtually looked forward to. (Well maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but close!).

(Forwarded in March from the Tomhaves):

Dear Friends and Family,

Bob and I went yesterday, on the advice of Parker Hughes Cancer Center, to see Dr. Leonard at Fairview University Medical Center for a consultation about surgery. Dr. Leonard told us that it would be the only way to cure Bob's cancer and started talking about setting it up in his schedule. Guess we were shocked at how fast he was moving on this. Bob was noticeably shook. I told him other doctors told us Bob was not a candidate for this procedure. He did not agree. The surgery would be done differently than we were previously told and would not be as long. As we left his office he hugged me and said not to worry. Easy for him to say. I told him he has to take good care of him because he is all I have.

Bob has been sick since Sunday night and is so weak he can hardly walk and has some type of upper respiratory infection. He told him to take 1000m of Vit. E and Centrum to build himself up. Dr. called clinic and stopped all of his chemo treatments until he has surgery towards middle or end of April. Next week on Tues. Bob will have another scope done there and March 25th a cat scan done at Parker Hughes to see if tumor has gotten smaller after 8 sessions of chemo.

Now for some good news. We are leaving Minnesota March 26 and heading for Okeechobee, Florida. I made reservations in our campground for March 29, 30 & 31 leaving April 1st. Called the storage area and they will put our RV on our lot Friday morning. Notified our neighbors and they will help us hook up when we leave and they are so excited that we will be together for a few days. Bob and I hope to sing in our wonderful choir there on Easter Sunday. We are also planning on way back to spend 3 or 4 days with some old camping buddies, Jerry and Grace. We are so excited. We will be gone 2 weeks for sure and may be a little longer depending on when surgery is scheduled. We will drop our RV off in Wisconsin on way back and when Bob feels good enough to travel we might spend a week up there in the woods recooling with all the birds.

I will notify everyone when a date is set so you all will keep Bob and I in your prayers.

Love to all of you,
Nancy and Bob

(Just in time for the Catholic sex scandal):

A young monk arrives at his new monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the illuminated manuscripts. He notices they are copying from copies, not the original manuscripts. He goes to the Abbot to ask him about this. He points out that if there was an error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all of the other copies. The Abbott nods in agreement, saying, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

The Abbot goes down into the vault with one of the copies to check it against the original. Hours go by and when no one sees him return, his assistant goes down to the vault to look for him. When he reaches the manuscript room he hears moaning coming from the back of the vault. Hurrying to the sound he finds the old monk leaning over one of the original books sobbing. Dismayed, he asks the Abbot what is wrong.

In a voice filled with anguish, he replied "The word is...celebrate".

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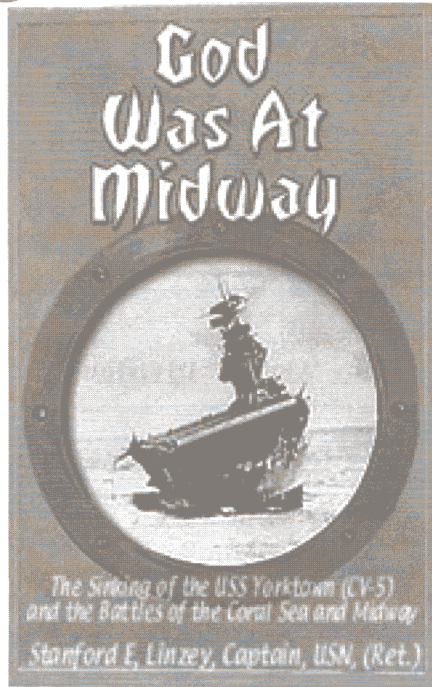
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| James L. Weisenburger | 1st-LT | 47-50 | Mar.Det. | | |
| George E. Williams | | YN3 | 72-75 | OPS | |

NOTES:

The possibility of an error always exist. If you find your name is not listed here, or misspelled, or if any personal information is incorrect, please contact me so I can make correct changes. Thank you.

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**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION
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WHERE: Settle Inn
Thousand Hills
3050 Green Mountain Drive
Branson, MO 65616-3814

RESERVATION: 1-800-677-6906
LOCAL: (417) 335-4700
E-mail: bsettleinn@aol.com
Website: bransonsettleinn.com/home.htm

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MEAL RESERVATION

(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

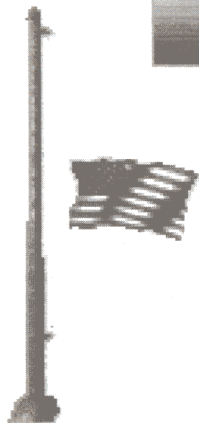
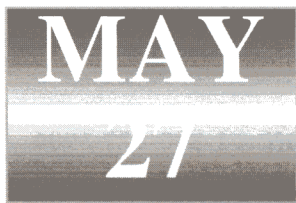
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

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



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Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

My 25 Favorite Country and Western Songs:

25. Get Your Tongue Outta My Mouth Cause I'm Kissing You Goodbye
24. Her Teeth Was Stained, But Her Heart Was Pure
23. How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?
22. I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling
21. I Sold A Car To the Guy Who Stole My Girl, But It Don't Run So We're Even
20. I Keep Forgettin' I Forgot About You
19. I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well
18. I Still Miss You, Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better
17. I Wouldn't Take Her To A Dog Fight, Cause I'm Afraid She'd Win
16. I'll Marry You Tomorrow But Let's Honeymoon Tonight
15. I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here
14. I've Got Tears In My Ears From Lyin' On My Back and Cryin' Over You
13. If I Can't Be Number One In Your Life, Then Number Two On You
12. If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To, I'd Be Out By Now
11. Mama Get A Hammer (There's A Fly On Papa's Head)
10. My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink, And I Don't Love You
9. My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend, And I Sure Do Miss Him
8. Please Bypass This Heart
7. She Got The Ring And I Got The Finger
6. You Done Tore Out My Heart And Stomped That Sucker Flat
5. You're The Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly
4. If The Phone Don't Ring, You'll Know It's Me
3. She's Actin' Single and I'm Drinkin' Doubles
2. She's Looking Better After Every Beer

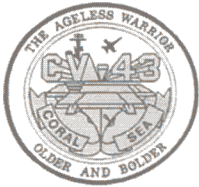
And my number one Country and Western song is:

1. I Haven't Gone To Bed With Any Ugly Women, But I've Sure Woke Up With A Few

The Greatest! -- ENRICHING THOUGHTS

- The most destructive habit Worry
- The greatest joy Giving
- The greatest loss Loss of self-respect
- The most satisfying work Helping others
- The ugliest personality trait Selfishness
- The most endangered speciesDedicated leaders
- Our greatest natural resourceOur youth
- The greatest "shot in the arm"..... Encouragement
- The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear
- The most effective sleeping pill..... Peace of mind
- The most crippling failure disease..... Excuses
- The most powerful force in life Love
- The most dangerous pariah A gossip
- The worlds most incredible computer..... The brain
- The worst thing to be without Hope
- The deadliest weapon The tongue
- The two most power-filled words "I Can"
- The greatest asset Faith
- The most worthless emotion Self-pity
- The most beautiful attireSMILE!
- The most prized possessionSelf esteem
- The most powerful channel of communication ... Prayer
- The most contagious spirit Enthusiasm

To the world, you may be one person;
but to one person, you may be the world.
Take A Walk With God, He Will Meet You At The Steps



MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION is open to all Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force personnel who served aboard the ship USS CORAL SEA (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the Commissioning crew (plank owners), even if they spent less than 90 days aboard shall be eligible for membership.

DUES

Association membership dues is \$10 per year. Dues for membership is not limited to one year when submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues, will be automatically earmarked to the Association's Scholarship Fund program.

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[X] Please mark which applies to you:

[] - I apply for membership for ___ year(s). Enclosed is a check/Money Order = \$ _____

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NAME: _____ Birthday: _____
(First Name- Middle Initial - Last Name) Mo/Day/Year

SPOUSE's NAME: _____ Birthday: _____ Anniversary: _____
Mo/Day/Year Mo/Day/Year

Street Address: _____ Phone No: () _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip+4: _____

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From ___ - ___ to ___ - ___ Division: _____ Rank/Rate _____
month/year month/year (i.e. Lt./RD1/SN/Sgt)

Military Retirement: No [] Yes [] Retired as: _____ USN [] USCG []
Rank/Rate USNR [] AIR FORCE []
USMC [] ARMY []

Please make check payable to: USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION
Return application to:

M.G. CORDERO (Secretary)
1803 Goodwin Drive
Vista, CA 92084-3036

To contact the Secretary by e-mail: mgcordero@nctimes.net

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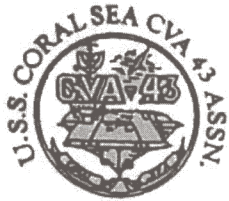
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