

# The Coral Sea Breeze

The Newsletter for all sailors and marines who served aboard the  
USS CORAL SEA (CVB, CV, CVA-43)

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*Chairman:* **John F. Plude, Sr.** (Portsmouth, VA - 2003)

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*Chairman:* **William G. Willaims** (Camp Hill, PA - 2004)

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**John F. Plude, Sr.**

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**John (Mike) Walker**

**President's Message**

Dear Shipmates;

I first want to announce that Secretary "Mike" has a new mailing address for the association, please note:

U S S CORAL SEA CVA 43 ASSOCIATION  
P O BOX 850690  
YUKON OK 73085-0690  
TELEPHONE: 1866-206-9392 (TOLL FREE)

The reunion at Branson, Missouri was a great success, along with some new people voted in to the future of the Ageless Warrior's Association. Please work with the new officers to help make their job as easy as possible.

Elected and appointed officers have been given the job to improve membership, support the membership, and complete the projects that the association is working on. One main project is to close the back door and keep our membership. I have appointed two members to work on this, which will take some of the load off of the secretary. This program worked before and I hope to see some old members return to the association. Annual dues for year 2002/2003 still remains at ten dollars a year, and is payable anytime between 01 October thru 30 September each year. Advance dues are always in order.

The scholarship program is in its second year and the Association has three elected members on this committee, for terms of one year, two years and three years. The Chairman of the program is shipmate William G. Williams.

The 25th reunion will be in October, 2003, at Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, Virginia. Reunion Chairman John Plude is working hard to see that all is in place for this event. John is working very hard on this event and I expect this to be a very large gathering of old shipmates, their wives, friends and guests.

Let's way anchor and have a very productive year.

Happy Holidays to all and prepare to go to work after all holidays are over.

Very Truly Yours,  
*Clarence R. (Bob) Mackey*  
President

**Support Your Association - Live the Spirit of the Coral Sea  
God Bless America!**

## From the Vice President

Ahoy, Shipmates:

The voyage to Branson has come and gone with a great time had by the 350 or so people who attended. The host and hostess for this year's even were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Locke. They had a great hospitality room and meals. There were a great number of people took advantage of all the shows in Branson and some of the tours that were provided.

The night of the banquet we had two very impressive speakers: Rear Admiral Henry Glindeman and Chaplain Sanford Linzey. After Admiral Glindeman addressed the association, Chaplain Linzey came forward and presided over the bell-ringing ceremony as each name of deceased shipmates was called. At the close of the ceremony, Barbara Miller, Bob Locke and I led the attendees in singing "God Bless America." I would have loved to had a tape recording of that. From where we were, it was tremendously moving. Thanks to everyone for joining in and a special thanks goes out to Barbara and Bob for helping me. I am looking forward to this being a tradition from now on.

After the banquet, Bob Locke had engaged the Glenn Miller Orchestra to play and the crowd stayed around and got into the dancing. Everyone that stayed appeared to have a terrific time.

On a sad note, association member, Richard Scudder, was taken ill Saturday night after the banquet and was taken to the hospital. He passed away from complications from an aneurysm on Wednesday. Let's be much in prayer for his widow and family. He will be greatly missed at future meetings.

At the annual business meeting quite a bit of business was brought before the board for discussion and votes. This was a year for election of officers. After the nominations were accepted and votes were counted, we now have new officers. Mr. Clarence "Bob" Mackey was elected President/ I was re-elected Vice President. Mike Walker from Oklahoma was elected Secretary and Dennis Walters of California is our new Treasurer. Guy Dunbar was re-elected to a three year term on the executive board and Robert Miller was elected for a one year term. I wish to express my good luck to our newly elected officers and my appreciation for their willingness to serve the association and its members.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to Chuck Whitcomb, M.G. Cordero, Jack Webber and John Plude for the time they spent serving our organization.

At this time, I would like to remind our shipmates to continue wearing the ballcaps and t-shirts and putting the bumper stickers on their cars. This way, we get the "word" out about the association and you would be surprised at how many people will stop you and ask you how to become members of the association. If you have any questions or concerns, my e-mail address is [cva43bil@hotmail.com](mailto:cva43bil@hotmail.com), my home address is 322 N. Portia St., Nokomis, FL 34275 and my telephone number is 941-485-4360. Also if you know of any our of shipmates (members or not), please contact one of the new officers listed above with their name, next of kin, date of death and an address.

Smooth sailing until next time!!

Vice President,

*Bill Johnson*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER FADE IN, FADE OUT



Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.

In New York's Hayden Planetarium, a special Christmas holiday show was enhanced by an added feature. A giant lollypop tree was projected onto the planetarium dome, surrounded by a horizon filled with brilliantly colored toys which came to life and cavorted to the tune of "Jingle Bells." At the climax, a huge figure of Santa Claus faded out in a snowstorm, and the star of Bethlehem broke through into a sky that reproduced exactly the Palestine sky on the night of the nativity. The designer of this show may not realize that he dramatically staged the supreme Christian message our world needs to understand: The recovery of the lost meaning of Christmas. The effect must have delighted the hearts of all children who saw it, without doing any violence to their love of Bethlehem. But for adults it is a tragic loss to substitute "Jingle Bells" for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and a lollypop tree for the manger of Bethlehem. The instinct is right to fade out these things in the light of the Christmas star. It is about God's incarnation that the angels sang -- God With Us.

*Stanford E. Linzey, Jr.*



## TAPS

Harry Ogbin of Bayonne, NJ passed away February 3, 2002. He served aboard from 1956 to 1957 in R Division as an ME3. Harry's wife, Sarah, said he loved the Coral Sea and was very proud of his tour aboard ship. He was born March 17, 1939.

Richard E. Scudder of Streator, IL passed away October 16, 2002. He fell ill Saturday night at the reunion banquet and passed away the following Wednesday. He served aboard from 1955 through 1957 in X Division as a Seaman.

John J. Ruschak of West Creek, NJ passed away November 13, 2002. He served aboard 1947 to 1949 in E Division as the EMC. John passed away due to a heart attack.

They will all be missed by family, friends and shipmates. Our prayers go out to them.

Yearly Treasurer's Report  
 July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002  
 Association Financial Status

I. CD - Started 9/12/97 with \$6,000.00	
A. Value on Rolled Date 1/12/02 -	\$ 7,623.80
B. Maturity Date - 10/9/02	
II. New Scholarship Fund 4/03/20	
A. New England Securities	
1. American Balanced Fund Class B	10,000.00
III. Small Stores	6,672.10
IV. Check Book	<u>\$ 25,197.60</u>
TOTAL	\$ 49,493.50

LARGEST DISBURSEMENTS

1. USS Ranger Fund	\$ 5,010.00
2. Scholarship - Erik Shearer (PA State)	2,000.00
3. Secretarial/Breeze	10,578.58
4. Web Site Activity - Guy Dunbar	728.60

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John H. Weber*  
 Association Treasurer

NOTE: DUE TO THE INAUDIBILITY OF THE BOARD MEETING TAPES AND THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING TAPES, THE MINUTES OF THOSE MEETING WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

ANNUAL NEW JERSEY AREA SPRING MEETING

WHEN:      Saturday, 26 April 2003  
             11:30 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE:    Sir John's Restaurant  
             230 Washington Place  
             North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
             (732) 297-3803

For more information, contact John Weber, 273 Crestwood Drive, Milltown, NJ  
 008850-1805, (732) 828-1234

More information to follow!

### From the Secretary . . .

First I would like thank all for your support and votes during the Branson reunion. I will do my best for the Association and its members. Things are coming together a little slow, but we should have a handle on it soon. The change over takes time when members are as spread out as we are, so please bear with us. I want to thank all of you who have helped me in this change over and for your continued support.

About Myself: I was born and raised in South Louisiana. (Houma, Southwest of New Orleans). I enlisted in the Navy at the tender age of 18, took my boot camp at San Diego, CA. After that vacation, I was assigned to the USS Oriskany, CVA 34 in V-6 Division. Next was pre-com school and the dreaded trip on the USS Barrett to Bremerton, WA to board the USS Coral Sea. What a sight, she was beautiful (anything would have been after spending a week on the Barrett, even the dumpster on the dock looked good). I was assigned to V-6 Division until a screw up on my part had me transferred to V-1, which worked out great. There I stayed until my release. I am married (for 31 years), have two children. One son and one daughter. My son is currently serving with the Air Force, and has served for 14 years. He is stationed in Offutt, NE. My daughter, who we adopted, served in Navy as a Corpsman at NAS North Island for four years. My family and I reside in Yukon, OK, just West of Oklahoma City, and have been in Oklahoma for the past 29 years.

I would, once again, like to thank you for your support. Hope to see everyone at Portsmouth in October. Be safe and healthy this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

**Mike Walker**

### Notice to all Members:

I am updating the roster and you will receive your copy in March with your newsletter. If you have had a change in your address, phone number, e-mail, or know of a member who has, please let me know so I can update his or her information. On the new renewal form, a space has been added for your service number (optional) for use by the locator.

Note: Due to the **Privacy Rights Act** - if you don't want your phone number and/or address published in the roster that will go to only your shipmates, **LET ME KNOW**, and I will remove it from this mailing.

Through the Association's roster, this past week 2 shipmates whom haven't spoken with one another in 54 years were reunited. This can only happen when your records are up to date. Keep me informed. Thanks, Mike.

ATTENDEES  
24TH Annual Reunion Branson, MO  
October 10-13, 2002

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
ABERCROMBIE, DELBERT	V-1	FRESNO, CA
ADKINS, JACKIE		
AKROMAS, ERNEST A	B	LARKSVILLE, PA
ANDERSON, ROBERT A.	V-1A	GREENBACK, TN
AVELLINO, SAL	S-2C	GREAT NECK, NY
BARR, CHARLES P	A	LESTER, PA
BERNARDY, BENJAMIN	V-3G	TAMA, IA
BERNARDY, PAUL H	S-2/S-5	LAKE ELMO, MN
BOELTER, FRANCIS G.	E	DETROIT LAKES, MN
BORIO, JULES J	1ST	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
BORRMANN, DONALD	O-1	MARCO ISLAND, FL
BRADFORD, JOSEPH		
BRANK, JAMES	X	GREENSBORO, NC
BROTHERS, JAMES	M/B	LINDENHURST, IL
BURKHART, MERL R.	B	PERRYSVILLE, OH
BUSBY, LEON G.	G	DEER PARK, TX
CALDERONE, JACK	V-30	VALENCIA, CA
CALI, LEO	1ST	WHIPPANY, NJ
CAMELIO, RENATO	A	BILLERICA, MA
CASSLER, CLARENCE	GM	
CASTRICONE, ROBERT	AIR DEPT	SALEM, NH
CHAPMAN, GERALD B.	2ND	BURGOON, OH
CLARK, JOHN R.	V-2	TAYLORSVILLE, UT
COLLIER, JERRY		
COLLINS, CLARENCE	6TH	POWELLTON, WV
COLLINS, C.J.		
CONLEY, CHARLES J.	B	SYLVANIA, OH
COOK, THOMAS	A	AMESBURY, MA
CORDERO, MARNIE G.	E	VISTA, CA
CRAIG, WILLIAM	E	GOSHEN, IN
CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT	V-1F	NEWTON, MA
DAVIS, GENE	V-1F	YOUNGSTOWN, OH
DELACRUZ, JUANITO	SDC	RIVERSIDE, MI
DI STEFANO, MICHAEL	B	MEDFORD, NJ
DOERNBACH, HERMAN	E	MILWAUKEE, WI
DOOLEY, WALTER	OI	MARYVILLE, TN
DUNBAR, GUY O	OI	EDMOND, OK
DUNBAR, STEVEN A.	GM/ E DIV OFFICER	LEE'S SUMMIT, MO
ESSER, STEPHEN J.	B	MONROE, WI
EVERETT, MANUEL	A	FAITHAVEN, MA
FRACUL, MICHAEL JR.	E	GLENDORA, CA
FRIEDEBORN, DAVID R.	S-3	LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ
FROSHEISER, RONALD A.	OC	DES PLAINES, IL
FUSELIER, LEE R	1ST/N	GREENWOOD, LA
GANTNER, ROSELIES (WIDOW OF PHILIP GANTNER)	E	SADDLE BROCK, NJ
GARNETT, ORVILLE	V-1	ROCHESTER, MI
GAST, ROBERT		
GIER, ROLLAND H	B	SALINE, KS
GILLIES, WILLIAM	5TH	LEVITTOWN, PA
GLINDEMAN, HENRY P.	AIR WING 15	MELBOURNE, FL
GOOD, JOE	E	YUMA, AZ
GREGORY, LINVILLE	V-1	HARDIN, KY
GRACA, EDWARD S.	V-3G	GLENDALE, AZ
GROCKI, STANLEY	OI	JOHNSON CITY, TN
HAASE, GEORGE E.	V-1	TAMPA, FL
HABUDA, FRANK	S-1	SMYRNA, GA
HALL, RAE A.	B	SOUTH BRAINTREE, MA
HILDEBRANDT, GORDON E.	1ST/5TH	NORTH JAVA, NY
HINTZE, ROBERT E.	E	APOLLO BEACH, FL
HOLIMAN, DENNIS	V-1	
HOLSCLAW, ROSS R. JR.	B	DISPUTANTA, VA
HONS, WILLIAM	S-3	LINDENHURST, NY



<u>NAME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
HOWARD, GEORGE W.	V-2	MACEO, KY
HUEBNER, ALFRED J.	E	ROCHESTER, MN
HUNT, WHITNEY JR.	A	GONZALES, LA
ISLER, JOHN H.	E	VINTON, VA
JACOBS, LELAND	A	MADISON LAKE, MN
JANERO, EDWARD M.	V-1	
JENKINS, JACKIE E	G	BREMINGTON, WA
JOHNSON, JAMES	OC	MADISON, WI
JOHNSON, MELVIN M.	M	CREEDE, CO
JOHNSON, WILLIE A.	3RD	NOKOMIS, FL
JONES, CURTIS F.	V-2	PENSACOLA, FL
JONES, JERRY C.	G	GALENA, MO
KAISER, CARL A. JR.	V-1	BLOOMINGDALE, NJ
KANKIEWICZ, RICHARD A.	V-3G	BUFFALO, NY
KELLY, HARRY T. JR.	A/V-1	JOPLIN, MO
KENNEDY, HAROLD W.	V-1	
KIMMERLY, EDWARD	2ND	RIVERSIDE, OH
KLEEMAN, HENRY M.	B	LEWISTOWN, PA
LAMON, BERNARD	B	UNION GROVE, WI
LANGAN, PAUL J. JR.	B	ATLANTIC BEACH, FL
LEPPING, ANTHONY	V-2	NORTH CAPE MAY, NJ
LEVY, SAM L.	V-3G	DAISYTOWN, PA
LEWIS, JOHN T.	E	SUNSET BEACH, NC
LICKEY, JON E.	OI	PEORIA, IL
LINZEY, STANFORD E. JR.	CHAPLAIN	ESCONDIDO, CA
LISONBEE, MICHAEL J.	G	HEBER CITY, UT
LOCHNER, ROBERT A.	AIR GROUP	HAYWARD, CA
LOCKE, ROBERT E.	V-3G	REPUBLIC, MO
LONG, JAMES T.	V-2	MURRAY, KY
LUNDIN, EDWARD J.	V-1H	ISHPEMING, MI
MACHADO, JOSEPH C.	5TH	FRESNO, CA
MACKAY, CLARENCE (BOB)	S-2	CLAUMENT CITY, IL
MASION, PAUL W.	OC	FEDERAL WAY, WA
MATTSON, DONALD	V-1A	MESA, AZ
MCCOY, ROBERT H.	B	ELDORADO SPRINGS, MO
MCKAY, JOSEPH F.	S-3	SARASOTA, FL
MCLAUGHLIN, FRED H	5TH	BOLIVAR, PA
MCRAE, PAT M.	V-1/V-3	
MEADOWS, RUSSELL S.	A-5	ELYRIA, OH
MICHAEL, ROBERT P.	S-2	
MILLER, BLAINE L.	MARINE DET	DALMATIA, PA
MILLER, ROBERT T.	A	NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
MOLL, WILLIAM A.	B	ALGONQUIN, IL
MONTOYA, DENNIS D	G	FAIRVIEW, NM
MORTIMER, PAUL D.	VF-161	HARTLAND, WI
NATZKE, GERALD R.	OI	IRMA, WI
NERBETSKI, ROBERT S.	V-1	EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ
NEUMAN, GEORGE A.	V-1F	TOLEDO, OH
NICHOLSON, WILLIAM F.	M	LODGE, SC
NOBLE, JACKIE L.	X	CAMINO, CA
NOLAN, JERRY		
OGAN, GEORGE S.	S-2	ENERPRISE, KS
PAKSI, EDWARD	S-1	ROSCOMMON, MI
PARKER, DALE F.	V-30	LITTLE ROCK, AR
PETTIT, IVAN E.	A	FRANKLIN, PA
PHILLIPS, MILFRED D. JR.	V-1F/V-2	SAN DIEGO, CA
PICKEL, L.W.	S-2	SAN ANTONIO, TX
PINKLEY, VIRGIL A.	DENTAL	GLEN CARBON, IL
PLUDE, JOHN	A	STREET, MD
PORTER, PAUL E.	B	PARSONS, TN
POSKIN, ORAL J.	S-1	KANKAKEE, IL
PREMO, DAVID S.	V-1C	TUPPER LAKE, NY
RABER, LEROY D.	A	MONTGOMERY CITY, MO
RATH, ROY F.	E	NEW HAVEN, IN
REED, JAMES T.	1ST	AUSTIN, TX
RIBBE, JAMES H.	V-3G	CHERRY HILL, NJ
ROBERTS, RONALD H.	X	BALDWIN, MD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
ROGERS, GEORGE J.	ADMIN	POWDER SPRINGS, GA
SANTO, MICHELI	7TH	HAWTHORNE, CA
SCUDDER, RICHARD E.	X	STREATOR, IL
SECKER, RAYMOND J.	5TH	
SEEDS, ROBERT G.	A	SUMMERFIELD, FL
SHAW, GERALD E.	OI	
SHELLEY, JESS B.	A	MANDEVILLE, LA
SHIVAK, FRANK J.	OI	OCEANSIDE, CA
SIEVERT, BURTON	B	MUKWONAGO, WI
SMITH, RONALD		
SMOLINKA, JOSEPH	A	MANVILLE, CA
SNYDER, THOMAS L.	V-1C	LAFAYETTE, IN
SQUIRES, WILLIAM H.	VA-106/X	ATLANTA, GA
STICKEL, KENNETH E.	F	BELLE VERNON, PA
STIFFEY, ARTHUR T.	2ND	
STORY, JERRY D.	M	EQUALITY, AL
STRAWN, HAROLD K.	VC-1	PHILLIPSBURG, NJ
TEAGUE, BRAXTON E.	V-1	RICHARDSON, TX
TEMENAK, FRANK R.	R	BRIDGEVIEW, IL
THAYER, WILLIAM R.	V-30	DORCHESTER, MA
THOMPSON, ROBERT M.	E	DECATUR, IL
THORNBURGH, CHARLES T.	OR	MAPLE VALLEY, WA
THRONTON, TERRENCE E.	E	JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL
TOMPKINS, RALPH L.	VF-173	
TRUSSELL, HERMAN R.	V-1	
VANDENBOSCH, RON	V-3	ARTESIA, CA
WALKER, JOHN M.	V-1	YUKON, OK
WALTERS, DENNIS A.	A	MONARCH BEACH, CA
WALTON, HENRY H.	ADMIRAL	CLARKSVILLE, AR
WATMOUGH, KENNETH C.	1ST	ASHEVILLE, NC
WEBER, JOHN H III	V-3G	MILLTOWN, NJ
WELSH, EDWARD L.	OE	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
WHITCOMB, CHARLES H.	O2	BIRMINGHAM, AL
WILKERSON, JAY W.	V-1C	LOUISVILLE, KY
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM G.	OI	CAMP HILL, PA
WILLIAMSON, JAMES M. JR.	F	CHULA VISTA, CA
WILSON, WILLIAM J.	O-3	PALM SPRINGS, FL
WOOD, DAVID A.	V-3	WARREN, OH
WRIGHT, ROBERT		
ZMITEWSKI, THOMAS		



If you didn't make it this year, we hope to see you at upcoming reunions and events!!!!!!!!!!

**DO YOU WANT TO REUNION TO BE IN YOUR AREA?  
HERE IS THE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS:**

**USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION  
HOTEL/MOTEL and CITY/STATE SITE CRITERIA**

**DATE of REUNION: ---**

Weekend prior to Columbus Day, or as close to 01 October as possible.

**CITY and STATE: ---**

Named city and state where reunion is to be held.

**COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION: ---**

Airlines - Amtrak - Bus Lines that serve the area.

**HOTEL/MOTEL: ---**

Hyatt - Sheraton - Marriot - Radisson - Holiday Inns, etc. and must be able to house the complete reunion and all functions.

**HOTEL/MOTEL ROOMS: ---**

200/400 (Plus or Minus) which includes singles - doubles - triples or quads etc. - extra person in room - including handicaps.

Room Rates: \$60.00 to \$85.00, plus city and state taxes. Rates to be in effect three to five days before and after reunion dates.

The number of comp rooms per 40/45/50.

**HOTEL/MOTEL PARKING: ---**

Valet - Self - RV's - Motor Homes.

**HOTEL/MOTEL TRANSPORTATION: ---**

To/From local airport, Amtrak station or bus terminals. Also what is available to handicap people such as mobile scooters and wheel chairs. (Rentals)

**MEALS: ---**

**BREAKFAST:** (02) Saturday and Sunday, buffet style.

**FRIDAY EVENING:** Sit down with social affair following meal.

**SATURDAY EVENING:** (Banquet Night). Dressed affair, short program, music by: (Band or D.J.), Including all State taxes and gratuity taxes. Cash bars Friday and Saturday evening meals.

**RESERVATIONS: ---**

Will be handled by Association Reunion Chairman, with moneys being sent to Hotel/Motel for the individual reservations, with balance paid upon check out.

**CUT OFF DATES: ---**

Twenty-One (21) days prior to reunion.

**MEETING ROOMS: ---**

**THURSDAY** - All day Board of Directors for Twenty (20) people. "T" table with chairs for visitors, (10).

**FRIDAY** - Area for registration, 1300 to 1700 hours. One long table for six (6) people for check-in.

**SATURDAY** - Annual business meeting using same room where Saturday breakfast is held with following requirements:

1. Raised table for officers to use when conducting business meeting.
2. Working "mikes", one (1) at officers' table and two (2) in meeting room with one (1) on the left side and one (1) on the right side of the room.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** ---

Large enough to accommodate 100 plus people seated at any one time. Association to be able to supply their own merchandise. (Closed during all meals and meetings, opened by president only.)

**SMALL STORES:** ---

Room provided to association for disbursement of small stores, with the ability to lock room when not in use.

**MEMORABILIA ROOM:** ---

Members to bring their mementos for viewing and sea stories.

**CONTRACTS:** ---

If signed with an agent other than an Association member chairman, the Association will have sole control of program, hospitality room and music cost will be absorbed by contractual agent.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** ---

A person who submits a proposal (will undoubtedly perform as on-site chairman), will have no authority to contract for or authority for expending any funds of the Association in accordance with "Article VII," duties by the President and Treasurer. Contracts shall be approved and signed by the President. Committee Chairman will be guided by "Article XII". Committee Chairman are responsible to the President.

When I think of a shipmate, I think of that Sailor who works side by side with you everyday. It's that Sailor who shares the rough times, as well as the good times. It's that same Sailor who goes to general quarters and battle stations with you when tragedy strikes; and that same Sailor that you will entrust with your life. True shipmates are those sailors with whom you make lifetime friendships that can never be compared to anything. There is no other job comparable to the US Sailor. We have put our lives in harm's way for what we believe in. We have sacrificed time away from our families and loved ones when the rest of the world is working 9 to 5 and going home to their loved ones. That individual word shipmate means so much to me. So next time you hear a sailor call someone shipmate, know it is a compliment. He is saying "we are friends". I take the word shipmate very seriously. I take it with pride and honor along with all sailors before us who served their country with honor, courage and commitment. They have passed on this tradition with meaning and sacrifice. Always be proud of who you are. Never dishonor yourself or your SHIPMATES . . . !

You gotta stop and think about your shipmates. That's what makes you a great person and a great leader - taking care of each other. You've got to think - team. It take a team to win any battle, not an individual." ANCHORS AWEIGH

## FOX DIVISION ADVENTURES

Number 24 in a Series

by

Rom Braun

FT2    (1953 - 1956)

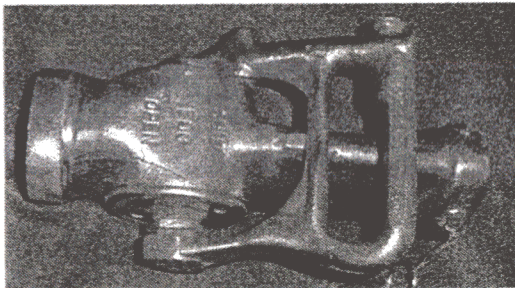
The FT "A" School in Bainbridge got off to a good start. To teach us FTs electronics, the class room lectures were reinforced by the lab assignments. The lab exercises (the first twelve weeks of class) were built around a radio receiver. We learned how to solder, make good connections to tube sockets (hey - electronics in those days were vacuum tubes!) and make clean and neat wiring runs.

The first section of the radio was the power supply. In those days you had the filament supply (6.3 vac) which heated the vacuum tube's filament which in turn heated the vacuum tube's cathode, while the other part of the power supply provided the high voltage (250 vdc) for the vacuum tubes' plate supply. WOW! - really different compared to voltages in today's power supplies!

Other sections of the radio consisted of the audio amplifier, IF amplifier, the RF amplifier, the variable frequency oscillator, the tuner, and of course the speaker. Various pieces of test equipment were used to check out the sections as they were completed. As a result all the radios worked when completed.

Those lab exercises were a good choice in those days as everything at that time was analog as compared to today's digital world.

Every Friday morning we were tested and every Friday afternoon we had a Field Day exercise! The Field Day exercises were quite simple - sweep and mop the wooden decks, polish the brass work - remember the brass on the fire fighting equipment.



Then the weekend started and off to one of the great cities like Baltimore, New York City, or Washington DC. Oh yes, one liberty section had to stay behind with the weekend duty.

After the first twelve weeks, we began the detailed study of the various firecontrol systems. But that is another short story!

**Military Thanks!**

If you are so inclined, visit the Department of Defense web page below and sign a brief message, thanking the men and women of the US MILITARY SERVICES for defending our freedom. The compiled list of names will be sent out to our soldiers. So far, there are 2,498,009 names.  
<http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>

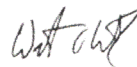
Below is a letter to Sal Avellino, Secretary Emeritus, USS Coral Sea CVA 43 Association from Walter A. Waite, Jr., Secretary of the America Association. This letter shows that our Association will once again be known as leaders, not followers:

At a recent Board of Directors meeting of the U.S.S. America Carrier Veterans Association, it was decided to establish a scholarship program. Not having done this before, we are unsure of the best approach. A number of questions have arisen and we would appreciate your help in answering them.

Who is eligible for your scholarship award and what qualifications do they have to meet? Do members nominate candidates? How is the amount of the award determined? Is the scholarship given annually? Is there one award or several and is there a specific use connected to the award? Is the winner selected by a committee, board of directors or some other way?

Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated and please know that it is our belief that all of the carrier associations can grow and become more proficient through mutual communication. The exchange of thoughts and ideas can only benefit us all.

Sincerely,



Walter A. Waite Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S.S. AMERICA  
Carrier Veterans Association

## VETERANS: VA OFFERS MEDICAL BENEFITS

If you are a military veteran, you're probably entitled to prescription drugs through the Veterans Administration (VA) for no more than \$7 for a 30 day supply. In some cases, they are free.

Unfortunately, this benefit has not been widely publicized, and many veterans are missing out.

"Our veterans earned VA health care' and we should make sure they get it," said UAW Vice President Cal Rapson, who directs the union's Veterans Affairs Department.

Rep. Ronnie Shows, D-Miss., recently revealed a memo from the department of Veterans Affairs to the VA urging it not to advertise its services in order to keep its cost down.

The memo cites "a growing crisis related to the continued demand for health care services that exceeds our resources," noting a 13.5 percent annual increase in users of VA health care services.

"I am shocked that high VA Officials are ordering VA health care providers to keep VA health care a secret," said Shows, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. "Veterans put their lives on the line for our country. They didn't ask for anything in return except for the government to keep the promises that were made to them."

Veterans' spouses, children and dependent parents may also be eligible.

VA health care enrollment more than doubled, from 2.9 million people in 1995 to 6.2 million in 2001. The solution, according to the memo, is to stop telling veterans about the health care services they have earned and to which they are entitled.

The memo orders a halt to any VA communication with veterans or the general public that would encourage qualified veterans to take advantage of the VA health care system.

Despite the Bush administration's rebuff, qualified veterans are entitled to aid.

Here are the requirements:

- \* You must have served full time in the military as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, the Environmental Services Administration, or the National Oceanic and Atmosphere.
- \* You must have been discharged under than dishonorable conditions.
- \* You must get your medications from a VA facility. More than 1,000 VA health facilities are available.

If you are a UAW member and wish to learn more about VA health care , check with your local's Veterans Committee.

Or fill out and submit form 10-10EZ , which you can obtain by calling 877-222-VETS, or check web

[www.va.gov/1010ez.htm](http://www.va.gov/1010ez.htm)

Reprint from UAW solidarity October '02

### **SOME FACTS ABOUT GENERIC DRUGS**

Generic drugs are made with the same active ingredients and produce the same effects in the body as their brand- name equivalents. By federal law, each generic drug is laboratory-tested to insure that the same amount of drug will be absorbed into the blood stream.

The difference ? Name and Price

The brand name of a drug is the name under which it was originally marketed, and it is protected by patent for up to 20 years.

When this patent expires other manufacturers can produce the generic equivalent of the brand and sell it under its generic name.

In general, the cost to the consumer immediately drops by 20 to 30 percent. Within two years , the price is usually up to 60 percent less.

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

## **MIDWAY MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Achievements to date**

### **October 23, 2002**

In our nearly ten-year effort to bring ex-USS MIDWAY to San Diego to serve as a world-class naval aviation museum dedicated to entertainment, education, and honoring American naval and marine personnel, we supporters have accomplished the following:

1. Developed an opening-day museum design with a budget of \$3.5 Million, based on existing successful carrier museums.
2. Arranged for bank loans totaling \$5.75 Million, available after donation of MIDWAY.
3. Raised and spent \$2 Million, obtained almost entirely from private donations and loans.
4. Created a Directors' Reserve Loan of \$1.1 Million, to be drawn, if needed, after the bank loans.
5. Secured a total of \$400,000 in vendor commitments and donor pledges to be paid after the donation of MIDWAY, raising to total project funding to be \$9.25 Million.
6. Won the approval and support of 86% of San Diego citizens, as measured by two professional polls.
7. Provided nearly 200 presentations on MIDWAY before civic groups, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, veterans, reunions, and business, church and alumni groups, etc.
8. Appeared before countless meetings of the North Embarcadero Alliance, the Port Commission, the Port Staff, the California Coastal Commission (where we earned a unanimous approval vote), the State Lands Commission Staff, and a myriad governmental agencies.
9. Won an \$8 million State grant for the repair of Navy Pier, MIDWAY's future home.
10. Responded positively to Navy application questions through nine editions comprising 153 questions and involving 1,773 pages of documents, charts, and exhibits, plus answering 56 questions from the Port and the State Lands Commission with 346 more pages of documentation.
11. Established a full-scale aircraft restoration facility, manned by several dozen volunteer expert artisans who have already beautifully restored several carrier-based naval aircraft.
12. Acquired the priceless 800-item Hovis collection of historic U.S. Navy memorabilia, dated from 1776 to 1945.
13. Received widespread official public support, including both the current and previous Governors, both Federal senators, the State Legislature, the current and previous Mayors of San Diego, the San Diego City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, and numerous other civic and community groups.
14. Negotiated a 40-year lease for Port waterspace and space for boarding and service facilities on Navy Pier, providing up to 10 years of parking rights including 5 years of guaranteed parking at \$7 on the pier alongside MIDWAY, and qualifying for the donation of Navy Pier by the Secretary of the Navy.



15. Completed all that was asked of us by the Navy for ship/pier donation. Ball is now in Navy's court.

16. Finally, to achieve all of the above, we donated volunteer work hours valued at nearly \$10 Million.

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The following e-mail was sent to [dbrown@navytimes.com](mailto:dbrown@navytimes.com) today (12/16/02) when I received and read the December 23, 2002 issue of NAVY TIMES that featured an article about the naming of naval ships and in particular the choice of "George H.W. Bush" CVN-77 for the 10th Nimitz class carrier.

The mail was addressed to the writer of the story, David Brown, Staff Writer.

It is obvious, as noted in the article, that the current resident of the White House suggested to SECNAV that the naming of the carrier carry the G.H.W. Bush moniker. Talk about brazen politics.

Indications are that as soon after the Dec. 9 naming announcement Internet chatrooms were buzzing with outrage over a move that seen as purely political.

Jump on the net guys and put the hammer down on the White House and the Pentagon. This crap has got to STOP!!!

My letter follows, DS  
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OOPS!!! There were 3 Carriers in the MIDWAY class and in your NAME GAME column "On deck" segment one of those carriers was not listed.

It happens that a sister ship of the MIDWAY and CORAL SEA was the middle sister named USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, CV, CVB, CVA-42.

If any carrier deserves its name carried forward, it would have to be the USS CORAL SEA CV, CVB, CVA-43 which was committed to the salvor's torch after decommissioning April 30, 1990 and ending its 43 years of outstanding service.

Enough of the politicians getting their names on ships of the Fleet. They already have plenty buildings, parks, highways, airports and what have you named in their honor. Enough is enough.

BACK TO TRADITION.

C'mon sailors, get those cards and letters in the mail.

Dudley L. Stouch



**Welcome Aboard  
to our  
New Members!**

### Books that may be of interest...

During the annual National Association of Naval Photography (NANP) Convention held at Virginia Beach, VA October 4-6, 2002, five former Coral Sea Photomates were reunited.

Cdr Gerald P. Pulley, USN(Ret) who served as a LTJG Photo Officer during the mid-fifties and is a Charter Life Member of NANP and currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA.

LCDR John J. Jamroga, USN(Ret) currently resides in Sequim, WA and served aboard during the early '50's as PH1 and is a Charter Life Member of NANP.

PHCS James R. Weber, USN(Ret) of Chesapeake, VA is a Life Member of NANP who served during the early fifties as PH3 aboard the Coral Sea.

Stanley Grocki, Johnson City, TN was rated PH2 and served on the Coral Sea during 1952, '53 and '54. He is also a Charter Life Member of NANP.

Dudley Stouch, York, PA served aboard as AF3 in 1952 and '53 and is a Life Member of NANP. During the NANP Convention in October he entered some examples of his photographic work and won First and Second place awards.

James Weber is a Life Member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Beach Chapter of the NANP and was in charge of Registrations for the Convention which he handled superbly. He is also active in local activities.

Stan Grocki had his recent publication, YEAR OF LOST OPPORTUNITY, available for sale. The book is a look at the campaign and battle at Gettysburg and questions the Lee and Meade battle plans.

It was a good time for all, especially for Stouch and Jamroga who hadn't seen each other since 1953.

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For all you 'swabbies' who are interested...

This past summer the NAVAL INSTITUTE PRESS released the Centennial Edition of THE Bluejackets Manual, 23rd Edition by Thomas J. Cutler.

It is a hardcover of 664 pages, 5"x 8" and priced at \$29.95.

The changes from my 13th Edition of the 1946 Bluejackets Manual makes for some interesting reading.

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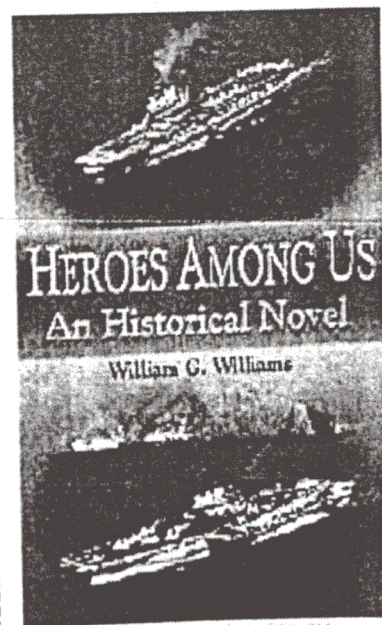
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## 50th Reunion

Every ten years, as summertime nears,  
An announcement arrives in the mail,  
"A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;  
Make plans to attend without fail."

I'll never forget the first time we met;  
We tried to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.  
It was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wined and we dined and we acted refined,  
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first  
To achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses  
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,  
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.  
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,  
And the cheerleaders could no more do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;  
Or poor little Jane, who'd always been plain;  
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"  
Was serving ten years in the pen,  
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;  
Shows you can be wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys  
Who seemed to have aged the least.  
Another was given to the grad who had driven  
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short or skinny, the style was the mini;  
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade,  
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,  
We were definitely over the hill.  
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,  
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait; they've just set the date;  
Our fiftieth is coming, I'm told.  
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall  
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my hearing aid;  
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.  
My wheelchair is oiled, my teeth have been boiled;  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty, I'm ready to party,  
I'll dance 'til the dawns early light.  
It'll be lots of fun; I just hope there's one  
Other person who gets there that night.

## Plank Owners

A "plank owner" is an individual who was a member of the crew of a ship when that ship was placed in commission. In earlier years, this applied to a first commissioning; since then, it has often been applied to one who was part of a recommissioning crew as well. "Plank owner" is not an official Navy term, and has consequently been variously defined by different Navy units.

Plank-owner certificates are procured by and issued to crew members of the ship being commissioned; they are not officially issued by the Navy. Some ships' crews design their own, while others purchase them from commercial sources. Perhaps the best-known of these are the ones sold by the **United States Naval Institute**. These color certificates can be obtained as blanks; if the purchaser wishes to provide the necessary information, they can be filled in for an additional charge.

Illustrations and prices of these certificates can be obtained from the **Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, MD 21402**.

In the case of ships with wooden decks, if the veteran has a plank owner certificate or statement of service showing that he was on the ship when it was commissioned, the veteran can write to the Naval Historical Center's Curator Branch, and request a piece of deck planking. If the veteran meets the above criteria and the Curator Branch has possession of deck planking, the plank owner or his widow can receive a small section of the deck. For more recent ships with metallic decks, the Navy is regretfully unable to issue deck sections.

### A Christmas Poem

'Twas The Night Before Christmas,  
He Lived All Alone,  
In a One Bedroom House  
Made Of Plaster And Stone.

I Had Come Down The Chimney  
With Presents To Give,  
And To See Just Who  
In This Home Did Live.

I Looked All About,  
A Strange Sight I Did See,  
No Tinsel, No Presents,  
Not Even A Tree.

No Stocking By Mantle,  
Just Boots Filled With Sand,  
On The Wall Hung Pictures  
Of Far Distant Lands.

With Medals And Badges,  
Awards Of All Kinds,  
A Sober Thought  
Came Through My Mind.

For This House Was Different,  
It Was Dark And Dreary,  
I Found The Home Of A Soldier,  
Once I Could See Clearly.

The Soldier Lay Sleeping,  
Silent, Alone,  
Curled Up On The Floor  
In This One Bedroom Home.

The Face Was So Gentle,  
The Room In Such Disorder,  
Not How I Pictured  
A United States Soldier.

Was This The Hero  
Of Whom I'd Just Read?  
Curled Up On A Poncho,  
The Floor For A Bed?

I Realized The Families  
That I Saw This Night,  
Owed Their Lives To These Soldiers  
Who Were Willing To Fight.

Soon Round The World,  
The Children Would Play,  
And Grownups Would Celebrate  
Bright Christmas Day.

They All Enjoyed Freedom  
Each Month Of The Year,  
Because Of The Soldiers,  
Like The One Lying Here.

I Couldn't Help Wonder  
How Many Lay Alone,  
On a Cold Christmas Eve  
In A Land Far From Home.

The Very Thought  
Brought A Tear To My Eye,  
I Dropped To My Knees  
And Started To Cry.

The Soldier Awakened  
And I Heard A Rough Voice,  
"Santa Don't Cry,  
This Life Is My Choice;

I Fight For Freedom,  
I Don't Ask For More,  
My Life is My God  
My Country, My Corps."

The Soldier Rolled Over  
And Drifted To Sleep,  
I Couldn't Control It,  
I Continued To Weep.

I Kept Watch For Hours,  
So Silent And Still  
And We Both Shivered  
From The Cold Night's Chill.

I Didn't Want To Leave On  
That Cold, Dark, Night,  
This Guardian Of Honor  
So Willing To Fight.

Then The Soldier Rolled Over,  
With A Voice Soft And Pure,  
Whispered, "Carry On Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, All Is Secure."

One Look At My Watch,  
And I Knew He Was Right.  
"Merry Christmas My Friend,  
And To All A Good Night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed A  
in Okinawa, Japan.

### Simulate Being a Sailor

- Buy a steel dumpster, paint it gray inside and live in it for six months/  
Run all the pipes and wires in your house exposed on the walls.  
Repaint your entire house every month.
- Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of the bathtub and move the shower head to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down.  
Put lube oil in your humidifier and set it on high.
- Once a week, blow compressed air up your chimney, making sure the wind carries the soot onto your neighbor's house.  
Once a month, take all major appliance apart and the reassemble them.
- Raise the thresholds and lower the headers of your front and back doors, so that you either trip or bang your head every time you pass through them.  
Disassemble and inspect your lawnmower every week.
- On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, turn your water heater temperature up to 200 degrees. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, turn the water heater off.
- Raise your bed to within 6 inches of the ceiling, so you can't turn over without getting out and then getting back in.  
Sleep on the shelf in you closet.
- Have your spouse whip open the curtain about 3 hours after you go to sleep, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and say "Sorry, wrong rack".
- Make you family qualify to operate each appliance in your house - dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc.  
Have you neighbor come over each day at 5 a.m., and blow a whistle so loud Helen Keller could hear it, and shout "Reveille, reveille, all hands heave out and trice up."
- Have your mother-in-law write down everything she's going to do the following day, then have her make you stand in your back yard at 6 a.m. while she reads it to you.  
Submit a request chit to your father-in-law requesting permission to leave your house before 3 p.m.
- Empty all the garbage bins in your house and sweep the driveway three times a day, whether it needs it or not.  
Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every 5th item before delivering it to you.
- Watch no TV except for movies played in the middle of the night. Have your family vote on which movie to watch, then show a different one.
- When your children are in bed, run into their room with a megaphone shouting that your home is under attack and ordering them to their battle stations.  
Make your family menu a week ahead of time without consulting the pantry or the refrigerator.
- Post a menu on the kitchen door informing your family that they are having steak for dinner. Then make them wait in line for an hour. When they finally get to the kitchen, tell them you are out of steak, but they can have dried ham or hot dogs.  
Bake a cake. Prop up one side of the pan so the cake bakes unevenly.  
Spread icing real thick to level it off.
- Get up every night around midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread.  
Set your alarm clock to go off at random during the night. At the alarm, jump up and dress as fast as you can, making sure to button your top shirt button and tuck your pants into your socks. Run out into the back yard and uncoil the garden hose.
- Every week or so, throw your cat or dog in the pool and shout "Man overboard port side!" Rate your family members on how fast they respond.  
Put your headphones from your stereo on your head, but don't plug them in.
- Hang a paper cup around your neck on a string. Stand in front of your stove and speak into the paper cup "stove manned and ready." After an hour or so, speak into the cup again and say "stove secured." Roll up the headphones and paper cup and stow them in a shoebox.
- Place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4 hour intervals.  
This is best done when the weather is worst.
- When there is a thunderstorm in your area, get a wobbly rocking chair, sit in it and rock as hard as you can until you become nauseous. Make sure to have a supply of stale crackers in your shirt pocket.  
For former engineers: bring your lawn mower into the living room, and run it all day long.
- Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget priced coffee grounds per pot, and allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.  
Have someone under the age of ten give you a haircut with sheep shears.  
Sew the back pocket of your jeans on front.
- Every couple of weeks dress up in your best clothes and go to the scummiest part of town. Find the most run down, trashiest bar, and drink beer until you are hammered. Then walk all the way home.  
Take a two week vacation visiting the red light districts of Europe or the Far East, and call it "world travel".
- Lock yourself and your family in the house for six weeks. Tell them that at the end of the 6th week you are going to take them to Disney World for "liberty". At the end of the 6th week, inform them the trip to Disney World has been canceled because they need to get ready for an inspection, and it will be another week before they can leave the house.

WHO'S READY TO GO BACK TO SEA?

Subject: Words of Wisdom?

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the guy who once said:  
"I woke up one morning and all of my stuff had been stolen...and replaced by exact duplicates."  
Here are some more of his gems:

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.

Half the people you know are below average.

99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.

All those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. (Think about it some more.)

I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane. Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy. Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.

I intend to live forever - so far, so good.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

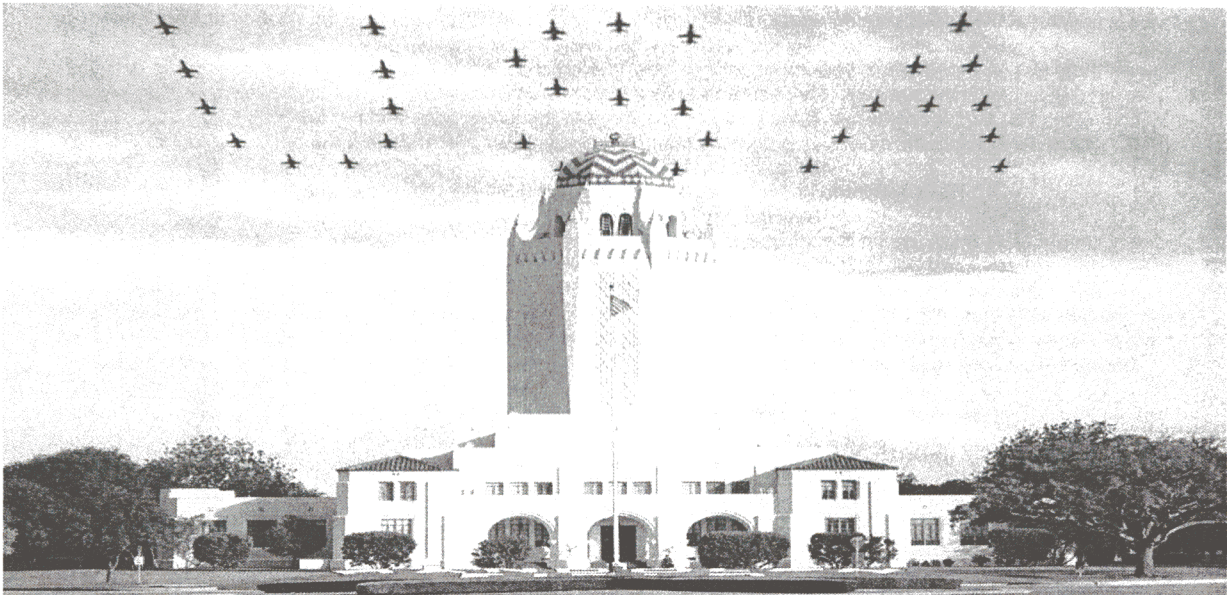
To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.







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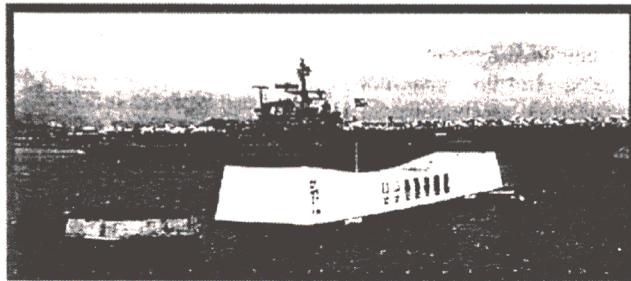
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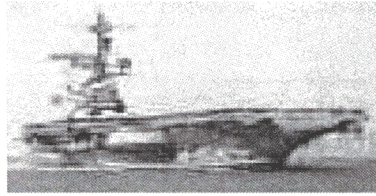
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**Thank you from the men of the USS Coral Sea for your entry.  
We wish you the best of luck in this program and in your future endeavors.**





**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.

---The Association is a Non-Profit Organization formed by former crew members.---

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

[X] Please mark which applies to you:

[ ] - I apply for membership for \_\_\_\_ year (s). Enclosed is a check/Money Order - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] - New Member

[ ] - Renew my membership for \_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/Money Order = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] - Renewal

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT) (First Name - Middle Initial - Last Name) Mo-Day-Year

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE or NOK\* \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ RADIO CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

**ON BOARD SHIP AS CREW MEMBER:**

From: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate on board: \_\_\_\_\_  
month-year month-year (i.e. Lt/RD1/FN/SN/Sgt.)

Military Retirement: No [ ] Yes [ ] Retired as: \_\_\_\_\_ USN [ ] USCG [ ]  
(Rank/Rate) USNR [ ] AIR FORCE [ ]  
USMC [ ] ARMY [ ]

**Office Use Only**

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

Mail application to:  
USS CORAL SEA ASSOCIATION  
P O BOX 850690  
YUKON OK 73085-0690

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To contact Secretary by e-mail: mikewalker4@aol.com  
Toll free number: 1-866-206-9392 or 405-350-7043

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

Make check payable to: USS CORAL SEA ASSN.  
Mail Order Form to:  
**HENRY KLEEMAN** (Storekeeper)  
336 Cottage Place  
Lewistown, PA 17044-1217



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

ITEM	Size or Description	Color	Quantity	Price each	\$Total
Ladies Shirt	One size fits most: Bears/Hearts design	White		\$21.00	
Coral Sea Jacket	M - Lg - XLg - 2XLg - 3XLg	Navy blue		\$42.00	
Sweatpants	S - M - Lg - XLg - XXLg	Birch or Navy		\$21.00	
Sweatshirts	S - M - Lg - XLg - XXLg	Birch or Navy		\$21.00	
Golf Shirts	M - Lg - XLg - XXLg	Light blue		\$21.00	
T-Shirts	S - M - Lg - XLg - XXLg	White with navy trim		\$12.00	
T-Shirts	M - Lg - XLg - XXLg	Navy with gold logo		\$12.00	
Caps	* Mesh back with scambled eggs * (CV-43), (CVB-43), (CVA-43) - Circle one			\$14.00	
Caps	* Regulation cap * (CV-43), (CVB-43), (CVA-43) - Circle one			\$12.00	
Caps (Red)	* USS Coral Sea * U.S. Marine Det. logo			\$14.00	
Pin	Marine (First to fight)			\$9.00	
Pin	USS Coral Sea CV-43 [made of oxidized metal (bronze) dye struck and silver-plated - the finish is hand-rubbed]			\$9.00	
Pin	United States Navy [Fouled gold anchor]			\$12.00	
Pin	Navy Wife [Fouled gold anchor]			\$12.00	
Pin	USN (silver)			\$9.00	
Coral Sea buckle & belt		Navy or Tan		\$15.00	
Marine buckle & belt		Navy or Tan		\$15.00	
Patch	Coral Sea (3-inch)			\$ 4.00	
Patch	Coral Sea (4.5 inch)			\$ 6.00	
Vanity License Plate	USS Coral Sea CV-43 (Ideal for those with one license plate)			\$23.00	
Chrome Lic. Plate frame	USS Coral Sea CV-43			\$15.00	
Photographs	USS Coral Sea (8 x 10 Straight Deck)			\$ 4.00	
Photographs	USS Coral Sea (8 x 10 Angled Deck)			\$ 4.00	
				Shipping & Handling.....	\$ 4.00
				TOTAL.....	

## More about the midway . . .

### *A Snapshot of Midway Magic*

#### **Description**

The Midway will be converted into a multi-dimensional, interactive, educational and entertainment complex, attracting visitors and residents alike as one of the only museums of its kind on the west coast.

#### **Highlights**

carrier aircraft on display  
below-deck theater  
flight simulators  
touring and permanent exhibits  
tours through selected portions of the ship  
research/historical memorabilia centers and displays  
community events, including "overnighters" for youth groups  
educational events

#### **Anticipated Opening**

Summer 2003

#### **Current Location**

Bremerton, Washington

#### **Projected Cost**

Approximately \$5 million for relocation, pier-side improvements and refurbishment. Financed by community contributions and private financing.

#### **Admission Price**

Competitive with other local attractions, plus youth, seniors and military discounts and multi-destination promotions.

#### **Location**

South side of Navy Pier, in the heart of San Diego Bay and at the foot of the revitalized downtown of "America's Finest City."

#### **2002 Status**

Working with the U.S. Navy on final details of the ship donation and pier acquisition. Finalizing water lease with the Port of San Diego. Restoration, fundraising efforts continuing. Anticipated opening is summer, 2003.

#### **For more information:**

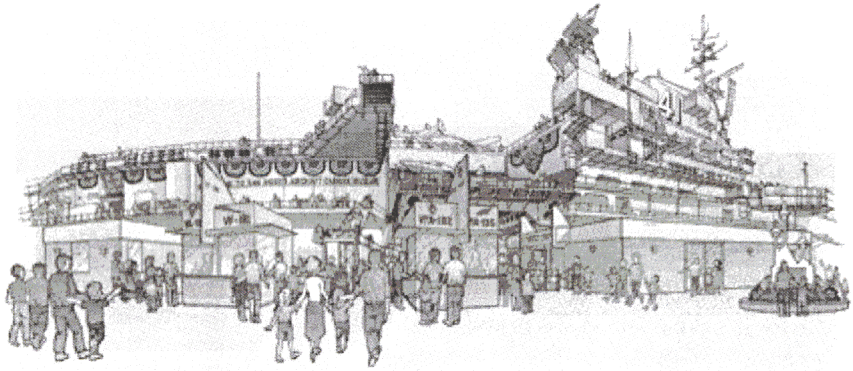
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scott@slmcomm.com Midway Museum Office

1355 N. Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101  
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### UPON ARRIVAL

Navy Pier promises to become a busy place for people of all walks of life in the heart of downtown San Diego's waterfront when the Midway begins her final tour of duty.

With new parking secured on the pier itself, visitors will be able to step from their car onto one of the true icons of the U.S. Navy of the latter half of the 20th century!

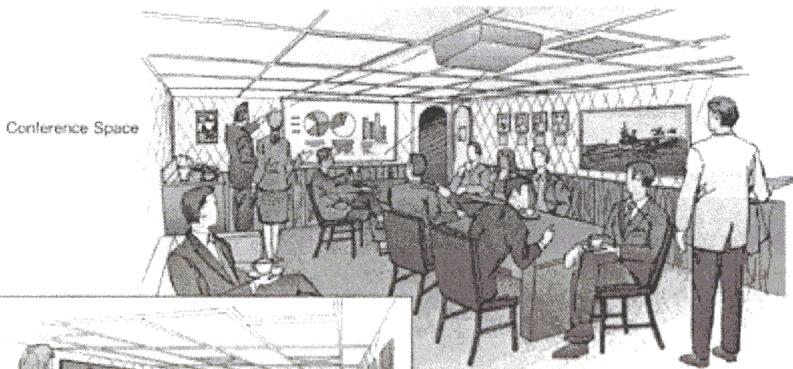


Navy Pier  
MUSEUM ENTRANCE



### FLAG OFFICER'S COUNTRY

Meeting planners, business organization, school teachers and youth group leaders are all looking forward to the day when they will be able to hold activities aboard the Midway, some of them in the same quarters as those inhabited by Flag Officers during the Midway's stellar 47-year history.



Conference Space

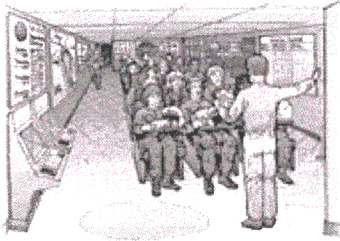


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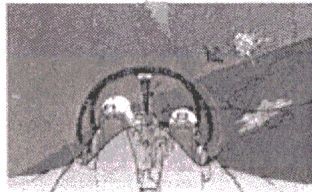


Meeting Spaces  
FLAG COMPLEX





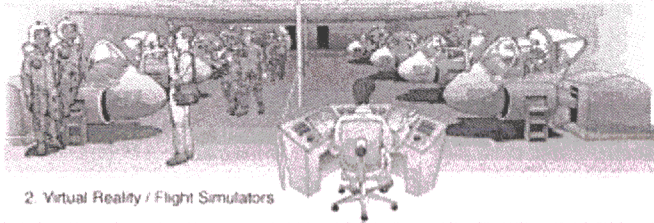
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3. Possible Simulation Experience



4. Landing Debrief



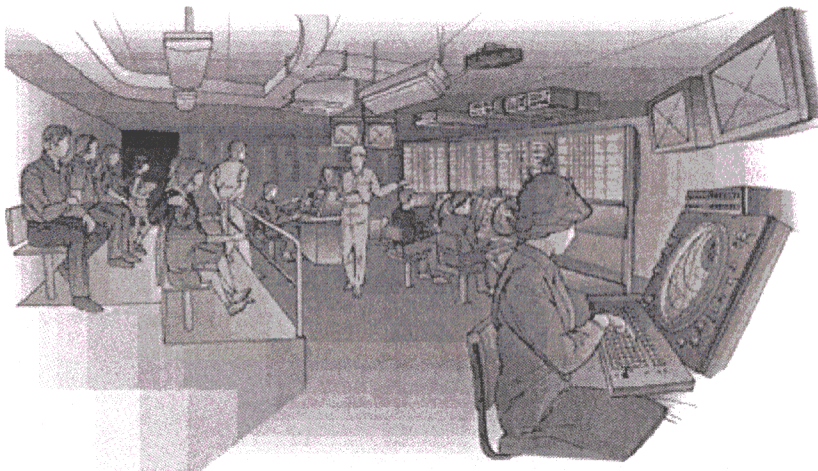
2. Virtual Reality / Flight Simulators

## MISSION FLIGHT CONTROL

Although probably not in time for the grand opening, part of the Midway long-range vision is for visitors to experience what it was like to take off and land a jet aboard the Midway.



Flight Experience  
MISSION FLIGHT SEQUENCE



## COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER

Taste the excitement in CIC, the nerve center of the Midway in time of conflict and peace for nearly 50 years!



Interactive Area  
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR JUST TO LOOK:

- ["http://members.tripod.com/Cymru\\_Am\\_Byth/midway/index.html"](http://members.tripod.com/Cymru_Am_Byth/midway/index.html)
- ["http://www-personal.umich.edu/%7Ebuzznau/"](http://www-personal.umich.edu/%7Ebuzznau/)
- ["http://midwayjoesnavy.myqth.com"](http://midwayjoesnavy.myqth.com)
- ["http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/CV41.htm"](http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/CV41.htm)
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OCTOBER 2-3-4-5, 2003

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Make sure you mention USS Coral Sea when making reservations.  
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OCTOBER 2-3-4-5, 2003

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Complete and mail this portion only to: JOHN PLUDE, SR; 1115 HEAPS ROAD;  
STREET, MD 21154; PHONE: 410-836-1040/FAX: 410-399-0170

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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The following rates include Friday buffet, Saturday & Sunday Breakfast, Saturday Banquet (Includes  
19% service charge and 11% sales tax)

One Person \$78    Two Persons \$156    Saturday Banquet Only \$30/person

Deposit of \$50.00 per person must be paid with reservation. Balance due by August 25, 2003.

Saturday night Banquet Entree Choice: (Make choice for each person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Round of Beef                      \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu

Walk-in Registration Fee \$10.00 per person    Number of People \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed              \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance (Due Aug 25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## MUSINGS OF AN EX-SAILOR

Coming out of Bainbridge, MD boot camp (4/52), I was asked what ship I'd like, if possible. I said the biggest on the East Coast. I figured it would be a long swim home if it went down, but that I'd get three squared a day and a clean bunk. The USS CORAL SEA CVB 43 was my assignment - but she was out in the Mediterranean. So they sent me to TAD Norfolk to mess cook until I could be sent to her.

Meanwhile, not being familiar with carriers, I strolled down to Pier 7 and visited the USS SIBONEY. Little did I know this wasn't a big carrier. A few months later I was put aboard a troop transport in Staten Island, NY. There were 200 soldiers going to Austria and 200 sailors going to ships in the Med.

First eight days I was sick as a dog (mal de mer). On the ninth day a soldier "saved" my life - he taught me how to play chess. Mind over matter. On the eleventh day we arrived in Naples, Italy. Herded to a plane for Nice, France. But, before taking off, one of the engines burst into flames! My first air flight and now this! Fortunately, it was resolved. Next adventure was a hectic bus ride from the airport in Nice to Golfe Juan, France (winding, close mountain cliffs).

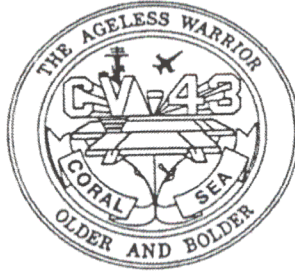
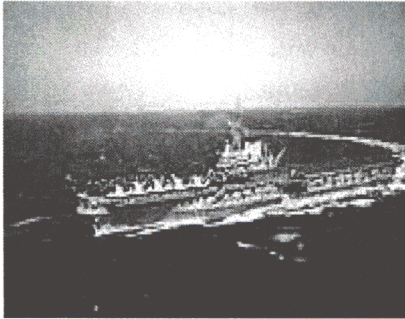
Finally a long boat ride out tot where the CORAL SEA was anchored. My God! The SIBONEY could have fit on the flight deck. It was three football fields long and a veritable fortress. Fourteen 5" 54s and I think almost twenty 3" 50 Cal.

It was LOVE at first sight. I spent two happy though hectic years (many plane accidents - I wasn't involved) until I left the ship when she came to NY (6/54) to go to FTA school in Washington, DC.

I felt three overpowering emotions at the decommissioning ceremony in '90. SADNESS at seeing her without all her pre-canted deck armament; FONDNESS at the ceremony itself; and PRIDE when the sailor sang "PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN" as the last crew filed off the ship. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

TL Jackson, FT3 Fox Division

# God Bless America



## Live the Spirit of the Coral Sea - Support Your Association

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