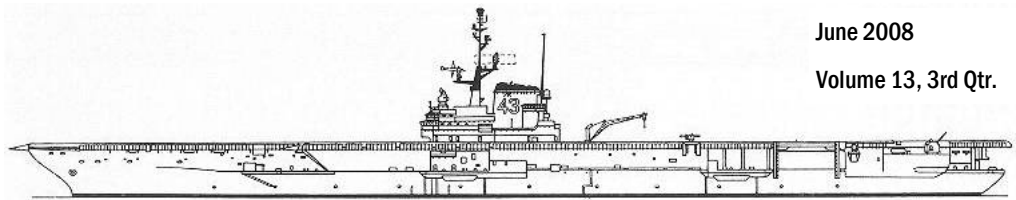




# THE CORAL SEA BREEZE



## 30th Annual Reunion Oct. 1-5 in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

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### Welcome Aboard!

**Floyd R. Smith**, Sacramento, CA, S3 Div., 59-62  
**Gary E. Smith**, Muskego, WI, VI, 63-67

**William C. Summer**, Kingsport, TN, M Div., 59-60

**Ted Veldman**, Red Hook, NY, ER Div., 47-52  
**Howard R. Waite**, Michigan Center, MI, M Div., 52-55

**Pastor Eliot Workman**, N. Las Vegas, NV, 59-66  
**Melvin Wynants**, Las Vegas, NV, 4th Div., 63-65  
**James F. Zay**, Elmhurst, IL, OP Div, 61-65

\*\* See more new members listed on back page.

Board of Directors member John Ranson invites all shipmates and friends to attend the CVA-43 Association's 30th Annual Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY. Here's all you need to know to get your planning under way:

- **When:** October 1-5, 2008
- **Where:** Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017 (Near Cincinnati, Ohio)
- **Call:** 1-800-354-9793 for reservations (1-800-352-9866 Ky. Only) Mention USS Coral Sea when making reservation.
- **Location:** I-75 Exit #186, Buttermilk Pk. Ft.

Mitchell, Ky. Follow signs to the hotel entrance.

- **Room rate:** \$80.09 per night includes all taxes. This rate applies

on a limited basis. NO HOOK-UPS AVAILABLE

- **Area Information:** Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau

- **Information/Questions:** Call or write John Ranson jrjr3843@fuse.net 52 Woodland Place, Ft. Thomas, Ky 41075-1605; Home 859-781-2536, Cell 859-250-3727

You'll find a reservation form to complete on page 3 of this newsletter. And don't miss the many great activity and tour options for this year's reunion described in the article on page 2. Make your event selections today and get everything in the mail!



for Sept. 28 thru Oct. 8, 2008.

- **Reservation Deadline:** August, 30, 2008
- **Special Amenities:** RV parking is available

### President's Corner

Shipmates,

Here it is the third quarter of the year. The spring flings/mini-reunions have come and gone and I hope all were well attended. I know ours in Venice was enjoyed by all who attended. We invited a naval officer who was unable to

make it, so we had Major Jack C. Hubbard, USAF (Retired) to come speak. Hubbard started out in the Canadian army in a tank battalion because his flat feet kept him out of the American service. He eventually worked his way into the Air Force after service as an MP. He was a radio operator-gunner in the 369<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron

of the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Hubbard gave an interesting talk on his early life prior to joining the service and then on his service as a gunner on the B-17 and the many things he faced during that time. His book, *Patriots Will* (ISBN 1-4033-5372-7), was available to purchase and many people present bought copies.

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# USS Coral Sea CVA-43 2008 Annual Reunion Tour Options and Schedule.

**Thursday, October 2, 2008, 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM.**

- 1) Tour of Cincinnati, Covington, Ky. & Newport Ky. historic areas.
- 2) Buffet lunch cruise on the Ohio River, rain or shine. The riverboat is set up for any weather condition.

**Cost:** \$65.00 per person

**Friday October 3, 2008, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.**

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Dayton, Ohio. IMAX Theatre and a box lunch are included.

**Cost:** \$47.00 per person

**Saturday October. 4, 2008, 10:00 AM**

**until 3:00 PM.**

Ladies tour:

- 1) Krohn Conservatory, Eden Park, Cincinnati, Ohio

This is a large indoor floral display that is nationally known.

- 1) Lunch at Mike & Jimmy's Chop Shop, Crestview Town Center, Kentucky. (Make your lunch choice at the restaurant.)

- 2) Shopping at Crestview Town Center

**Cost:** \$47.00 per person,

includes lunch.

Please complete the form shown at right indicating your tour choices and include payment by check or money order (no credit cards).

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**TAPS**

**Gail Grefe** (wife of Robert), Poli, IN, M Div., 54-56  
**Joseph Griebel**, Dundalk, MD, VF 11, 56-57  
**Charles Hendley**, Woodville, AL, VI Div, 54-56  
**Donald E. Hoffman**, E Div., Feb. 2008, 48-52  
 \***Donald Leffingwell**, Littleton, CO, X Div., 1960  
**Robert H. Macomber**, Tucson, AZ, AIMD, 80-83  
 \*Non-member

## Chaplain's Corner

### To Till It and Keep It.

In the beginning, God created the earth, and God also created Adam, whom God put in the garden "to till it and keep it."

God formed Adam for there was no one to "till the ground."

God created Adam with the expectation that he would care for God's good creation.

By doing this the creator shared the responsibility of creating with Adam. God, Adam and God's good earth were intended to work together, in cove-

nant with one another.

We must consider the



tion. Have we tilled and kept the earth, or have we abused God's good creation? And we must remember that God freely and lovingly created all that is so that we might be in covenant with God, one another, and all creation.

So, let us think about God's command to till and keep the earth. We might pray in this manner:

"Creating God, thank you for good creation. Help us to be better stewards of your earth. Amen."

*Stan*

Stanford E. Linzey

ways we care or do not care for God's good crea-

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Make check payable and mail to:

**Accent On Cincinnati, Attn: Kathleen Crowley, 915 West Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203**

The annual reunion runs Oct. 1-5 at the Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 (near Cincinnati).

Call 800-354-9793 for reservations and mention USS Coral Sea to receive the discounted rate of \$80.09 per night, including all taxes. The rate is in effect from Sept. 28—Oct. 8, 2008. The reservation deadline is August 30.

Please make your meal selections as soon as possible: Friday evening dinner buffet is \$35 per person; Saturday evening's banquet is \$40 per person (choose from roast beef, English chicken or roast pork).

For more information, call John Ransom at 859-781-2536 or e-mail jrjr3843@fuse.net. You can also print out the registration and payment form at [www.usscoralsea.org](http://www.usscoralsea.org). Just click on the 'reunions' link.

**30th ANNUAL REUNION, Ft. Mitchell, KY, Oct. 1—5, 2008**

Complete this form, include payment and mail to: John Ranson, 52 Woodland Pl. Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-1605

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**For the purpose of printing your name badge, please complete the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate & Rating/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Aboard Coral Sea: Mo./Year \_\_\_\_\_ to Mo./Year \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$15.00/person (includes hospitality room). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner Buffet: \$25.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet: \$40.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Meal (Please indicate your choices):

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ English Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Pork \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Riverboat Lunch Cruise:**

\$65.00 per person; Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**National Museum of the U. S Air Force:**

\$47.00 per person; Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Krohn Conservatory & Crestview Hills Town Center:**

\$47.00 per person; Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

On Saturdays and Sundays tell your family they use too much water during the week, so no bathing will be allowed.



# Name It and Claim It for The Coral Sea

In a recent issue of *The Coral Sea Breeze* I wrote passionately about a new Coral Sea and giving its crew a gift of support, adopting the crew and supporting them and their families while deployed and making our resources available to families at home or when they return to civilian life. I believe that this could be the legacy of the "Ageless Warrior."

## So how do we go about this?

First, I think we need to have some specific suggestions. For example, the "Wasp Class" LHD ships have taken the names of carriers from the time of Coral Sea and include Wasp, Essex, Kearsarge and Bonhomme Richard. The Markin Island, LHD8 is under construction and an LHD9 is not contemplated at this time. However, a new class of amphibious attack ships is under construction the LHA 6 and it is as yet unnamed. The Tarawa Class LHA6 should be a good candidate to be the next Coral Sea.

## Why not a CVN Carrier?

The navy just reduced its carrier fleet to 11 ships with the retirement of CV 67 the John F Kennedy. The next full-fledged carrier due to come on line is the Gerald R Ford CVN21 which will begin construction in 2008 for delivery in 2015. This time

line puts this class of ships out of my window. And, since there are plenty of presidents without air craft carriers named after them, it is unlikely that the Navy will brake the cycle and name one for us.

The modern amphibious assault ship is a launching plat-

formal reasons for making this request and you should include those as well. The letter should be short, three paragraphs on one page. I am purposely not giving you a sample letter. The letter should be in your words. It will mean more if our representatives do not get a bunch of form letters.

## How do I get my Congresspersons and Senators address?

The best way to get your representatives address is to use the web. For your Congressperson, go to the House of Representatives web site: [www.house.gov/Welcome](http://www.house.gov/Welcome).

There, in the upper left hand corner, is a place for your zip code; enter it and click on "Go." The name and address of your congressperson will come up.

For your State's Senators, go to [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). On the top line in the red background on the left is the word Senators; click on it and then select your State. You will get the names of both your Senators.

If having a second ship named Coral Sea is important to you, I urge you to take action now before LHA6 is named for....???

—Bob Cummings

O.I. Div., 1966-68



form for Marine Corps Expeditionary forces and has proven successful in humanitarian assistance, occupation and combat operations. They have participated in combat operations in Afghanistan, and Iraq and carry helicopters as well as Harrier aircraft. I think we could be proud to have LHA6 named for the Coral Sea.

## How do we take action?

Write your Congressman and Senators and bring to their attention that the Coral Sea Association would like to see the new LHA6 named for our ship. You may want to give some of the reasons given above for your request. You may also have some per-



## Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home: Sleep on the shelf in your closet.

Replace the closet door with a curtain. Have your spouse whip open the curtain about 4 hours after you go to sleep, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and say, "Sorry, wrong rack."

30th in a Series.....**Fox Division Adventures**

Once in a great while the Coral Sea would come to a complete stop in the Mediterranean. Then you would hear "Swim Call"! Some of us were able to participate! Was I one of the participants you ask? No way as I am not a good enough swimmer and the bottom of the sea could not be touched with your feet when you had enough swimming.

Once in a much greater while a Beach Party might be scheduled. I recall only one. When the participants returned they talked about the 3.2 beer. I remember the beer being stored below the



1954 "Swim Call" in the Med.

Sky Three radar room which was accessed through a small hatch that penetrated the thick steel of the third deck. That hatch was always locked with a special lock!

What happens today? That is easy to answer. The party is called Steel Beach Picnic! I bet most of you already know what is coming next! Even the Coral Sea had them before the ship was decommissioned! I was not able to

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**Vice President's Corner**

Hope everyone in the heartland and east coast made it through the terrible weather OK. Our weather on the west coast has been quite tolerable. Here in Nevada, just winds like in the Wizard of Oz. Lets hope the worst is over.

Now for some business: This year is an election year so anyone who would like to be on the board should let Bob Mackey know. He is the chairman of the election committee. He can then

let the membership be aware of your interest. This way paid members can vote at the Kentucky reunion.

It seems like the attendance at our yearly reunion is dropping. I don't know if it's because the membership is getting much older and not able to travel or the mini reunions are the cause. I think the mini reunions are great but they may be the cause for low attendance in our regular yearly reunion. I'm not really sure just what the problem is. I would like some feedback from you members. My e-mail address is

john\_pritchard82 @yahoo.com. I was surprised that there were so few people from the west coast at the Vegas reunion. Maybe it was because they have been to Vegas so many times and could do better on their own. If anyone would be interested in a mini reunion on the west coast let me know by e-mail.

Here is a tip. Tune in the military channel and get a glimpse of what the navy will look like in the future (roughly 25 years from now). Not even close to the one you and I know.

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**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Once a week blow compressed air up through your chimney, making sure the wind carries the soot across and onto your neighbor's house. Laugh at him when he curses you.

# USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership in the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) ASSOCIATION is open to all Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force personnel who served aboard the ship (CVB/CVA/CV-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the commissioning crew (plank owners), even if fewer than 90 days were spent aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership dues are \$15 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year. The Association is a Non-Profit Organization formed by former crew members.



**New Member:** [ ] I apply for membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Renewal:** [ ] Renew my membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s). Enclosed is a check/money order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please PRINT First name, middle initial, last name)

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP+4** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT OF KIN** \_\_\_\_\_

**ON BOARD SHIP AS CREW MEMBER:**

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate on Board \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Month/Year) (Month/Year) (Lt/RD/FN/SN/Sgt)  
 Military Retirement: No [ ] Yes [ ] Retired as: \_\_\_\_\_ USN [ ] USMC [ ] SCG [ ]  
 (Rank/Rate) USNR [ ] USAF [ ] USA [ ]

I do [ ] do not [ ] want my complete mailing address printed on the Published roster.

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

Mail application to:

**Secretary, USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION**  
**PO BOX 179**  
**Street, MD 21154-1412**

**Office Use Only**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## Secretary's Corner



**Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Buy a trash compactor, but only use it once a week. Store up garbage in your bathtub.

Shipmates,  
 Had the pleasure of attending the New Jersey area Spring Fling again this year. We had a great time "shooting the breeze" with old shipmates. Hope some of you were able to get to one of the other mini reunions.

I am in the process of getting a "friendly reminder" mailed to shipmates who have become delinquent in their dues. I always get a

good response to this reminder. Most of the time they blame their wives for not mailing the check!

Since there was no formal proposal made at the last reunion in Las Vegas for the 2009 reunion, the Board has decided to go with my proposal for Washington, DC. Eva and I will start working on it soon and will put out information sometime after the 2008 reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY. We don't want people getting confused: 2008 – Ft. Mitchell, KY, 2009 –

Washington, DC.

Please keep in mind that at the next reunion in Kentucky, it will be election time for officers of this Association. We need some new shipmates to get involved in the Association's business. Send your nominations to Bob Mackey.

Stay well,

*John*

John Plude, Secretary



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Spring Fling Report

We arrived at the Guesthouse at 3:15 PM (local time) on Thursday. The folks that had to travel through Chicago complained about all the road construction, and that includes me! There were

still young the sea stories began and continued to all hours of the night.



Entrance—to The Victory Museum in Fort Wayne!

Saturday was a full day of sea stories. The ladies continued their trips to favorite places on Saturday that began on Friday.



Patton's Command Car—displayed in the museum.

some very long delays!

We had our usual Hospitality Room, which was well stocked with all the necessary beverages. On Thursday evening a power point presentation was made concerning the selection and naming of a new Coral Sea. Response to the presentation was good and comments made by Arnold Workman and Debbie Pfeffer will improve the presentation.

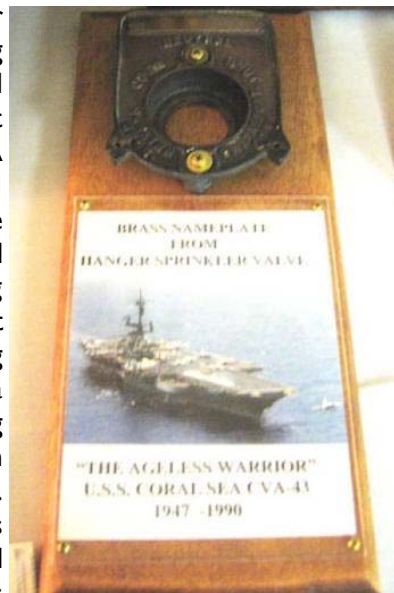
Friday morning started with a trip to Sechler's pickle factory. As usual many of their fine products were purchased. Then off to the Victory Museum which includes German equipment from the African campaign and US equipment.

After that experience, we returned to the Guesthouse and met more of the folks attending the Spring Fling. Since the day was

On Saturday evening approximately fifty people attended dinner. We were seated with friendly folks and enjoyed an excellent evening with great food.

After dinner we assembled in the Hospitality Room and our annual raffle began.

Next year the Spring Fling will be in Fort Wayne. A proposal will be presented during that meeting for a Spring Fling in Michigan. This was a good idea as



many of *The coveted Spring Fling raffle item*

the factors for selecting a particular spot were discussed in detail.

The final event was cleanup and that went very nice as many helped in the clean up.

**A JOB WELL DONE!**

—Rom Braun



### Shipboard Humor

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget-priced coffee grounds per pot. Allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.

# Coral Sea Association Small Stores Item & Price List



Association Logo



Ship's Logo—CVB, CVA, CV

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
1001	Reg Style Cap (Blue or White), CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1002	Mesh Back Cap (Scrambled Eggs) CVB/CVA/CV	\$14.00
1003	Marine Cap (Red) Marine Det., CV	\$14.00
1004	Windbreaker Jacket (Blue), all sizes**	\$42.00
1005	Micro Poly Casual Jacket (Blk, Dk Grn, Maroon, Navy, Red, Royal or Stone) all sizes**	\$46.00
1006	Sweatshirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$25.00
1007	T-Shirt (Blue or White), all sizes**	\$17.00
1008	Denim Shirt (SS or LS), all sizes**	\$32.00
1009	Titan Twill Shirt (SS or LS), (Navy, Dutch Blue, French Blue, Khaki, Black, Butter, Crimson, new Olive, Smoke or White), all sizes**	\$32.00
1010	Polo Shirt (Blue or White); all sizes	\$28.00
1011	Pin, CV-43 (Hat/Lapel)	\$ 5.00
1012	3-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43 Deomm)	\$ 4.00
1013	4.5-inch Patch (Older Bolder, CVA-43)	\$ 6.00
1014	License Plate Frame (Chrome-Plastic), CVA-43	\$12.00
1015	Photo, Coral Sea Straight Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1016	Photo, Coral Sea Angle Deck (8" x 10")	\$ 4.00
1017	Coral Sea Mouse Pad	\$ 6.00
1018	Coral Sea Coffee Mug	\$ 5.00
1019	Watch Cap, CVB/CVA/CV	\$12.00
1020	Coral Sea Decals	\$ 2.00
1021	Optional Embroidery (Name, Div, Year, etc.)	\$ .50/ltr.

\*\* These are embroidered items; please choose either the Association Logo or Ship's Logo

**Please Note:** Additional embroidery of your choosing is available on any item. Add \$.50 per additional letter.

**Mail:** USS Coral Sea Association  
Small Stores Account  
PO Box 1697  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

**Fax:** 770-222-4833  
**E-mail:** georgerogers@bellsouth.net  
**For more information:** 770-943-3818



# Coral Sea Association Small Stores Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Item #	Qty.	Description (Color, Logo, Sleeve Length)	Size	Price Ea.	Total Price

Merchandise Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Charge\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

- Check (make payable to USS Coral Sea Assoc.)
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express



Association Logo



Ship's Logo  
CVB, CVA, CV

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: 770-222-4833  
 E-mail: [georgerogers@bellsouth.net](mailto:georgerogers@bellsouth.net)  
 Mail: USS Coral Sea Association  
 Small Stores Account  
 PO Box 1697  
 Powder Springs, GA 30127

**\*\*Priority Mail S/H Cost**

Up to \$24.99.....	\$ 7.00
\$25—\$50.....	\$ 9.00
\$51—\$75.....	\$12.00
\$76—Up.....	\$15.00

Credit card orders will appear on your statement as "ICU Stitching."

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### **Fox Division Adventures**

find any images to document this fact.

Today, I enjoy a cook out (gee whiz, I am getting anxious already and Spring is trying to arrive) and like Pavlov's dog getting hungry for



a nice steak and a cold 5% plus beer. Looking forward

to great summer!

At left, Sailors and Marines enjoy a steel beach picnic on the flight deck of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Nimitz Carrier Strike Group and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11 deployed in the 7th Fleet operating area.

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### **President's Corner**

Hubbard spent many years requesting and receiving government reports so that his memoirs were accurate. Captain Allard G. Russell, Captain, US Navy (Ret.) stated (on the back of the book) that this was one of the "most graphic combat report(s) written by one of its (the Eighth Air Force) memorable officers."

Also speaking briefly was highly decorated fighter pilot Captain Fred Merckland, USN, (Ret.). The Captain read from a letter from the Secretary of the Navy (during World War II) that commended him and his fellow servicemen for their service during World War II.

Everyone present enjoyed the speakers and the delicious meal and we plan to do it again on March 7, 2009.

The second history book of the USS Coral Sea has been postponed due to insufficient response from association members (refunds will

be forthcoming). I hate to see this project dropped. The first book was published about 15 years ago: many members that were in it have passed on, but many new members have since joined the association. I hope this project can be resurrected. It will be on the agenda for the upcoming October reunion.

This is the year for the election of the association's officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, one executive board member and one scholarship committee member. If anyone is interested, eligibility is to be in good standing with the association. I hope we have several people throw their hats in the ring to become involved in helping direct this great association.

I also hope every member of the association is looking for new members: they are out there. Remember, the ball caps, bumper stickers, personal contact and even the website (<http://www.usscoralsea.org/>) are great ways to attract new members including Marine de-

tachments, Air groups and of course, ship's company members.

A few words about the reunion in Fort Mitchell: John Ranson and his committee are working hard to put together a great reunion in October. Please get your reservations in early. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for information.

We have had several members of the association pass away this past year. If you know of anyone who has passed on, please contact Chaplin Linzey or any officer of the association so that we can send condolences to the survivors.

Have a good, safe summer. Fly the flag high on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day...and if you are a good veteran, fly your flag high every day.

Until Fort Mitchell....

Smooth Sailing.

*Bill*

Bill Johnson, President

### **Shipboard Humor**

To simulate being a sailor at home:

Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.

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### Vice President's Corner

Good or bad that remains to be seen. The smoke stack navy is on its way out.

As an officer of this association it is difficult for me to take care of any gripes you may have if you don't let me know them. Just e-mail me and I'll do my best to resolve any problem.

Don't forget to support our troops no matter where they are and say one for them.

Your shipmate,

*John*

John F. Pritchard, Vice President

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