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❁❁ 2005 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information ❁❁

San Antonio, Texas October 12 - 16

❁❁❁ *Please Read First* ❁❁❁

REUNION DATES: Our reunion Dates are Wednesday October 12th through Saturday October 15th and the cutoff date for all reservations is **Friday September 9th**. In prior years we built in a little cushion to accommodate the procrastinators. From now onward "what you see is what you get". *The Hotel Contract and our Contract with Armed Forces Reunions both state that reservations must be in their hands by Friday September 9th to be able to guarantee your spot.* As in the past, tour reservations may be limited to a first come first serve basis. Remember, we have always had a very liberal cancellation policy, so reserve early and cancel out at a later date if you find that you cannot make the reunion.

The Men of the ALAMO

Docia Schultz Williams

These hallowed walls hold secrets that we shall never know about the brave and gallant men who died here long ago.

They did not shirk their duty when they were called to stand. They knew their lives were soon to end with foe so close at hand.

When the army of the enemy blew their mournful bugle calls, they bravely faced a certain death within these cold gray walls.

They knew they were outnumbered, and they knew they could not win, but still, they chose to fight and die, those brave and valiant men.

In memory's golden storehouse we must ever hold them near and take great pride in those who died for what they held most dear.

Oh, step inside with reverence; then bow your head, and pause..... And say a prayer for those who died, defending freedom's cause.

"Memorial Plaque Dedication"

The family of shipmate George "Shane" Korey have made arrangements for the creation of a plaque containing the poem composed by George immediately following the Friday October 13th torpedo attack. This plaque will be placed on the Memorial Wall at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas.

We, along with George's family, will dedicate this memorial during a visit to the Museum during the 2005 reunion. We will also hold a short memorial service/wreath laying ceremony at the USS CANBERRA Memorial plaque which was placed there by the USS CANBERRA Reunion Association in 1997.

❀❀ 50/50 Drawing News ❀❀

At press time, there have been over \$2,800 in 50/50 tickets returned. If you wish to purchase additional tickets, drop a check in the mail to me for \$10.00 for each set of 12 tickets. I will complete the stubs for you.

As in past years, additional tickets will not be available at our 2005 reunion. The purchase of 50/50 tickets is a great way to support the association. Not only does it provide support, it gives you an opportunity to cash in on big bucks at the same time. Right now the first prize is already valued at \$560.00 and it will only grow as we get closer to the reunion. Remember, winners need not be present at the reunion to win and the drawings will be held at the Friday evening buffet dinner. I will not accept any tickets received after Friday, September 30th because I need to ship them to San Antonio no later than October 4th.

Little Known Texas Facts

The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full time coach for Rice University in Houston.

The worst natural disaster in US history was in 1900 and was caused by a hurricane in which over 8000 lives were lost on Galveston Island, TX.

❀❀ About the Hotel ❀❀

In the heart of south Texas lies a unique jewel of sophistication and hospitality, the Omni San Antonio Hotel. Alive with the spirit of San Antonio, this AAA Four-Diamond hotel captures the essence of the city with impeccable service and Texas charm.

Overlooking the Texas hill country, this 19-story high rise is close to the area's most exciting sites and attractions such as the historic Alamo, Sea World, and the enchanting Riverwalk. After a long day of sightseeing, return to your private guest room for an in-room massage, or sit back and enjoy live piano music in the Afterthought lounge while our first-class staff caters to your every need. The award-winning Bolo's Rotisserie-Grille turns dining into an art form. Acclaimed as one of San Antonio's highest-rated restaurants, Bolo's features exquisite cuisine with a European touch. Choose from a list of more than 30 fine wines by the glass while enjoying a succulent exotic game dish four nine five seven or choice filet. Or for lighter dining and live piano music, try the Afterthought lounge, a casually elegant lobby bar.

Their 326 guest rooms and suites are the ultimate in luxury and sophistication, featuring modern conveniences for the 21st century traveler such as dual phone lines, modem hookup and dataports for high-speed Internet access. As you relax in the comforts of your private guest room, take in the impressive views of the Texas hill country or downtown San Antonio while the Texas sky illuminates with a colorful sunset.

Their private fitness center features some of the most advanced weight-training equipment including Cybex weight machines, an Elliptical glider, and Lifecycle and treadmills. Discover the soothing qualities of the two hydrotherapy pools, or dip into the waters of the indoor swimming pool or outdoor lap pool. For golf enthusiasts, you'll find three championship courses within 10 minutes of the hotel.

**USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION
2005 NATIONAL REUNION**

OCTOBER 12-16

OMNI HOTEL SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Wednesday, October 12th

12:00 PM **Registration Desk Open for Early Registration** until 6:00 PM
12:00 PM Hospitality Room Open for the duration of the reunion

Thursday, October 13th

12:00 PM **Reunion Registration Desk Open until 5:00 PM**
3:00 PM Business Meeting (see bulletin board in Hospitality room for location)
5:45 PM **DIAMOND W RANCH - CHUCKWAGON SUPPER & COWBOY SHOW**

Friday, October 14th

8:00 AM **Reunion Registration Desk Open until 8:30 AM**
9:00 AM **ADMIRAL NIMITZ MUSEUM TOUR - Memorial Service and Dedication of Korey Memorial, Fredericksburg, TX**
4:30 PM **Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected at Reunion Registration Desk Table until 5:30 PM**
5:30 PM "Happy Hour" (cash bar) until 6:30 PM
6:30 PM **BUFFET DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT - Drawing of 50/50 Tickets**

Saturday, October 15th

9:00 AM **CITY TOUR - See Tour Descriptions**
5:00 PM **"ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR" (Cash Bar) until 6:00 PM**
6:00 PM **USS CANBERRA ANNUAL BANQUET DINNER with Entertainment and Dancing - Raffle Table Drawings**

Sunday, October 16th

FAREWELLS UNTIL OCTOBER 2006

USS Canberra MEMBERS of the CREW

2005 San Antonio, Texas - Reunion

Following is this year's hotel information for San Antonio, Texas

Place: Omni San Antonio
9821 Colonnade Blvd.
San Antonio, TX

Tele: (210) 691-8888

Date: Wednesday October 12, 2005

To: Sunday October 16, 2005

(check-in time is 3:00pm,
check-out time is 12:00 noon)

Special USS CANBERRA Guest Room Rate are \$95.00 per night for all Standard Rooms.

Note: SPECIAL CANBERRA RATE MUST BE REQUESTED AT TIME RESERVATION IS MADE

Rates are subject to a current Room Tax of 16.75%. Rate will be honored three days before and after reunion dates based on availability. Free guest parking is provided. Motor Home parking is provided at no charge for registered guests. There are no hookups available and there will be no dumping of grey water.

ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OMNI SAN ANTONIO NO LATER THAN FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY. THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION FORM SHOULD BE USED OR RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND CONFIRMING THE RESERVATION WITH A MAJOR CREDIT CARD.

ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS and TOUR RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION FORM and FORWARDED TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC; c/o USS CANBERRA REUNION; 322 MADISON MEWS; NORFOLK, VA 23510 no later than September 9, 2005.

Friday Night Buffet Dinner

Fresh Bread & Rolls
Tossed Salad With Assorted Dressings

Hot Entrees
Baked Cod w/Lemon Pepper
Shrimp Creole with White Sauce
Chicken Fiesta with Pepper & Onions
Fresh Green Beans with Julienne Carrots
Corn O'Brien
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Dessert
Assorted Cakes and Pies

Total Price \$30

A children's plate containing
Chicken Tenders, French Fries Fruit Cup & Milk
will be available for \$10

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

Fresh Bread & Rolls
Green Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Hot Entrees
Oven Roasted Prime Rib
Chicken Piccata
Oven-Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Fresh Seasoned Green Beans with
Julienne Carrots and Herb Roasted Tomatoes

Dessert
New York Style Strawberry Cheesecake
Coffee and Tea will be served with Dinner

Total Price
Prime Rib \$32 Chicken Piccata \$30

A children's plate containing
Chicken Tenders, French Fries Fruit Cup & Milk
will be available for \$10

Tour Descriptions and Prices

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Note - Change for 2005 - \$1.00 Per Person has been added to our tour prices to cover Bus Driver and Tour Guide Gratuity

DIAMOND W CHUCKWAGON SUPPER & COWBOY SHOW

Thursday, October 13

The Knibbe Ranch is the site of San Antonio's best chuckwagon supper and cowboy show. The Knibbe Ranch is almost 150 years old, "ONE OF" the few remaining Century Heritage Ranches in the State of Texas. Upon arrival enjoy free time to walk through the general store and explore the grounds. Dinner includes Bar-B-Que brisket or smoked turkey sausage, along with beans, salads, biscuits, dessert, and a beverage (beer and wine are available at the cash bar). After dinner, sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Cowboy humor, poetry, and songs are all part of the show, including the band. *Note: This tour requires a minimum of fifty people.*

**5:45pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel
\$58/Person and includes bus, escort, dinner, and entertainment.**

FREDERICKSBURG

Friday, October 14

Enjoy a scenic ride to Fredericksburg to take part in a memorial service and the dedication of the Korey Plaque. Afterwards, tour the Admiral Nimitz Museum, which is dedicated to everyone who served in the Pacific under Admiral Nimitz. Walk through the Garden of Peace, a gift from the people of Japan, and stroll down the History Walk of Tanks. The Museum has just completed a 3.5-acre expansion featuring a Pacific Combat Zone with a PT boat and more! Browse through the George Bush Gallery, then enjoy lunch at one of several restaurants or delis located on Fredericksburg's downtown Main Street. There is shopping nearby on Main Street for those interested.

**9:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$38/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.**

CITY TOUR

Saturday, October 15

From the earliest Spanish Missionaries in 1691 to today's traveler, San Antonio's appeal continues to draw attention. Relax and enjoy a fully narrated tour of San Antonio's unique blend of rich heritage, traditions and natural beauty. Points of interest include stops at the San Jose Mission - *Continued at top on next column;*

which is still an active church and is part of the National Park service, the largest of the missions; the Alamo, the city's first mission; San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers. Drive by the Riverwalk, HemisFair (the site of the 1968 World's Fair), and more. You will have two options to enjoy lunch on your own and shopping at either the Riverwalk or El Mercado, a unique Mexican Market featuring a combination of Tex-Mex cuisine, entertainment, and products ranging from pearls to piñatas.

**9:00am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel
\$32/Person includes bus and guide.**

Lunch on your own.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5.00 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Recreational Vehicle Information

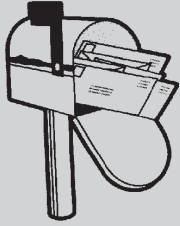
For those of you who are planning your trip to San Antonio in a RV or Motor Home, you may park at the hotel's parking lot if you are a registered guest. No hookup service or dumping of gray water is available. If you plan to stay at a park and need full hook up service, there are services available.

The nearest campground offering full hookups for RV's, is the KOA campground located in San Antonio (approximately 14 miles). You can make reservations by calling the campground at (201) 224-9626 or online at www.sanantoniokoa.com.

How to Simulate Being a Sailor

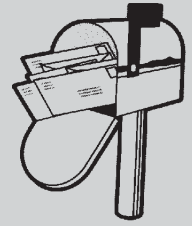
When your children are in bed, run into their room with a megaphone shouting that your home is under attack and ordering them to their battle stations. (Now general quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations.)

USS Canberra MEMBERS of the CREW



FROM THE MAILBAG

Will Return in the next Newsletter!



Find your Telephone Number

Starting in the Winter 92 Issue of the "Members of the Crew" newsletter, Paul randomly selected a 4 digit number and placed it somewhere in the newsletter. The number published will be the last four digits, in sequence, of an active members home telephone number at the time of publication. It could be shown in a written form as two six four eight or the numeric form of 2648. It will always be four numbers in length. It will always be a number hidden in a sentence and will never make sense.

If you identify the number as the last four digits of your home telephone number as recorded in my file, and advise me within 30 days of the postmark on the newsletter, I will credit your annual dues with a one year membership. The number listed in the last issue was not found. Remember, I must hear from you within 30 days. Good hunting.

❁❁ LIFE MEMBERSHIP ❁❁

During the 2004 business meeting in Louisville, shipmate Ron Nullet raised the question of a "Life Membership Status" with our association. Ron was appointed chairman of a committee to establish life membership criteria. The committee has reported that we can establish life membership payments in the following amounts;

51 - 60 years in age - Life Membership Fee \$195
61 - 70 years in age - Life Membership Fee \$165
71 - 80 years in age - Life Membership Fee \$125
81 - plus - Life Membership Fee \$ 85

We will vote on this proposal during our 2005 business meeting on Thursday, October 13th. If you will not be able to attend and would like to comment on this, please contact me prior to the reunion.

Canberra Honor Guard

A committee is being formed to discuss the feasibility of creating a Canberra Honor Guard for our memorial services and banquets. If possible, the committee will be represented by CA-70 and CAG-2 Navy and Marine Corps members. The committee will meet at the 2005 reunion in San Antonio, Texas to discuss forming the honor guard for future reunions.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Jim Burdick at 6186 Willow Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, or Email Burdickjimcar@aol.com. Committee membership will be limited, so please contact him as soon as possible with your name, ship's hull number, and branch of service. Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

Cowboy's Ten Commandments

1. Just one "GOD"
2. Honor yer Ma & Pa
3. No telling tales or gossipin
4. Git yourself to Sunday Meeting
5. Put nothin' before God
6. No follin' around with another fellow's gal
7. No killin'
8. Watch yer mouth
9. Don't take what ain't yers
10. Don't be hankerin for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's kinda plain and simple don't ya think?

All Y'all have a good day now, Ya' Hear.

The Supreme Commander

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have met the Supreme Commander. As this information is made available, I will include it in the following newsletter.

Shipmate	Ship	Div:	Hometown	Departed
Clair, John J.	CA 70		Hanover, MA	11/20/04
Early III, Alexander R.		Family	Glendale, CA	12/15/04