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Members of the Crew



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USS Canberra Reunion Association

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PLEASE READ FIRST

**2011 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
Branson, MO 12-16 October 2011**

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 12th through Sunday, October 16th.

The cutoff for all reservations is September 12, 2011. We're sorry, but we cannot have any cushion to accommodate procrastinators.

The Hotel Contract and our Contract with Armed Forces Reunions both state that reservations must be in their hands by Monday, September 12th to be able to guarantee your spot.

As in the past, tour reservations may be limited to a first come, first served basis. Please remember, we have a liberal cancellation policy. So reserve early and cancel out at a later date if you find you cannot make the reunion.

Membership Dues Are Now Due For 2011

Are Your Dues Paid???

If not, Please mail your dues of \$25 for this year to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd

Attn: Ron Nullet

P.O. Box 614

Centereach, NY 11720-0614

Lifetime Dues Are Still Available

You can now pay your dues with a life membership.

The amounts are:

Age 51-60 = \$325

Age 61-70 = \$275

Age 71-80 = \$210

Age 81 + = \$140

Please Read Next

Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on this newsletter. If there is an ** preceding your first name, your dues are not up to date according to our records (dues not received as of 2/15/11). If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, please contact Ken Minick at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above in the Masthead of the Newsletter or Ron Nullet at P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614; Phone 631-736-3444 or e-mail: ronsteam@optonline.net.

Dues Cards

For those paying their dues after 15 Feb 2011, your 2011 Dues Cards will be mailed after 1 Apr 2011.

*****ATTENTION PLEASE*****

Please send your dues and 50/50 tickets to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd;

P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614;

Attn; Ron Nullet. Also, please make all checks out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

Send all other correspondence or letters to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd;

P.O. Box 130; Belpre, OH 45714; Attn: Ken Minick

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Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

Rolls/Butter
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Hot Entrees

Fillet Mignon \$31
Roast Breast of Chicken \$31
Salmon \$31

Chef's selection of vegetable and potato appropriate to the entrée selection

Dessert

Chocolate Cake

Coffee and Tea Service

Kid's Meal (12 and Under) Chicken Fingers \$10

Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Winter 2010 Newsletter was published. If you want to contact any of them, let Ken know.

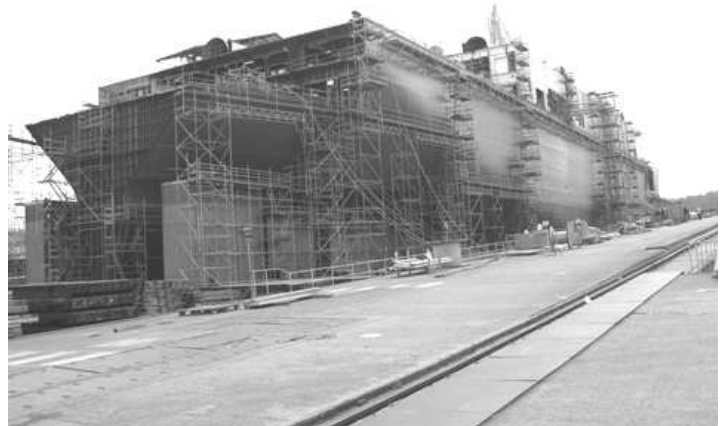
<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>
Elliot, Jim	CAG-2	OR	65-68
Harris, Wesley J.	CAG-2	4th	61-64
Koesterer, James	CAG-2	R	63-64
Peakes, Chris A.	CAG-2	FM	65-67
Rockwell, William H., Jr.	CAG-2	6th	65-68
Tissue, David A.	CAG-2	OI	67-69
Tracy, Robert	CAG-2	2nd/X	58-63
Zieman, Thomas C., Jr.	CAG-2	OE	64-65

The Supreme Commander

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have met the Supreme Commander.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Died</u>
Wilson, Rubert	CAG-2	H	59-60	2009
Culp, Ronald G.	CAG-2	Staff	60-61	2010
Glasgow, John "Steve"	CAG-2		68-70	2010
Lambert, Francis M	CAG-2	A	60-62	2010
Le Blanc, Fernand	CA-70	S	43-46	2010
Menyo, Joseph R.	CA-70	1st	43-45	2010
Beebe, Bryon M.	CAG-2		62-64	2011
Hucul, George, Sr.	CAG-2	B	56-57	2011
Miles, Theodore F., Jr.	CA-70	4th	43-46	2011
Milliken, James I.	CAG-2			2011
Mullin, Robert J.	CA-70		43-45	2011
Murphy, George A.	CA-70	7th	43-46	2011
Paul, Robert F., Cdr.	CAG-2			2011
Schlitt, Timothy F.	CAG-2	9th	58-60	2011

HMAS Canberra 3



7 Sept 2010



3 Oct 2010

Construction continues on the newest Australian Naval vessel, HMAS Canberra LHD 01. She is the lead vessel of the Canberra class Landing Helicopter Dock type of new amphibious assault ships for the Royal Australian Navy.

The Canberra is due to launch at its Spanish shipyard builder sometime this March and is scheduled to arrive in Australia in 2012.

HMAS Canberra is due to be commissioned in January 2014 and the second ship of this class, HMAS Adelaide, is planned to commission in June 2015.

LODGE OF THE OZARKS - BRANSON
(417) 334-7535 (877) 327-9894

(Please reference the USS Canberra Reunion = Group Code 102950 to obtain the special reunion room rate)

The Lodge of the Ozarks, located at 3431 West Highway 76, Branson, Missouri 65616, is in the heart of Branson on the famous "76 Strip". If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for accurate driving instructions. The Lodge of the Ozarks has many amenities which include an all-season pool and hot tub that opens out to spacious sun decks. Each room has a coffee maker and hairdryer, iron/ironing boards and wireless high-speed internet access. Handicapped rooms as well as non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. The hotel offers free parking. Hotel check-in time is after 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.

Rafter's Restaurant is a great place to start the day by enjoying the complimentary continental breakfast; it is also open for lunch and dinner.

Lodge of the Ozarks does not offer airport shuttle service. Airport transportation from the Springfield-Branson National Airport should be arranged in advance. The hotel recommends Terry Transportation for airport shuttle service from the Springfield-Branson airport. Currently they offer a rate of \$69 per person each way, prices is based on transporting four or fewer guests. All prices are subject to changes, and attendees should verify pricing when making reservations. For questions or to make advance reservations, please call (417) 331-2821. In addition, you may try All American Shuttle at (417) 331-2722. Their rate is \$70 for up to two people, each way. Advance reservations only. Gray Line offers transportation to and from the smaller and privately owned Branson airport. Currently, the rates are \$27 one way for up to two people and \$49 roundtrip. Please call (800) 542-6768 for information and reservations.

Parking is available for RVs at the hotel. For full hook-up service, consider Branson KOA on Animal Safari Road. It is approximately two miles from the hotel. Call (417) 334-4414 for information, directions, and reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO HOTEL -----

USS CANBERRA ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 12-16, 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # () _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ am/pm DEP. DATE _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Wheelchair accessible room _____ Nonsmoking room _____
Queen Bed _____ Two Double Beds _____ Bed types are not guaranteed.

RATE: \$100 (single/double) + tax (currently 11.6%). Rate good 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 09/12/11. Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: You can cancel forty-eight hours prior to arrival and there will be no fee for early checkouts.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER
CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Lodge of the Ozarks, 3431 West Highway 76, Branson, Missouri 65616, Attn: Reservations

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION***OCTOBER 12-16, 2011*****Lodge of the Ozarks - Branson, MO****Wednesday, October 12**

1:00 pm	-	6:00 pm	Reunion Registration Open
Noon	-		Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion

Thursday, October 13

9:00 am	-	10:00 am	Reunion Registration Open
10:30 am	-	2:00 pm	BRANSON SCENIC RAILWAY (description follows)
3:00 pm	-	5:00 pm	Reunion Registration Open
6:15 pm	-	10:30 pm	SHOJI TABUCHI (description follows)

Friday, October 14

8:30 am	-	9:00 am	Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
9:30 am	-	1:30 pm	VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM (description follows)
2:00 pm	-	2:30 pm	Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected at Reunion Registration Desk
3:30 pm	-	7:45 pm	DIXIE STAMPEDE (description follows)

Saturday, October 15

8:30 am	-	10:00 am	Business Meeting - 50/50 Drawing
10:45 am	-	2:45 pm	SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)
5:00 pm	-	11:00 pm	Cash Bar
6:00 pm	-	11:00 pm	Banquet Dinner followed by Entertainment and Dancing (raffle table drawing)

Sunday, October 16

Farewells and Departures until 2012

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 (\$7 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 9:00 am until 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

Register online and pay by credit card at***www.afr-reg.com/canberra******All tour descriptions are on Page 6***

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

BRANSON SCENIC RAILWAY

Thursday, October 13

Enjoy a forty-mile, narrated ride through the countryside on a real passenger train. You will learn the history of the area as you cross bridges and trestles. Narration includes a description of the wildlife & landscape and an outline of the railroad's role in shaping the Ozarks. Experience the luxury of rail travel from yesteryear. Your trip includes a box lunch consisting on a sandwich, potato salad, brownie, and a drink.

10:30 am board bus, 2:00 pm back at hotel
\$61/Person includes bus, escort, train ride, and lunch.

SHOJI TABUCHI THEATRE

Thursday, October 13

Branson's hottest ticket is the Shoji Tabuchi Theatre. Enjoy the show that's become the "talk of the town" as one of Branson's most delightful family shows. Shoji and his magic violin will dazzle you with practically every kind of music. Listen to country, bluegrass, Cajun, swing, jazz, and even a little Classical music.

6:15 pm board bus, 10:30 pm back at hotel
\$74/Person includes bus, escort and show.

VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Friday, October 14

This privately owned museum contains over 2000 artifacts in ten display rooms, covering WWI through Desert Storm. For those who lived through these times, the memories brought back are vivid and overwhelming. The hallmark of the museum is the world's largest war memorial bronze sculpture – over seventy feet in length weighing over fifteen tons! It depicts fifty life-sized soldiers (one from each state) storming the beach. For lunch and shopping, we'll head to Branson Landing, Branson's premier waterfront shopping area. Stores include Bass Pro Shop and Belk anchor stores, among many other specialty shops. You'll have a wide variety of choices for lunch including subs, Mexican, Italian, burgers, and more.

9:30 am board bus, 1:30 pm back at the hotel
\$40/Person includes bus, escort and admission. Lunch on your own.

DIXIE STAMPEDE

Friday, October 14

Experience the thrills and excitement of the Dixie Stampede! It's the only place that brings together stunning performers, amazing horse feats, fantastic stunt riders, and audience participation with a delicious four-course dinner extravaganza. From the first moment you arrive in the stables to the grand finale, you'll be surprised, entertained and awed by the beauty of the horses, the magic of the special effects and the perfect performances. The rush of adrenaline fills the air as each side of the arena cheers for their side in a friendly rivalry that is fun for all. Who knows...you may be hand selected to play a special part in the show!

3:30 pm board bus, 7:45 pm back at the hotel
\$73/Person included bus, escort, dinner and show.

SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE

Saturday, October 15

Cruise the waters of Table Rock Lake on board a new paddle wheeler, the Showboat Branson Belle. Enjoy a served lunch and great entertainment. The show features a talented cast of singers, dancers, and musicians, who will take you back to the time when showboats were once famous.

10:45 am board bus, 2:45 pm back at hotel
\$75/Person includes bus, escort and lunch cruise. (\$56 for children, 11 and younger)

Driver and staff gratuities are included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

USS CANBERRA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/canberra. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. **Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.**

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews .
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS CANBERRA

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/12/11	Price Per	# of People	Total
Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals			
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY: BRANSON SCENIC RAILWAY	\$61		\$
THURSDAY: SHOJI TABUCHI THEATRE	\$74		\$
FRIDAY: VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM	\$40		\$
FRIDAY: DIXIE STAMPEDE	\$73		\$
SATURDAY: SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE / ADULT	\$75		\$
For kids prices on shows/tours, please email DonnaLee@afri.com			
<u>SATURDAY: BANQUET</u> (Please select your entrée)			
Fillet Mignon	\$31		\$
Roast Breast of Chicken	\$31		\$
Salmon	\$31		\$
Kid's Meal (12 and under) Chicken Fingers	\$10		\$
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEES</u>			
(Includes Hospitality Room and Administrative Expenses)			
CANBERRA REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (Required)	\$15		\$
ARMED FORCES REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (Required)	\$ 7		\$
Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u>			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAGS

FIRST _____ LAST _____

SHIP #: CA-70 CAG-2 Division Assigned _____ YEAR DATES ABOARD: FROM: ___/___/___ TO: ___/___/___

CHECK HERE IF THIS IS YOUR 1st USS CANBERRA REUNION? YES E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Please list First and Last Names of Spouse and all Guests (excluding yourself) so that we can make their Name Tags.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) ____ - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) ____ - _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING? DRIVING? RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 am-5:00 pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

AGAIN for 2011 !! Register online and pay by credit card at
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