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2014 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA 8-12 Oct. 2014

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 8th through Sunday, October 12th. The cutoff for all reservations is September 5, 2014. 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 Friday, September 5th 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.

Fall Newsletter

The fall newsletter is usually mailed around the first of September so we can pass on last minute info to those who are planning on attending this year's reunion. It will include information useful to newcomers as well as useful updates for old timers. It may well arrive after the cutoff date, so get your reservations in early.

USS Canberra Directory

We are offering an updated version of the Canberra's Membership Directory via e-mail. It is in Microsoft Excel format. If you desire a copy, contact Ron or Ken. The first edition was published January 1, 2012. It was last 7333 updated in January 2014 and it is available by request.

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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 5/21/14).

Please be advised that the dues cycle for the Association is from 1 January through 31 December of each year.

To pay your dues, please mail \$25 for this year to:
USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.;
Attn: Ron Nullet; P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614

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 contact Ron Nullet at his address listed above or at: Phone: 631-736-3444; e-mail: ronsteam@optonline.net.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. Website

AFR, Inc. offers Reunion Registration on-line.

Just go to their website at:

www.afr-reg.com/canberra2014

Fill out the form and pay by credit card.

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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>Aboard</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Pitts, Maury L.	CAG-2			2001
Pitcher, Lawrence B., Jr.	CA-70		43-45	2007
Rhodes, Robert A.	CAG-2		57-60	2008
Burgmeier, Lester H., Jr.	CA-70	B	43-45	2014
Green, Gerald W.	CAG-2		66-68	2014
Kohn, Alfred G.	CA-70		44-45	2014
Krausman, Kenneth A.	CAG-2	OR	59-61	2014
Lytle, James R.	CAG-2		66-68	2014
Rhue, D. Russell	CAG-2		57-62	2014
Rimi, Carmine F.	CAG-2	OR	56-58	2014

Found Shipmates

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

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Fay, James F.	CAG-2	2nd	58-60
Faulkner, Jerome T.	CAG-2		60-62
Lang, John J.	CAG-2	OI	63-64
Pacis, Cornelio F.	CAG-2	M	60-65

Remember to sign up for our
Annual Reunion

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Reunion Association

8-12 October 2014

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center

Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA

USS Canberra (CAG-2) Jackets and Shirts

We still have CAG-2 jackets, chambray shirts and golf shirts available. The golf shirts come in red, white or blue. The coaches jackets are only available in blue. Contact Ron Nullet (PO Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720 **or** ronsteam@optonline.net **or** phone 631-736-3444) if you are interested in any of these items. Jackets are \$100. Golf shirts are \$28 and Chambray shirts are \$33. Prices include shipping.

SHIP'S SILHOUETTE HATS

We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat is **\$18.00** per cap including priority mail postage. The hats are available in Navy Blue and Summer White in the CA-70 version. The CAG-2 version has hats available in Navy Blue, Summer White or Scarlet. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these hats you can contact Ken via mail, e-mail or telephone for reduced rates for multiple hats.

Please be advised that postage rates were raised again, therefore we had to raise the price of a hat to \$18.

HMAS Canberra Commissioning

Commander David Wright, RAN, the guest speaker at our reunions in Warwick, RI and Reno, NV, and who is now back home in Canberra Australia, has informed us that the newest Canberra warship, HMAS Canberra (LHD 02), will likely be commissioned in the August/September time frame.

An exact date has not been set as yet.

USS Canberra Website Addition "AGENT ORANGE"

A new page has been added to our website:

www.usscanberra.com

It has information about Agent Orange and VA Claims.

If you have any pertinent information that you think should be added to it, please contact Ken (see front page for contact info).

*****SEE ARTICLE BELOW*****

Request for Documentation of Early 1965 Cruise to DaNang Harbor

Congressman Reid Ribble is assisting constituent and **USS Canberra** sailor Wayne Damp and others who served in establishing that the **USS Canberra** entered Vietnam's inland waterways on a number of occasions in March and April 1965.

Currently, deck logs from April 9 reference sailing "in the vicinity of 'Cape Tourane'" and disembarking a Commander Ackerman. A reference is also made on April 15, 1965 to commence "maneuvering at various courses and speeds to enter DaNang Bay, Vietnam."

Congressman Ribble has previously worked with Vietnam Navy Veterans to coordinate deck logs and veteran testimonials and was successful in having another vessel – the **USS Gurke** -- added to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) registry for Agent Orange benefit purposes.

Our office respectfully requests documentation, including but not limited to recollections or photos of the **USS Canberra** sailors' experiences in and around DaNang Harbor.

Please feel free to forward items to:

Congressman Reid Ribble

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Green Bay, WI 54303

Or email them to kerry.niemcek@mail.house.gov

If you have questions, please feel free to call Kerry in the Green Bay office at 920-471-1950.