



USS Canberra

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CA-70 / CAG-2

Members of the Crew



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PLEASE READ FIRST

2016 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information Portland, Maine 12-16 October 2016

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

The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Reunions is **September 12, 2016**.

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 the above listed dates 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 take part in as many or as few of our tours as you want, but reserve early and cancel out at a later date if you find you cannot make the reunion.

Membership Dues Are Now Due For 2016

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 also pay your dues with a life membership.

The amounts are:
 Age 60-70 = \$275
 Age 71-80 = \$210
 Age 81 + = \$140

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Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on this newsletter. If there is an *** after your last name, your dues are not up to date according to our records (dues not received as of 02/08/16).

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 (after 4/4/16) at P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720; Phone 631-736-3444, or you can e-mail Ron at: ronsteam@optonline.net.

Dues Cards

For those paying their dues after 8 Feb 2016, your 2016 Dues Cards will be mailed after 1 April 2016.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Please send your dues 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 other correspondence or letters to:
 USS Canberra Reunion Association;
 P.O. Box 130; Belpre, OH 45714; Attn: Ken Minick

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Location

700 Main St., South Portland Maine 04106

Located just minutes from a variety of local sights and attractions, from beaches to the historic Old Port area.

Reservation Information

Call the number above and please remember to reference the USS Canberra Reunion Association to make reservations and receive the discounted group rate.

Group Name: USS Canberra Reunion Association

Reunion Dates: October 12-16, 2016

Rate: \$99 + tax (currently 9%) Includes a free full American Buffet Breakfast each morning. Rate will be honored three days before and three days after reunion dates, based on availability

Cut off Date: 09/12/16 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Attendees must cancel by 4pm on the arrival date in order to avoid a charge

Parking & Shuttle Information

The Best Western Merry Manor Inn provides free parking in their newly renovated spacious parking lot.

The Best Western will also be offering reimbursement for taxi service from the Portland International Jetport to the hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel, please proceed to the front desk with your receipt to receive reimbursement.

For taxi service returning to the airport, the Best Western will prepay all taxis. (**gratuities not included**)

Wheelchair Rental

ScoutAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com for more information or make reservations.

**USS Canberra Wearables
Jackets, Shirts, etc**

We still have CAG-2 jackets, chambray shirts and golf shirts available. The golf shirts and jackets are only available in blue. CAG-2/CA-70 shirts are available for shipmates who were aboard during the last few years of the Canberra's commissioning. **Jackets are \$100; Chambray shirts are \$34; Golf shirts are \$30.** All prices include shipping. Contact Ron Nullet (PO Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614 or ronsteam@optonline.net or phone 631-736-3444) if interested in these items.

Ship's Silhouette Hats

We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost of a hat is \$18.00, this includes priority mail postage. The CA-70 hat is only available in Navy Blue. The CAG-2 hat is 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.

The Supreme Commander

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Died</u>
Gamarsh, Stanley N.	CA-70		43-45	2002
Rawson, Billy G., Sr.	CAG-2			2012
Roman, John L.	G2/70		65-69	2013
Poland, Judson L.	CAG-2	A	58-61	2014
Bank, Norbert F.	CA-70	1st	44-46	2015
Belanger, Wilfred W.	CA-70	N	43-45	2015
Bornstein, William	CA-70	F	43-46	2015
Bromm, Donald A.	CAG-2		61-63	2015
Leeser, William A., Jr.	CA-70			2015
McKenzie, Rufus E., Jr.	CAG-2	9th	58-60	2015
Munsill, William A., Jr.	CA-70	F	43-46	2015
Weemes, John H.	CAG-2	5th	60-62	2015
Newark, James H.	CA-70	E	43-45	2016
Schoeckert, Robert D.	CAG-2		62-63	2016
Wardwell, George A.	CAG-2	OR	61-64	2016

On-Line USS Canberra Museum

The son of Ralph Peck, one of our WWII shipmates, has a new on-line site pertaining to the USS Canberra (both CA-70 and CAG-2). If you have any photos, items or stories regarding someone that served on the Canberra, he'd like to share them with the world. You can contribute by taking a photo of the item or scan a document and send it to him by email. Please include a brief description including the person's name, date (if known) and current location of the item.

His email is gordon@usscanberramuseum.org The web address for the on-line museum is: usscanberramuseum.org You can also access it by going to our website at www.usscanberra.com and clicking on the link at the bottom of the main page. The site should be live on March 1st, until then it will say "coming soon".

Come Join Us In Portland, Maine 12-16 October 2016

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Hot Entrees

Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$30
Salmon with Lemon Maple Butter	\$30
Roast Top Sirloin	\$30
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$30

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Appropriate to the Entrée Selection

Dessert

Chef's Selection of Dessert
Coffee and Tea Service

Kid's Meal (11 and under)	
Chicken Nuggets Meal	\$12

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity

Friday Buffet Dinner Hot Entrees

Prime Ribs of Beef Carved to Order
Apple Stuffed Chicken
Baked Stuffed Haddock with Lobster Sauce

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
And Salads Appropriate to the Entrées

Desserts

Chef's Selection of Desserts
Coffee and Tea Service

Total Price	\$33
Children 11 and Under	\$15

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity



Some of the people who attended our 2015 Reunion in Mobile, Alabama

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 12-16, 2016

Best Western Merry Manor Inn South Portland, Maine

Wednesday, October 12

Noon - 10:00 pm* Hospitality Room open
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reunion Registration Open

Thursday, October 13

7:00 am - 10:00 pm* Hospitality Room open
7:00 am - 9:00 am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in the Hospitality Room
8:30 am - 9:00 am Reunion Registration Open
9:30 am - 3:00 pm LIGHTHOUSE TOUR / KENNEBUNKPORT (description follows)
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted if necessary.
4:45 pm - 9:15 pm FOSTER'S CLAMBAKE (description follows)

Friday, October 14

7:00 am - 10:00 pm* Hospitality Room open
7:00 am - 9:00 am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in the Hospitality Room
9:15 am - 3:45 pm MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM / FREEPORT (description follows)
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Buffet - Dancing (50/50 Drawing)

Saturday, October 15

7:00 am - 4:00 pm Hospitality Room open
7:00 am - 9:00 am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in the Hospitality Room
9:00 am - 10:30 am Business Meeting
12:00 am - 3:30 pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Cash Bar
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet Dinner followed by Guest Speaker and Raffle Table Drawing

Sunday, October 16

7:00 am - 9:00 am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in the Hospitality Room
Farewells and Departures until 2017

***Although the Hospitality Room is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Wednesday thru Friday, the hours will be extended if enough people are using it at that time.**

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 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the reunion.

Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

**Register online and pay by credit card at
www.afr-reg.com/canberra2016**

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday October 13 LIGHTHOUSE TOUR / KENNEBUNKPORT

Begin the day with a stop at Portland Head Light, built in 1791 and authorized by President George Washington. It is the oldest lighthouse in Maine and also the most photographed. Visit the museum on park property to learn about the history and its importance to the area. Then enjoy a drive by Spring Point Ledge Light. Once in Kennebunkport, you'll have free time for lunch and shopping on your own at many possibilities. Before heading back to Portland, your tour guide will direct the bus around Kennebunkport, such a picturesque town, located along the Kennebunk River. Historically a fishing village, in recent decades the town has become a popular seaside tourist destination with a small district of souvenir shops, art galleries, seafood restaurants and eateries. Its reputation as a superb community comes from the numerous large seaside estates along Ocean Avenue and other coastal thoroughfares. The famous "Bush Compound" is located on Walker's Point, a peninsula visible from Ocean Avenue. During the fall, Kennebunkport is known as a favorite spot for enjoying the famous New England fall colors.

9:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$50/Person includes bus, guide and admission. Lunch on your own.

FOSTER'S CLAMBAKE

Join the Maine tradition at Foster's for an authentic New England Clambake, but first drive by Nubble Light House for a brief picture stop. Upon arrival at Foster's, enjoy social time with a drink at the cash bar and a walk around the facility to see the clambake cooking in the fresh air over the fire. Once seated for dinner, enjoy clam chowder, along with clams, mussels, and lobster. The meal is rounded out with corn, potatoes and blueberry crumb cake for dessert. For those of you that may not care for seafood, chicken or eggplant parmesan are other options. Enjoy live music with Foster's one-man band. You may even want to sing along!

September-October: 4:45pm board bus, 9:15pm back at hotel.
\$80/Person includes bus, escort and dinner.

Friday October 14 MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM / FREEPORT

Spend the morning in Freeport. Enjoy this time on your own in a city full of wonderful outlet stores, delicious local seafood, and LL Bean's flagship store – a "must see" while in Maine. Upon arrival in Bath, we will take a guided cruise past Bath Iron Works, seeing both the shipyard and a DDG-1000 Zumwalt Class Destroyer tied up at the dock. Following the cruise, we will have a docent-led tour of the Maine Maritime Museum. From watercraft and lobstering, to shipbuilding and sea trade, you'll hear stories about dangerous voyages to distant lands, see how a shipbuilder's family lived in the 1890s, smell the sawdust from historic ship timbers and discover the wonders and mysteries of Maine's maritime culture. **YOU MUST HAVE PHOTO ID.**

9:15am board bus, 3:45pm back to hotel
\$72/Person includes bus, escort, cruise and admission. Lunch on your own.

Saturday October 15 CITY TOUR

Get on board the "Discovery" trolley and proceed to your first stop: Old Port, one of Portland's most visited attractions. Stroll on cobblestone streets with gas lights to see Victorian era buildings now home to shops, galleries, restaurants and more. Free time for lunch and shopping on your own. Then, sit back and enjoy a narrated tour as your guide treats you to Portland's diverse history and architecture. The childhood home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, The Victoria Mansion, Bug Light and the Liberty Ship's Memorial are just a few of the landmarks you'll see as we travel the city streets. .

12:00pm board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
\$36/Person includes trolley bus and driver-guide. Lunch on your own.

Driver and Escort gratuities are included in the tour prices.

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

Unless otherwise noted, all tours require a minimum of thirty five people.

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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/canberra2016 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**. 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 _____	Name Tag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/12/16 <i>Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals</i>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY: LIGHTHOUSE TOUR / KENNEBUNKPORT	\$50		\$
THURSDAY: FOSTER'S CLAMBAKE	\$80		\$
FRIDAY: MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM / FREEPORT	\$72		\$
SATURDAY: CITY TOUR	\$36		\$
<u>HOTEL MEALS</u>			
FRIDAY BUFFET DINNER - ADULT	\$33		\$
FRIDAY BUFFET DINNER - CHILD (11 and under)	\$15		\$
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Roast Top Sirloin	\$30		\$
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$30		\$
Salmon with Lemon Maple Butter	\$30		\$
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$30		\$
Children's Plate (11 and under) — Chicken Nugget Meal	\$12		\$
<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 Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

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: ___/___/___

IS THIS 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 (____) _____ - _____

By submitting this form you will be in our monthly newsletter subscription. To opt out, please check the box

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