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Members of the Crew



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*****PLEASE READ FIRST*****

**2017 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
Harrisburg, PA 11-15 October 2017**

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 11th through Sunday, October 15th.

The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Reunions is **September 8, 2017**.

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.

******Please Read Next******

**Membership Dues Are
Now Due For 2017**

Are Your Dues Paid???

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

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd

Attn: Ken Minick

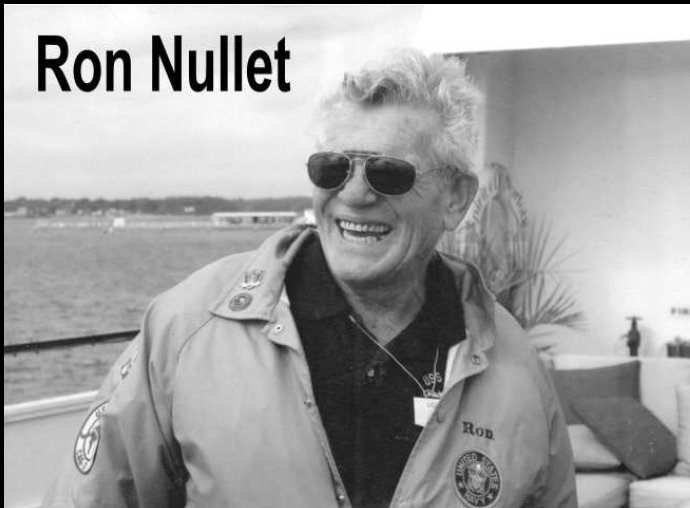
P.O. Box 130

Belpre, OH 45714

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 02/10/17).

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.



Ron Nullet

Our shipmate, and the Association's
Secretary/Treasurer, passed away
on 22 January from the side effects
of lung cancer that were caused by the
9-11 World Trade Center terrorist attack.

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

Please send your dues, 50/50 tickets and all other correspondence or letters to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd;

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

Also, please make all checks out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

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BEST WESTERN PREMIER CENTRAL HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER – HARRISBURG, PA
(717) 561-2800 or (800) 644-3144
www.thecentralhotelharrisburg.com

Location

800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
 Centrally located, the hotel is close to downtown Harrisburg and Hershey Park

Reservation Information

Call the number above and please remember to reference the USS Canberra Reunion Association or reserve online at www.thecentralhotelharrisburg.com, click on "Reserve a Room" at the top, and use the group code 069107.

Group Name: USS Canberra Reunion Association

Reunion Dates: October 11-15, 2017

Rate: \$119.95 + tax (currently 11%). Breakfast Buffet is included in room rate. Rate will be available 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion dates, subject to availability of guest rooms at time of reservation.

Cut off Date: 09/08/17. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Individual reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card in the amount of one night's lodging. All cancellations must be made 24 hours to the arrival date or one night will be charged.

Parking & Shuttle Information

The hotel provides complimentary parking for its guests. The Central Hotel & Conference Center offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Harrisburg International Airport. Once you arrive at the airport, you will need to call the hotel at (717) 561-2800 and let them know you will need shuttle service. Space is limited on complimentary services; please inquire when making your reservation.

Wheelchair Rental

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

Shipmate's Suggestion

One of our shipmates suggested that it might be a good idea, from time to time, for the newsletter to have various crew members write articles about something cool that happened when they were serving aboard the Canberra. He said that there's probably a lot of stories that most of us aren't aware of. We agree, if you have any stories, please submit them.

Canberra in Cuba in 1956

This note was received from one of our shipmates.

I thought you might find this small bit of USS Canberra history interesting.

Any time I watch a documentary on WWII or Vietnam, I always look to see if there are any shots or information of the Canberra and just recently I saw one.

On Netflix there is a documentary on Cuba called "Cuba Libre Story".

Twenty minutes into the third episode and again at the beginning of the fourth episode where they were relating the friendly relationship between the USA and Cuba, led by Fulgencio Batista at the time, there are scenes showing the CAG-2 moored in Cuba around 1956 with Batista going aboard. Evidently the Canberra carried Batista from Cuba to the US as Castro was taking power.

Its not much, but it's a bit of history I didn't know, so I thought it was worth passing along.

Richard Ferguson RD2
 OI Division 1965 - 1968

Canberra Wearables

The Canberra Reunion Association will no longer be handling/selling USS Canberra Jackets, Golf Shirts, Denim Shirts or T-Shirts.

We will continue to handle and sell USS Canberra Silhouette Hats.

Happy 90th Birthday

A few years ago we published an article stating that if you turn 90 to please let us know and we'd put it in the newsletter.

Shipmate Robert G. Eastburn, CA-70, 4th Division 1943-46, called to inform us he turned 90 in 2016 and turned 91 this February.

Shipmate James Karpinen turned 93 in November 2016 shortly before his death this January.

The Supreme Commander

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Adams, John B.	CAG-2	B	68-69	2016
Botts, Larry E.	CAG-2	4th	61-65	2016
Fullen, Daniel L.	CAG-2	OR	61-63	2016
Griesinger, Donald G.	CAG-2	E	59-61	2016
Litwin, John N.	CA-70	F	44-45	2016
Montgomery, James E.	CAG-2			2016
Pepin, Raymond O.	CAG-2			2016
Richards, Raymond T.	CAG-2	R	56-60	2016
Salamon, William	CAG-2	Drones		2016
Alequin, Rafael O.	CA-70	1st	43-45	2017
Bliss, Don M.A.	CAG-2	9th	60-62	2017
Coughlin, David W.	CAG-2	B	56-57	2017
Ducey, Michael W., Sr.	CAG-2	1st	61-63	2017
Hildenbrandt, Ray W.	CAG-2	1st	60-61	2017
Karpinen, James J.	CA-70	2nd	43-46	2017
Nullet, Ronald	CAG-2	R	59-62	2017
Turek, Robert M.	CAG-2		65-67	2017
Welch, Ronald K.	CAG-2			2017

Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Winter 2016 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>
Bickerstaff, David R.	CAG-2	8th	57 (MidShipman3)
Noonan, John J., Jr.	CAG-2	M	56-58
Margeson, Ray C.	CAG-2	Armory	60-62

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Hot Entrees

Marinated London Broil w/ Pepper Glaze	\$38
Chicken Marsala	\$34
Pan-Seared Tilapia w/ Tomato Chutney	\$35
Vegetarian Entrée	\$34

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 Tenders Meal	\$18

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity

Friday Buffet Dinner Hot Entrees

Pot Roast of Beef
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Baked Honey Glazed Ham
New England Baked Cod
Baked Ziti

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	\$39
Children 11 and Under	\$19

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 11-15, 2017

BEST WESTERN PREMIER CENTRAL HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER – HARRISBURG, PA

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room open
8:00 am - 8:30 am **Reunion Registration Open**
9:00 am - 3:30 pm AMISH COUNTRY (description follows)
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Reunion Registration Open.** Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm GOOD 'N PLENTY RESTAURANT (description follows)

Friday, October 13

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room open
9:30 am - 4:30 pm GETTYSBURG (description follows)
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Buffet Dinner – Dancing (drawing of 50/50 tickets)

Saturday, October 14

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Hospitality Room open
8:30 am - 9:45 am Business Meeting
10:00 am - 1:45 pm TOWN OF HERSHEY (description follows)
12:00 pm - 3:45 pm TOWN OF HERSHEY (description follows)
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Cash Bar
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet Dinner (raffle table drawing)

Sunday, October 15

Farewells and Departures until 2018

*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 and pay online at www.afr-reg.com/canberra2017

******All tour descriptions are on Page 5******

Like us on Facebook and upload your reunion photos at www.facebook.com/armedforcesreunions

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday October 12

AMISH COUNTRY

Once in Lancaster, we'll visit the Amish Farm & House. Begin a respectfully conducted lecture and tour through ten rooms of this authentic exhibit. You will learn the history, religion, customs, and way of life of the Old Order Amish. Embark on a self-guided tour of a typical Pennsylvania Dutch Farm - in operation! Afterwards, reboard the bus and proceed with a guided tour of the Amish Country. Horse-drawn carriages are a common sight; the bustle of modern life seems centuries away. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own at the Kitchen Kettle Village, a community of country shops where fresh foods and handmade crafts are available.

9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel

\$56/Person includes bus, escort, admission and guided tour. Lunch on your own.

GOOD 'N PLENTY RESTAURANT

Board the bus for dinner at the Good 'N Plenty restaurant, located in Smoketown, PA. Enjoy an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch family-style meal featuring three country meats, four vegetable dishes including dried corn and mashed potatoes, fresh baked breads, and five desserts including the famous wet-bottom shoo-fly pie.

5:30pm board bus, 9:00pm back at hotel

\$73/Person includes bus, escort and family-style dinner.

Friday October 13

GETTYSBURG

Historic Gettysburg is your destination. We will begin our visit at the Visitor's Center with the featured film, *A New Birth of Freedom* (sponsored by The History Channel and narrated by Morgan Freeman). The massive Cyclorama painting, which literally surrounds visitors with a visual of the fury of Pickett's Charge brought to life with lights and sound presentation; and the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War, showcasing twelve exhibit galleries that contain artifacts and interactive displays are also must-sees. After having lunch on your own, at either the Visitor's Center café or any number of local restaurants, we will begin our two-hour guided driving tour of the battlefield.

9:30am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel

\$66/Person includes bus, escort, admission and guided tour. Lunch on your own.

Saturday October 14

TOWN OF HERSHEY

Visit Chocolate World and ride through the chocolate making tour. See, feel, hear and smell the delicious transformation from bean to HERSHEY'S famous chocolate. Then enjoy a free sample. After the tour, enjoy free time to visit another attraction on your own (admissions to be paid by the individual), eat lunch at the Food Court or shop for unique Hershey gifts. Once back on the bus, tour the quaint town of Hershey where street lights look like Hershey kisses. Hear about the Hershey School and Founders Hall. Profits from Hershey chocolates help fund the school. Due to increased charter prices on Saturdays, this trip is based on the bus making two trips to shuttle everyone from the hotel to Chocolate World. Each group will follow a different schedule. Departure time will be chosen at registration, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tour price is based on a minimum of 40 people and a max of 70.

10:00am board bus, 1:45pm back at hotel or 12:00pm board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel.

\$47/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch and optional admissions 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/canberra2017 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**. 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 9/8/17	Price Per	# of People	Total
<i>Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals</i>			
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY: AMISH COUNTRY	\$56		\$
THURSDAY: GOOD 'N PLENTY RESTAURANT	\$73		\$
FRIDAY: GETTYSBURG	\$66		\$
SATURDAY: TOWN OF HERSHEY	\$47		\$
<u>HOTEL MEALS</u>			
FRIDAY BUFFET DINNER - ADULT	\$39		\$
FRIDAY BUFFET DINNER - CHILD (11 and under)	\$19		\$
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Marinated London Broil w/ Pepper Glaze	\$38		\$
Chicken Marsala	\$34		\$
Pan-Seared Tilapia w/ Tomato Chutney	\$35		\$
Vegetarian Entrée	\$34		\$
Children's Plate (11 and under) — Chicken Tenders	\$18		\$
<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.

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|----------|----------|
| 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 NOT subscribe, 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.

Register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/canberra2017