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2018 Reunion

For those of you who have not heard, the 2018 National Reunion of the USS Canberra "Members of the Crew" will be held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza in St. Louis, MO from 10 to 14 October 2018.

The Spring 2018 edition of the "Members of the Crew" Newsletter will have a complete listing of planned activities for this reunion.

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2018 (1 January through 31 December).

Please mail your dues to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.
c/o Bob Tylinski
5117 E. 70th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Please make your check out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

**To Faithful Old Friends And
To Cherished New Friends.
There Is Not A Better Time To Say
"Thank You"
And To
"Wish You A Happy Holiday Season"**

**Phyllis & Ken
Jean & Bob
Louise & John
Pat & LeRoy
Jackie & Len
Gene
Mary & Bill**

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2017 Business Meeting Highlights

- Ken Minick, President, opened the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Master-at-Arms, Gene Sibley. The Invocation followed and was given by Chaplain Bill Dorsey.
- The first order of business was a talk about the 2018 reunion. It will be held in St. Louis, MO at the Sheraton Westport Plaza. We only have 50 rooms reserved. When we signed the contract in late June, only about 10 people had signed up for the 2017 Reunion in Harrisburg. Because of the low sign up in Harrisburg we thought 50 rooms would be adequate for St. Louis. Surprisingly we ran out of rooms and bus tour seating in Harrisburg well before the cut-off date. President Ken Minick stated that if you think you will be attending the 2018 Reunion, it would behoove you to get your reservations in early. President Ken then suggested that we add 1 or 2 Reunion Coordinator positions and that they be an appointed positions so that the Association By-Laws would not have to be changed. These are needed if we want to keep having reunions. Shipmate Bill Baer volunteered to fill this position and the members unanimously approved him.
- President Ken Minick asked if there were any members who would like to fill any of the officer positions in the Association, after a deathly silence, he then stated that with Ron Nullet's passing we would need a new Secretary/Treasurer and since we do not have a living Past President, the office of President Emeritus will remain vacant for the foreseeable future. He stated that he had been doing the Secretary/Treasurer's job since Ron's passing, but according to our By-Laws the President and the Secretary/Treasurer can not be the same person. He then opened nominations for Association Officers. Bob Tylinski was nominated to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position along with his Vice President position. Unfortunately, **once again**, since no one else was nominated, the following were nominated and elected/re-elected as Officer's of the Association:

President Emeritus	Vacant
President	Ken Minick
Vice President	Bob Tylinski
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Tylinski
Chaplain	Bill Dorsey
Historian	John Chenoweth
Assistant Historian	LeRoy Johnson
Master-at-Arms	Gene Sibley
USMC Liaison	Len Kucharski

Appointed Position

Reunion Coordinator	Bill Baer
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- It was explained why we would not have a guest speaker or DJ at the Banquet. A speaker was not found because Ken was too busy with other Association matters to find one. A DJ was not hired for the Banquet because at the last two reunions where we had a DJ, people left as soon as the raffle was over and the DJ went home early. The Officers thought that it was a waste of money to hire one.
- The Financial Report was submitted by our President and Acting Secretary/Treasurer Ken Minick. The Association is presently sound financially, although we still have many outstanding costs for the 2017 Reunion.
- A special thanks was once again given to Bob's Printing (Bob and Mike Beach and their staff) for printing and mailing our Newsletters. Another special thanks was given to the ladies who keep the reunion running with their work in and around the hospitality room each year and also to all of the members that jump in and help us setup and break down the rooms.
- Bob Tylinski spoke about the on-line USS Canberra Museum, Gordon Peck, the son of Ralph Peck, one of our WWII shipmates, runs it and has been updating it. If you have any photos, items or stories regarding you or someone that served on the Canberra, he'd be glad to receive them for possible inclusion on the Museum's website.

2017 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Ship	L Name	F Name	Division	Years	Ship	L Name	F Name	Division	Years
CA-70	Beach	Robert	2nd	1944-45	CAG-2	Simpson	Dennis	OI	1961-64
CA-70	Doka	Joe	3rd	1943-45	CAG-2	Villanueva	Michael	OL	1958-60
CA-70	Chenoweth	John	4th	1943-47	CAG-2	Burns	Robert	OR	1956-58
CA-70	Koestner	Charlie	B	1943-45	CAG-2	Chesmore	Richard	OR	1956-58
CA-70	Sauber	Herb	H	1945-45	CAG-2	Jackman	Ronald	OR	1956-58
CA-70	Benoit	Delores		Family	CAG-2	Talkington	James	OR	1957-60
CAG-2	Kondroski	Richard	2nd	1963-65	CAG-2	Ahern	Jim	R	1960-63
CAG-2	Dorsey	Bill	6th	1962-66	CAG-2	Allan	Robert	R	1964-67
CAG-2	Becker	Marlin	7th	1956-59	CAG-2	Baer	Bill	R	1963-64
CAG-2	Burdick	Jim	7th	1959-61	CAG-2	Bray	Kenneth	R	1963-65
CAG-2	Gault	Bob	7th	1962-64	CAG-2	Garcia	Nick	R	1962-66
CAG-2	Reynolds	Peter	7th	1956-57	CAG-2	Koonce	Charles	R	1962-64
CAG-2	Weichold	Clarence	7th	1956-58	CAG-2	Kralik	Tom	R	1956-58
CAG-2	Woods	Henry	7th	1959-63	CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	1963-65
CAG-2	Estes	Leo	9th	1957-59	CAG-2	Engelhardt	Guy	S-1	1963-64
CAG-2	Koollian	Ed	9th	1958-60	CAG-2	Petroski	Tom	S-1	1957-59
CAG-2	Kucharski	Len	9th	1957-58	CAG-2	Thomas	Sammy	S-2	1963-66
CAG-2	Lam	Les	9th	1963-64	CAG-2	Mealy	Daniel	S-4	1956-60
CAG-2	Saunier	Robert	9th	1961-62	CAG-2	Botts	Rose		Family
CAG-2	Schultz	George	9th	1956-58	CAG-2	Hildenbrandt	Eileen		Family
CAG-2	Smith	Ralph	9th	1957-58	CAG-2	Nullet	Barbara		Family
CAG-2	Witheridge	Robert	9th	1956-58					
CAG-2	Clinton	Ed	A	1961-62					
CAG-2	Petraska	Pete	A	1960-61					
CAG-2	Pusateri	Samuel	A	1958-60					
CAG-2	Surette	William	A	1957-59					
CAG-2	Gleason	Joseph	B	1959-62					
CAG-2	Johnson	Leroy	B	1962-66					
CAG-2	Morgan	Robert	B	1965-66					
G-2/70	Stark	Michael	B	1966-70					
CAG-2	Ward	Bobby	B	1956-59					
CAG-2	Burk	Don	E	1957-60					
CAG-2	Schambach	Charles	E	1963-64					
CAG-2	Shirk	Neal	E	1956-58					
CAG-2	Whitehead	John	E	1956-59					
CAG-2	Parker	Thomas	F	1958-61					
CAG-2	Chappell	Joseph	FG	1956-57					
CAG-2	Lewis	Alan	FG	1956-57					
CAG-2	Sibley	Gene	FM	1960-62					
CAG-2	Tylinski	Bob	FM	1961-62					
CAG-2	Ruff	Jay	N	1965-67					
CAG-2	Wier	Ronald	N	1965-68					
CAG-2	Graham	Roger	OE	1958-59					
CAG-2	Graves	Barry	OE	1964-66					
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	1963-65					
CAG-2	Peltzer	Carman	OE	1964-66					
CAG-2	Kondroski	Carl	OI	1963-64					

Reunion First Timers

There were 9 first time attendees this year.

From the CA-70 it was Herb Sauber.

From the CAG-2/CA-70 they were Joseph Chappell, Guy Engelhardt, Nick Garcia, Ronald Jackman, Alan Lewis, Tom Petroski, Jay Ruff, and Robert Saunier.

2017 National Reunion Harrisburg, PA

The 2017 reunion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is now history and was enjoyed by all who attended.

There were 5 CA-70 WWII plus their family members, including one first timer and one Association family member. 54 CAG-2/CA-70 shipmates attended including eight first timers and three Association family members for a total of 136 shipmates, family and guests.

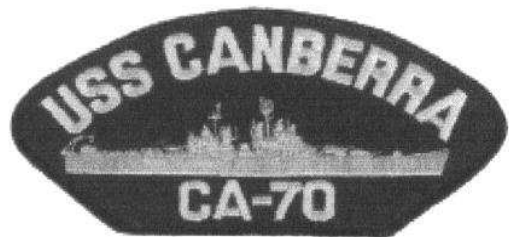
The Divisions with the highest attendance this year were R and 9th (USMC) Divisions with 8 attendees each.

Ship's Silhouette Hats

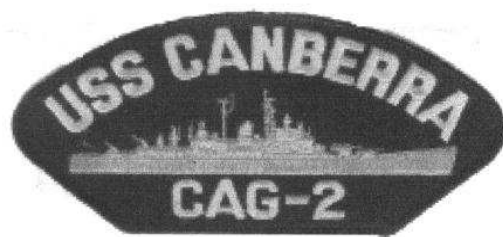
We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat will be \$19.00 per cap including priority mail postage (cost is up \$1 due to postage increase).

The hat is only available in Navy Blue in the CA-70 version. The CAG-2 version hats are 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 or e-mail.



Hats



CA-70 USS Canberra CAG-2

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Details to follow in the Spring 2018 Newsletter

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>Died</u>
Karas, Paul R.	CAG-2	A	1959-60	1992
Fenton, Firman E.	CAG-2	R	1956-58	2009
Bonczek, Robert F.	CAG-2	4th	1961-62	2017
Bradeen, Fred A.	CAG-2		V/N Era	2017
Della Camera, Charles J.	CAG-2	M	1956-57	2017
DeSimone, William	CAG-2	OR	1956-57	2017
Dyer, David N.	CAG-2			2017
Giovanelli, John A.	CAG-2			2017
Gray, Harold G.	CAG-2		V/N Era	2017
Haas, Gerald M.	CAG-2		1964-67	2017
Hoover, Daniel J., Jr.	CA-70	10th	1943-46	2017
Julian, Ralph C.	CA-70	5th	1943-45	2017
McCafferty, Francis, R.	CAG-2	F		2017
Monroe, Albert A.	CA-70	CS	1943-46	2017
Morter, Robert P., Jr.	CAG-2	7th	1962-64	2017
Solakoff, Robert S.	CAG-2	9th	1959-61	2017
Tormoen, Earl S.	CA-70	7th	1943-46	2017
Wooldridge, David E.	CAG-2	7th	1957-60	2017
Woolery, Allen A.	CAG-2	8th	1956-57	2017

Found Shipmates

Following is the name of a **USS Canberra Shipmate** that was found since the Fall 2017 Newsletter was published.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Garcia, Nick	CAG-2	R	1962-66