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**2018 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
St. Louis, MO 10-14 October 2018**

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 10th through Sunday, October 14th.

The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Reunions is September 7, 2018.

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 date 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.

Fall Newsletter

The fall newsletter is usually mailed so that it arrives around the first of September. This is so we can pass on any last minute information to those who are planning on attending this year's reunion in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Newsletter always includes information that is useful to newcomers.

It will also have useful updates for the old timers who have been to our reunions before.

It may possibly arrive after the cutoff date, so get your reservations in early.

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Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on the newsletter.

If there is an *** before your first name, your dues are not up to date according to our records (dues not received as of 05/16/18).

If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, **please contact our Sec/Treas, Bob Tylinski**, at 317-257-4551 or at the address listed in the following article or you can contact Ken Minick at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above in the Masthead of the Newsletter

Dues

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

Please mail your dues to:

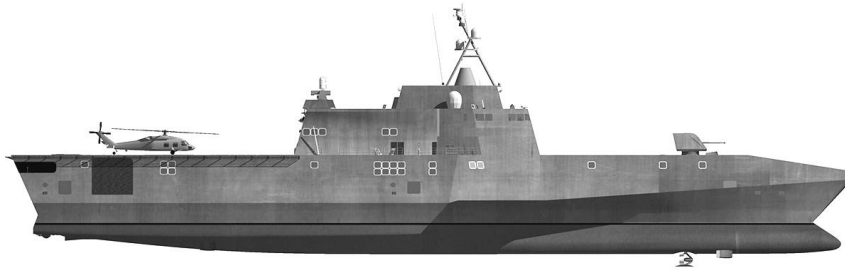
**USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.
c/o Bob Tylinski
5117 E. 70th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220**

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U.S. Navy's Next Independence-Variant Littoral Combat Ship is to be Named USS Canberra (LCS-30)

The Littoral Combat Ships, beginning with LCS-3, have been named for American cities, but the Navy's next Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS-30) will be named the USS Canberra, U.S. President Donald Trump has announced.

President Trump made the announcement on Friday, February 23 as he opened a White House news conference with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull after a day of meetings. The President said that a U.S. combat ship will be named in honor of an Australian cruiser that was lost fighting alongside the U.S. Navy in World War II.

President Trump said that Australia's defense minister will sponsor the ship and that the ship will be a worthy successor to both her Australian namesake and her American predecessor. He added that the ship will symbolize the enduring friendship between the two countries, adding that "there is no closer friendship." LCS-30 will be the second U.S. Navy ship to be named USS Canberra. The first one was the USS Canberra (CA-70/CAG-2), a Baltimore-class cruiser and later a Boston-class guided missile cruiser.

The complement of this class of warship is 40 core crew members (8 officers, 32 enlisted) plus a mission crew of up to 35 additional crew members.

Construction of the new USS Canberra is scheduled to start in 2019 at the Austal USA facility in Mobile, Alabama. You could see the Austal USA facility and some of the LCS ships that were being built there from the Hospitality Room at our Mobile Reunion in 2015.

On-Line USS Canberra Museum

Visit the Museum at: usscanberramuseum.org
You can also access the Museum by going to our website at: www.usscanberra.com and clicking on the link at the bottom of the main page.

Agent Orange Update 5/8/2018

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs voted unanimously to send a bill to the full House that would provide benefits to "Blue Water" Navy veterans who were aboard Naval vessels and were potentially exposed to Agent Orange.

The dioxin-laden herbicide has been found to cause respiratory cancers, Parkinson's disease, heart disease as well as other conditions.

Increasing benefits for Blue Water veterans has been widely supported and the bill sent to the House has more than 300 sponsors.

It still has to pass the full House and the Senate.

A Sailor's Poem

Long ago I was a Sailor.
I sailed the Ocean blue.
I knew the bars in Singapore...
The coastline of Peru.
I knew well the sting of salt spray,
The taste of Spanish wine,
The beauty of the Orient...
Yes, all these things were mine.
But I wear a different hat now,
Jeans & T-shirts too.
My sailing days were long ago...
With that life I am through.
But somewhere deep inside of me...
The sailor lives there still.
He longs to go to sea again,
But knows he never will.
My love, my life, is here at home,
And I will leave here never.
Though mind and body stay ashore...
My heart's at sea forever.

Written by Mike Young, Navy Vet

Ship's Silhouette Hats

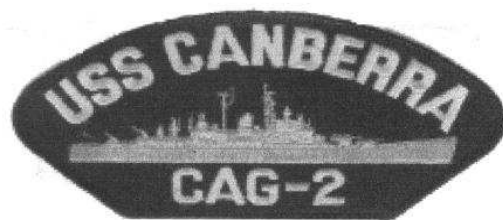
We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat will be \$20.00 per cap including priority mail postage (cost is up due to postage increases).

The hat is available in Navy Blue and Summer White 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



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>
Mitchell, Fred A.	CAG-2	OR	1967	2003
Beck, Charles W. II	CAG-2	OI	1956	2012
Dunn, Charles W.	CA-70	E	1945-46	2013
Brown, Charles D.	CAG-2	S	1960-62	2015
Lies, Ralph N.	CAG-2	OE	1957-58	2015
Lala, Rene A	CAG-2	FM	1959-62	2016
Ward, Gene P.	CAG-2			2016
Whispell, Danald P.	CAG-2	OL	1958-60	2016
Alfaro, Richard C.	CA-70	4th	1944-46	2017
Harrell, Lester E.	CA-70	4th	1943-45	2017
Magliacane, Alfonso M.	CA-70			2017
Yon, Larry J.	G-2/70	FG	1967-68	2017
Bosserman, Larry J.	CAG-2	E	1958-61	2018
Brown, Thomas W.	CAG-2	S	1960-61	2018
Carver, Donald	CAG-2			2018
Dangler, Richard W.	CAG-2	OE	1962-64	2018
DeAngelis, Charles P.	CA-70	3rd	1943-47	2018
Luxford, Terry M.	CAG-2	F	1958-61	2018
McMillan, Michael G.	CAG-2		V/N Era	2018
Nolan, Arthur G.	CAG-2	OS	1956-57	2018
Price, James G.	CAG-2	E	1966-67	2018
Remillard, Gaston P.	CA-70	4th	1943-46	2018
Rutland, Wilbert A.	CAG-2	OR	1959-60	2018

Found Shipmates

Following are **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Spring 2017 Newsletter was published.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Dorsey, Howard A.	G-2/70	6th	65-69
Johnston, Ronald V.	CAG-2	8th/FM	62-65
MacQuigg, Robert A.	G-2/70	OR	67-69