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**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
Mary & Bill
Gene
Jackie & Len

2019 Reunion

For those of you who have not heard, the 2019 National Reunion of the USS Canberra "Members of the Crew" will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Deerfield, Illinois from **9 to 13 October 2019**. The Spring 2019 edition of the "Members of the Crew" Newsletter will have a complete listing of planned activities for this reunion.

Change of Address 1

Ken will no longer be receiving mail at PO Box 130. He felt that it was costing the Association too much money. His new address is: 2115 Pride Ave.; Belpre, OH 45714

Change of Address 2

If you move, we would appreciate it if you would inform us of your new address, either by mail, phone or e-mail. We would like you to continue to receive our newsletters. The Post Office will forward the newsletters for up to 60 days and will report a change of address to us (for a nominal fee). If it has been over 60 days, then we have no idea where you have moved to and you will no longer receive the newsletters unless you contact us with a new address.

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2018 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.
- We were reminded to keep our ailing shipmates and families in our thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, we had 6 Shipmates that had to cancel due to their or their wife's illness, plus one who cancelled due to the hurricane.
- There was only 1 First Timer, Tom Schottenbauer, in attendance at the Reunion this year. There were also no WW2 Shipmates in attendance. This is the first time that has ever happened. Last year we had 5 WW2 shipmates and one family of a WW2 shipmate. They accounted for over 20 people at last year's banquet.
- The Divisions with the most attendees this year was R Division with 7.
- The first order of business was a talk about the 2019 reunion. It will be held in Deerfield, IL at the Hyatt Regency from October 9-13. Once again, we only have 50 rooms reserved. The reason the area was chosen is that it is where the only remaining Navy Boot Camp is located. Our Friday tour will start at the Navy Boot Camp Graduation. We are only allowed to bring one bus aboard the Naval Base. That means only 53 people can attend the graduation ceremony. So if you desire to see the Graduation, sign up early, because it will be first come first served.
- This year's reunion is the smallest we've had since I started coming to them in 1991. We may wait until we see how many are coming to the 2019 Reunion before we start looking for a place for the 2020 or to see if we even have enough interest in one for 2020. Armed Forces Reunions, who have been instrumental in setting up the Associations reunions since 1990, has basically said that they don't know if they can support us any longer if we can't fill the hotel rooms and tours with enough people.
- President Ken Minick asked if there were any members who would like to fill any of the officer positions in the Association, once again there was a deathly silence, He then stated that since we do not have a living Past President, the office of President Emeritus will remain vacant for the foreseeable future. He then opened nominations for Association Officers. Unfortunately, **once again**, since no one else was nominated, the following were nominated and re-elected as Officers of the Association:
Ken stated that he will be going up to our Historians to pick up the remaining memorabilia that he has in his custody. John requested that this happen.

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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2018 Business Meeting Highlights-Continued

- **New USS Canberra LCS-30**

I've been in Contact with the Austal USA company that is going to build the new Canberra. I asked if we could attend the Keel Laying, Launching and Commissioning of the new ship. They have answered yes for the Keel Laying and Launching.

Their "potential" dates are:

The Keel Laying Ceremony should happen around January 2020 and the Christening Ceremony should happen around January 2021.

All dates they gave are "Tentative"!!!

2019 • Jan.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Start of Construction
2020 • Jan.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Keel laying Ceremony
2021 • Jan.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Launch (Christening)
2021 • Oct.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Start Builder's Trials
2021 • Nov.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Start Acceptance Trials
2022 • Jan.	Tentative	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Delivery to the Navy

After Austal delivers the ship to the Navy in early 2022 the Commissioning Ceremony should take place anytime from 4-8 month after the Delivery.

Austal USA estimates it would be anytime from April - September 2022.

They are not sure who will be our main point of contact for the Commissioning, which will be planned by a Commissioning Committee that will be formed. The Commissioning Committee is usually made up of members of the crew, namesake city representative (usually Navy league or local government), and a US Navy ship ceremony specialist, which is a company contracted by the US Navy to help with logistics (in the past it has been McKean Defense).

- The Association Composition/Database was commented on. As of 1 October 2018 we had 3,361 names in our database. Of those: 110 are Widows; 54 are Family Members; 10 are Honorary Members; 1 Staff (AFR) Member; 74 are Life Members and 205 are Yearly Paid Members. Which means we send out 454 Newsletters. We also have 1,845 Deceased; 1,020 Not Paid and 42 Missing (old addresses, cannot contact) in the database.

By Location, the data for our paid members breaks down like this:

West: 62 members (TX, OK, CO, WY, MT and points west)
 Middle: 75 members (ND,SD, NE, KS, MO, AR, LA and east to the east coast states)
 East: 142 members (Atlantic Seaboard including PA and VT)

- The Financial Report was submitted by our Secretary/Treasurer Bob Tylinski. The Association is presently sound financially, although we still have many outstanding costs for the 2018 Reunion.
- It was brought up that we have a Directory that is available via e-mail to members desiring one. It is in Microsoft Excel. Send Ken an e-mail request and he'll get it out to you. It is updated 2 or 3 times a year and needs to be updated at present. It has all of the people in the data base listed except the missing Shipmates.
- 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.
- A motion was made and seconded that the 2018 business meeting be closed.

2018 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Ship	L Name	F Name	Division	Years
CAG-2	Nutt	Gary	1st	56-58
G2/70	Dorsey	John	6th	61-65 & 67-69
CAG-2	Gault	Robert	7th	62-64
CAG-2	Janssen	Myron	8th	57-59
CAG-2	Schottenbauer	Thomas	8th	66-67
CAG-2	Kucharski	Len	9th	58-59
CAG-2	Saunier	Robert	9th	61-62
CAG-2	Schultz	George	9th	57-58
CAG-2	Pusateri	Samuel	A	58-60
CAG-2	Johnson	LeRoy	B	62-66
CAG-2	Morgan	Robert	B	65-67
G2/70	Stark	Michael	B	66-70
CAG-2	Ward	Bobby	B	56-59
CAG-2	Sibley	Gene	FM	60-62
CAG-2	Tylinski	Bob	FM	61-62
CAG-2	Nissen	Jene	N	58-61
CAG-2	Wier	Ronald	N	65-68
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	63-65
CAG-2	Peltzer	Carman	OE	64-66
CAG-2	Smith	LeMoine	OE	65-67
CAG-2	Estes	James	OI	58-60
CAG-2	Simpson	Dennis	OI	61-64
G2/70	Spencer	Harry	OI	67-69
CAG-2	Baer	Bill	R	63-64
CAG-2	Bray	Kenneth	R	63-65
CAG-2	Garcia	Nick	R	62-66
CAG-2	Koonce	Charles	R	63-64
CAG-2	Kralik	Tom	R	56-58
CAG-2	Schmelebeck	Del	R	56-58
CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	63-65
CAG-2	Thomas	Sammy	S-2	63-66
CAG-2	Owens	Jim	S-3	63-65

Reunion First Timers

Tom Schottenbauer was the only first time attendee this year.

Found Shipmates

Following are **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Fall 2018 Newsletter was published.

If you want to contact them, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Gonzalez, Garry G.	G2/70	OL/S-1	65-69
Schroeder, Irvin L.	CAG-2	OR	62-64
Smith, LeMoine	CAG-2	OE	65-67

*****Dues*****

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2019 (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.

The Supreme Commander

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have met the **Supreme Commander**.

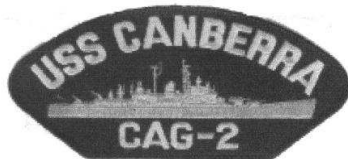
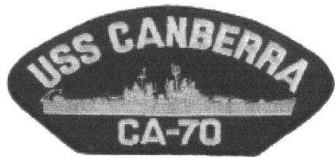
<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Breisinger, James T.	CA-70		43-45	2018
Carpenter, Maurice A.	CA-70	4th	43-45	2017
Conley, John F.	CA-70	2nd	43-45	2018
Moose, Beryl E.	CA-70		43-45	2018
Elliott, Gyle E.	CAG-2	9th	61-63	1976
Bunselmeyer, Walter G., Jr.	CAG-2	H	62-66	1998
Boyd, Richard L.	CAG-2	M	63-66	1999
Loomis, Stephen A.	CAG-2	OR	64-66	2001
Dietz, Raymond E.	CAG-2		V/N Era	2002
Daum, Frederick J.	CAG-2	9th	60-62	2003
Land, Clinton D.	CAG-2	1st Lt.	64-66	2005
Lucas, Paul W.	CAG-2			2005
Blue, John J.	CAG-2	OR	57-59	2009
Nelson, William H., Jr.	CAG-2	FM	64-68	2009
Obermeier, Walter T.	CAG-2	F	56-58	2010
Shaner, Robert L.	CAG-2	7th	59-63	2010
Wallbank, Thomas W.	CAG-2	OR	63-65	2010
Hale, Richard L.	CAG-2	OL	61-64	2011
Myrvik, Raymond A.	CAG-2	X	61-62	2011
Phillips, Marvin R.	CAG-2	S-1	58-60	2011
Siegert, Jon J., Sr.	CAG-2	N	59-63	2011
Cline, Donald L.	CAG-2	OE	55-57	2013
Ferris, Robert D.	CAG-2	5th	64-68	2013
Moreira, Jeffrey K.	CAG-2	OR	67-69	2013
Sharp, George D.	G2/70	OI	67-69	2013
Bobbitt, Donald E.	CAG-2	F	56-59	2015
Oulton, Floyd C., Jr.	CAG-2	S-2	62-63	2015
Royer, Raymond A.	CAG-2	F	56-60	2015
Reger, Owen J.	CA-70	Weapons	68-69	2016
Greenwood, Charles L.	CAG-2	Chaplain		2017
Neel, Bobby D.	CAG-2	S-1	63-66	2017
Turner, Gary A.	G2/70	E	66-69	2017
Artese, Victor S., Sr.	CAG-2	OI	65-67	2018
Blankenship, Clifford J.	G2/70	5th	68-70	2018
Bowen, James C.	CAG-2	E	66-67	2018
Caldwell, John R.	CAG-2	S-2		2018
Damp, Wayne K.	CAG-2	8th	62-65	2018
Ford, Freddie	CAG-2	S-1	63-65	2018
Gray, Francis E., Jr.	CAG-2	F	59-63	2018
Hudson, Ernest L.	CAG-2	8th	59-62	2018
Lubrani, Anthony S., Sr.	CAG-2	E	56-58	2018
Lynn, Milton O., Jr.	CAG-2	OE	56-57	2018
Montalvo, Gregory P.	CAG-2	9th	56-58	2018
Rampey, Alvin H.	CAG-2		56-58	2018
Ross, Carl F., Jr.	CAG-2	FM	59-62	2018
Rubar, John P.	CAG-2	R	60-64	2018
Sassa, Thomas F., Sr.	CAG-2			2018
Smith, Ralph R., Sr.	CAG-2	9th	57-59	2018

2018 National Reunion St. Louis, MO

The 2018 reunion in St. Louis, MO is now history and although it was the smallest reunion since 1990, it was enjoyed by all who attended. For the first time ever, there were no CA-70 WWII shipmates or their family members present. 32 CAG-2/CA-70(New) shipmates attended including one first timer for a total of 68 shipmates, family and guests. The Division with the highest attendance this year was R Division with 7 attendees.

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 **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, e-mail or telephone.



Hats

If you have some good reunion photos, please e-mail them to Ken. He'll **TRY** to get them in the Spring newsletter.



Our Guest Speaker at the Banquet, Commander Scott Craig, Assistant Naval Attaché at the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C., and our Vice President Bob Tylinski.



Photo taken by Bill Baer on the City Tour



Some of the R Division guys in the Hospitality Room