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**2021 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
Pittsburgh, PA 13-17 October 2021**

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 13h through Sunday, October 17th.

The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Reunions is **September 21, 2021**.

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.

For Reunion First Timers

It won't take you long to figure out that the place to be at the reunion is the USS Canberra Hospitality Room, located in the hotel's Robinson/Montour Rooms..

Early October is usually a beautiful time in the Pittsburgh area where temperatures average in the mid 60s during the day and the upper 40s at night. You may want to bring along a light/medium jacket. The daily dress code is casual. It is also casual for all of our tours.

Some of our tours require some walking, so bring a good pair of walking shoes.

Saturday night is our more formal banquet dinner. A suit, sport coat and tie or simply a nice shirt and pants are fine.

The ladies know what is right for them, they always look good anyway, it's the guys who may need to be told what to wear, so listen to your lady.

2021 Reunion

The Reunion is still a go at press time (8-18-2021) and will remain so unless the local area is put on a "Distancing" and "Mandatory Face Mask" policy.

Please check the "View the USS Canberra Log Book" on our www.usscanberra.com web page for updates.

Found Shipmate

Below is a **USS Canberra Shipmate** who was found since the Summer 2021 Newsletter was published. If you want to contact him, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Summerson, Robert J.	CAG-2	OI	58-60

*****Reunion Registration Forms*****

If you need a replacement Reunion Registration Form, contact Ken.

Those with computers can register on-line at: www.afr-reg.com/canberra2021

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Commemorative Hats & Mugs

This year's ball hats and coffee mugs are in the process of being manufactured. They will both be delivered to the hotel in Pittsburgh.

A free coffee mug will be given for each registration.

As in past years, ball caps will be given to those shipmates that purchase tickets for the Raffle Table at the reunion.

This year's ball caps will again come in Navy Blue, Scarlet and Summer White.

Additional hats and mugs will be available for sale at and following the reunion.

If you do not plan to be at this year's reunion, you can contact Ken to reserve your cap and mug for delivery after the reunion. They will ship sometime from late October to early November.

The price of hats will be \$20 each including postage, the price of mugs will be \$18 each including postage, if ordered separately. The cost of one cup and one hat, including Priority Mail postage is \$32.00 if ordered at the same time.

Write, e-mail or phone Ken for multiple order prices.

USS Canberra 2021 Reunion Site

**Marriott Pittsburgh Airport
777 Aten Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108
412-788-8800**

When making reservations, if you press 0 (instead of 1) you should get a front desk agent that can help you.

Parking and Shuttle Information

There is complimentary parking at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport for reunion attendees.

The hotel offers complimentary Airport Transportation.

Airport shuttle service, on request, Mon to Sun 04:00AM to 01:00AM.

Shuttle phone: +1-412-788-8800 Ext 0.

Rental Wheelchairs

ScotAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week.

Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scotaround.com for more information or to make reservations.



USS Canberra Relatives

Living Down Under



Bob Tylinski, our VP/Sec-Treas, has family living down in Australia. He, therefore, decided they all needed some USS Canberra hats!

The Supreme Commander

Supreme Commander List Information

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>
Melito, James F.	CA-70			2021
Ferries, Kieth M.	CAG-2	M	56-57	1995
Bowker, Vincent P., Jr.	CAG-2	S-4	59-60	2020
Smith, Charles "Steven"	G2/70	OR	66-69	2020
Anderson, Edward	CA-70		69-70	2021
Brewington, Earl D.	CAG-2	1st	65-66	2021
Eastgate, Ronald D.	CAG-2	Flag	59-60	2021
Eichmann, Ellis E.	CAG-2	S-2	61-62	2021
Fulkerson, Paul K.	CAG-2	OR	59-61	2021
Gilkison, Ralph A.	CAG-2	OI	60-62	2021
Loss, Kenneth R.	CAG-2	FM	68-69	2021
Schmelebeck, Delbert D.	CAG-2	R	56-58	2021
Shaffer, Dennis L.	CAG-2	FM	66-68	2021
Wilson, Donald E.	CAG-2		58-59	2021

USS Canberra (LCS-30)

The Christening Ceremony for the new USS Canberra (LCS-30) was held on June 5th at the AUSTAL USA facility in Mobile, AL. Two Canberra Crew Members, LeRoy Johnson and Bill Dorsey, were able to attend.



After the Christening, LeRoy Johnson shows Vice Admiral Ricky Williamson, USN - Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics and Rear Admiral Mathew Hudson, CSC, RAN - Naval Attaché and Assistant Defense Attaché, Embassy of Australia, one of his Cruise Books.

After the Christening, Shipmate Bill Dorsey relates stories about the USS Canberra CAG-2 to Ms. Alison Petchell, Minister Counsellor Defence Materials, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, who Christened the Future USS Canberra (LCS-30).

Photos courtesy of AUSTAL USA

They're currently tracking LCS-30 to "Sail Away" from AUSTAL USA on April 7, 2022 (date subject to change). The Commissioning typically happens 1-3 months after "Sail Away", probably in the "Summer of 2022".