



USS Canberra

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Members of the Crew



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USS Canberra Reunion Association

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

2021 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information

Pittsburgh, PA Oct 13-17, 2021

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 13th through Sunday, October 17th, 2021.

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.

We are hoping that the Covid-19 epidemic does not affect our Reunion again this year.

If the wearing of masks and having "Social" Distancing is still in effect in the Pittsburgh area near Reunion time, we will have to cancel the Reunion

Found Shipmates

At the date the Newsletter went to the printers, there were not any newly found shipmates to report for this period.

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

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2021 (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.

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 02/15/2021).

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 or Bob Tylinski at the address above.

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MARRIOTT PITTSBURGH AIRPORT

(412) 788-8800 or

<http://www.marriott.com/pitmc>

Location

777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Reservation Information

Call the number above and reference the USS Canberra Reunion or use the Hotel link at the top of Armed Forces Reunions online registration form www.afr-reg.com/canberra2021

- Group Name:**USS Canberra Reunion
- Reunion Dates:**October 13th to October 17th, 2021
- Rate:**\$121 + tax (currently 14%) Breakfast for 2 people is included in the room rate. Group rate will be offered 3 days before and after the Reunion
- Cut off Date:**09/21/2021 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.
- Cancellation Policy:**A deposit equal to the room rate plus tax for the first nights reservation is due at the time the reservation is made. Deposit will be refunded if the reservation is cancelled at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date.

Parking & 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.

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.

**USS Canberra
(LCS-30)**

**Christening Ceremony
In Mobile, Alabama**

The launch of the future USS Canberra (LCS-30) was tracking for the end of February.

The Christening Ceremony was to be hosted right before the launch (Tentative date was moved up to 27 February).

The final date depended on the availability of the ship's sponsor, Foreign Minister Marise Payne, of the Australian Government.

Due to COVID-19, guests were not allowed to attend the ceremony in person.

Saturday Night Banquet

- Mixed Garden Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee and Tea Service

Hot Entrees

- Chicken Marsala \$44
- Honey Glazed Salmon \$44
- Marinated London Broil \$44
- Vegetarian-Mushroom Ravioli \$44

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Appropriate to the Entrée Selection

Dessert

Chef's Selection of Dessert

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity

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>Deid</u>
Adams, Alfred A.	CA-70		45-46	2008
DeNoia, Frank	CA-70	7th	43-45	2020
Hesketh, John F., Jr.	CA-70	B	43-46	2020
Laurent, Elphege H., Jr.	CA-70	7th	43-46	2021
Allen, Robert S., Jr.	G-2/70	OE	1968	2020
Fedor, George M.	CAG-2	FM	63-66	2020
Jessen, Julian G.	CAG-2	OI	61-63	2020
Lam, Lester L.	CAG-2	9th	62-63	2020
Papin, Gerard A.	CAG-2			2020
Siemsen, Emray J.	CAG-2		57-61	2020
Dugan, Patrick D.	CAG-2	1st	60-62	2021
Thompson, Arthur N.	CAG-2	M	61-62	2021

We had often wondered how many CA-70 Shipmates were still with us, although they may not be in our database. While in Isolation last year, I decided to look up the CA-70 shipmates and see what I could find. Using the Quarterly Ship's Muster Logs I started my search using Google Search, GenealogyBank and Nationwide Gravesite Locator. I discovered over 400 of the CA-70 Shipmates had passes away. The list below is only 25 of them. Over the next several months, I hope to get them all entered in the database.

Charles, Jules	CA-70		44-46	2010
Fradette, Gerard D	CA-70		43-45	2010
Caldwell, Charles F.	CA-70		44-46	2011
Couch, David W.	CA-70		44-46	2011
Kowerski, Lawrence M	CA-70		43-45	2011
Lancaster, George M	CA-70		43-45	2011
Arocha, Jesse G.	CA-70		43-45	2014
Brocco, Robert J	CA-70		43-45	2014
Glanbiger, William	CA-70		43-45	2014
Devine, Dominic J.	CA-70		43-44	2015
Helmick, Thomas A	CA-70		43-45	2015
La Fleur, Charles M	CA-70		43-45	2015
Ritter, William C.	CA-70		43-46	2015
Casper, Gerald M.	CA-70		44-46	2016
Iles, James T	CA-70		43-44	2016
Smith, Robert Glenn	CA-70		43-46	2016
Bangs, Joseph C.	CA-70		43-45	2017
Doherty, Leonard J. Sr	CA-70		43-46	2017
Zbuka, George	CA-70		44-46	2017
Alexander, Kasimer J.	CA-70		43-45	2018
Crosby, John J	CA-70		43-45	2018
Kellam, Garland W	CA-70		43-45	2018
Dyrness, Wilbur M	CA-70		44-45	2019
Kruse, George A	CA-70		43-45	2019
Nickell, Donald O.	CA-70		43-45	2019

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 13th to 17th, 2021

MARRIOTT PITTSBURGH AIRPORT

Wednesday, October 13

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

Thursday, October 14

7:30 am - 8:30 am Reunion Registration Open
 8:00 am - 10:00 pm* Hospitality Room open
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Pittsburgh City Tour (description follows)
 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Reunion Registration Open.** Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.

Friday, October 15

8:00 am - 10:00 pm* Hospitality Room open
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum & Memorial and Nationality Classrooms (description follows)

Saturday, October 16

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Hospitality Room open
 8:30 am - 9:30 am Business Meeting (50/50 Drawing)
 Noon - 3:30 pm Frick Art and Historical Center (description follows)
 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Cash Bar
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet Dinner (raffle table drawing)

Sunday, October 17

Farewells and Departures until 2022

***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 (\$15 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/canberra2021

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

USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday - October 14 CITY TOUR

Pittsburgh is a city known for its blend of rich ethnic culture and traditions as well as its cosmopolitan appearance. On this tour, discover why Pittsburgh is known as "the only city with a front door," as you approach the downtown area through the Fort Pitt Tunnel. Pittsburgh's compact eleven square block downtown district is home to numerous Fortune 500 companies and two of the nation's largest banks. See Point State Park, the city's birthplace, located at the confluence of Pittsburgh's three great rivers and the mouth of the Ohio River. Enjoy highlights from the city's surrounding neighborhoods, such as the view atop Mt. Washington and the thirty foot Tiffany windows in the Calvary Methodist Church in Northside. Make a stop to tour Saint Anthony's Chapel which overlooks the Allegheny River and houses the largest collection of Catholic relics outside of the Vatican, including a piece from the table of the Last Supper. Enjoy lunch on your own at PPG Place, Pittsburgh's premier office complex with outstanding shops and restaurants.

**9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel
\$48/Person includes bus, guide. Lunch on your own.**

Friday - October 15 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM & MEMORIAL AND NATIONALITY CLASSROOMS

The Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum & Memorial is dedicated to the history and memory of the men and women of the United States in times of war. The unique and engaging exhibits begin with the Civil War and continue through to Desert Storm. The exhibits express much more than the logistics and tools of war. They provide a better understanding of what life was like on the home front as well as what the soldier experienced on the front. Make your way across the street to the University of Pittsburgh campus. Begin a guided tour of the Nationality Classrooms in the University's forty-two story Cathedral of Learning. The twenty-four classrooms pay tribute to the heritage of Pittsburgh's many ethnic groups. Each functioning classroom highlights one of numerous European, Scandinavian, Middle Eastern, African and Asian cultures through original and recreated furnishings, sculptured and inlaid wood, carved stone and stained glass. Lunch on your own and shopping will be at Station Square just across the bridge from Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle. The site was the original Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Headquarters and has been restored to house over fifty shops and restaurants. You may want to spend some of your time there to take the Monongahela Incline to the top of Mt. Washington for the best views of the city below. There is a nominal additional charge for the incline ride.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel
\$74/Person includes bus, guide and admission.**

Saturday - October 16 FRICK ART AND HISTORICAL CENTER

After having lunch on your own at the hotel, board bus for the Frick Art and Historical Center. Clayton, the restored Victorian home of industrialist Henry Clay Frick, is one of the finest home museums in the nation. Set on six acres, the property includes an art museum, an antique car and carriage museum, a cafe, greenhouse and lush strolling grounds.

**12:00pm board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel
\$65/Person includes bus, escort and admission.**

Driver and Staff 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.**

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/canberra2021 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**. 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 9/21/2021 Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY: Pittsburgh City Tour	\$46		\$
FRIDAY: Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum and Memorial	\$74		\$
SATURDAY: Frick Art and Historical Center	\$75		\$
<u>HOTEL MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Chicken Marsala	\$44		\$
Honey Glazed Salmon	\$44		\$
Marinated London Broil	\$44		\$
Vegetarian-Mushroom Ravioli	\$44		\$
<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)	\$15		\$
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 (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program on Page 5.

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.

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