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Members of the Crew



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AS OF THE DATE OF THE MAILING, THE 2021 REUNION IS STILL PLANNED TO BE HELD

Check our website for any changes

www.usscanberra.com

If you have any questions, contact Ken

**2021 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information
Pittsburgh, PA**

Reunion Dates: Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 13th 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.

At this time (**mid-May**) masks are still required in the hotel lobby and other public spaces (like elevators), but masks or social distancing will not be required in our meeting spaces – (Hospitality or Banquet Room). Things are getting better and soon they expect all of the Covid requirements to be ended.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. Website

AFR, Inc. offers Reunion Registration on-line.

Just go to their website at:

www.afr-reg.com/canberra2021

Fill out the form and pay by credit card.

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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 05/16/2021).

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 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.

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2021 Reunion 1966-67 WestPac Slide Show

On Thursday evening 13 October in the Hospitality Room, we will be showing Shipmate Jim Spencer's slide show from the 1966-67 WestPac Cruise.

It was derived by Jim from his color slides to images that still look pretty good after more than 50 years.

There are lots of candid shots taken on board of the crew and the various actions of the ship.

Also included are shots taken during liberty in Subic Bay, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, Melbourne and San Diego.

It is capped off by our "initiation" at the Equator and by our homecoming in June of 1967.

It is closed out by views of the Canberra where she lay mothballed at Mare Island.

The show takes about 45 minutes to narrate.

There will be additional time for crew members to chip in with their own experiences.

It should be fun and something great for us "grandpas" to share with spouses and younger family members of this life-defining experience.

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 the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

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.

On-Line USS Canberra Museum

The on-line USS Canberra Museum, that pertains to both the CA-70 and the CAG-2, has been up and running for well over a year now.

Gordon Peck, the son of Ralph Peck, one of our WWII shipmates, has been responsible for getting it up and on line and is responsible for its updating. If you have any photos, items or stories regarding you or someone that served on the Canberra, he'd love to share them with the world. You can contribute by taking a photo of an item, scanning a document or writing an article and sending it to him by email. Please include a brief description, including the person's name, date (if known) and current location of the photo or document.

His email is:

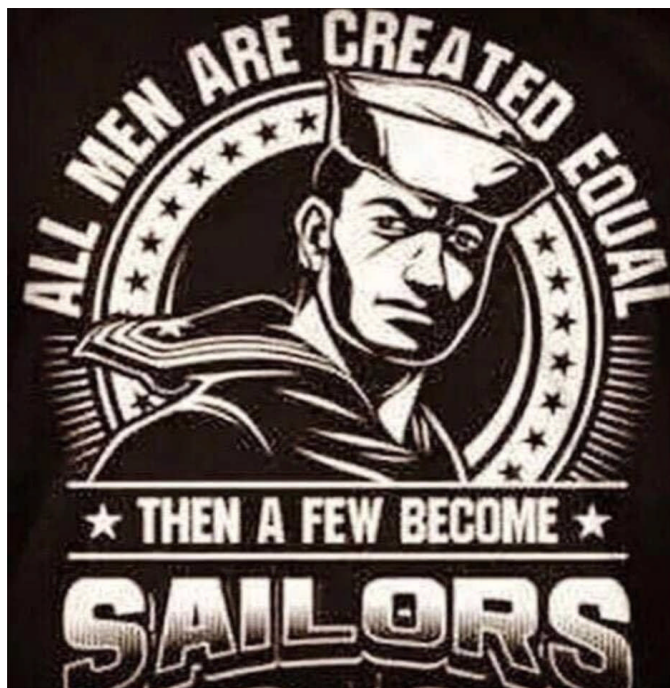
gordon@usscanberramuseum.org

If you have any questions, contact him via his email.

The web address for the on-line museum is:

www.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.



The Supreme Commander

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

| <u>Shipmate</u> | <u>Ship</u> | <u>Div</u> | <u>Aboard</u> | <u>Died</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Kuchinskas, Sylvester | CA-70 | | | 2021 |
| Bladh, James C. | CAG-2 | | | 2019 |
| Auker, Soreno A. | CAG-2 | M | 59-61 | 2020 |
| Gleason, Joseph E. | CAG-2 | B | 59-62 | 2020 |
| Calarco, James P. | G-2/70 | FG | 66-69 | 2021 |
| Cartner, James III | CAG-2 | OI | 64-67 | 2021 |
| Chapman, Larry A. | CAG-2 | X | 66-67 | 2021 |
| Coons, William E. | CAG-2 | R | 57-59 | 2021 |
| Martin, George H. | CAG-2 | 4th | 63-65 | 2021 |
| Nolan, James J. | CAG-2 | OI | 61-63 | 2021 |
| Norton, William J., Sr | CAG-2 | E | 59-61 | 2021 |
| Rex, Joseph T. | CAG-2 | OE | 61-63 | 2021 |
| Shields, George E. | CAG-2 | | 62-63 | 2021 |
| Shields, Kenneth W. | CAG-2 | M | 62-64 | 2021 |
| Skeggs, Norman S. | G-2/70 | FM | 68-70 | 2021 |
| Smith, Robert C., Jr. | CAG-2 | 4th | 62-65 | 2021 |



Launching of the Future USS Canberra (LCS-30)

The Future USS Canberra (LCS-30) was launched into the Mobile River on 30 March 2021.

It has not been Christened as yet.

The Honorable Marise Payne, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, will not be able to make the trip to the USA.

Therefore the Christening will be done virtually on June 5th.

The Christening will be streamed live.

Check our Log Book Page on:

www.usscanberra.com

for information on it.