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Members of the Crew



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PLEASE READ FIRST

2023 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information Charleston, SC 11-15 October 2023

Reunion Dates: The Reunion is not far off. Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 11th through Sunday, October 15th. The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Registrations is **September 18, 2023**. 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 Charleston area where temperatures average in the mid 70s during the day and the low 60s at night. You may want to bring along a light/medium jacket.

The daily 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, you'll be welcome no matter your attire.

USS Canberra (LCS-30) Commissioning Ceremony

The USS Canberra (LCS-30) was commissioned on the morning of July 22, 2023 in Sydney, Australia (the evening of July 21st in the U.S.). Both the Canberra's Blue and Gold Crews were in attendance at the Commissioning Ceremony. The next day Crewmembers marched, along with HMAS Canberra Crewmembers, at a Freedom of Entry Parade in Australia's capital, Canberra.

The Navy published the following about the Blue and Gold crew concept:
The two-crew concept has many merits. While one crew is at sea, the other would be ashore training.
This rotation allows the ship to be deployed to a greater extent, maximizing the ship's operational impact to the fleet, yet protecting the individual deployment tempo of the crew.

LCS-30 In Sydney Harbor Awaiting Commissioning



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2023 Reunion 1966-67 WestPac Slide Show

On Thursday evening, 12 Oct., 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 55 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 Naval Shipyard.

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.

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 Charleston.

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 years 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 years 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. (See Masthead of Newsletter)

An **OLD** Navy Joke

A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship.

He turns on his signal lamp and sends, "Change your course, 10 degrees west."

The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees east."

The captain gets a little annoyed.

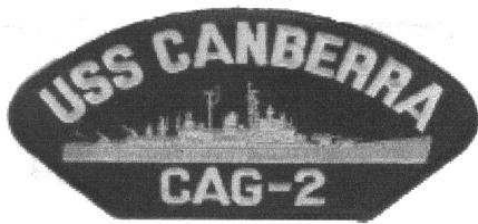
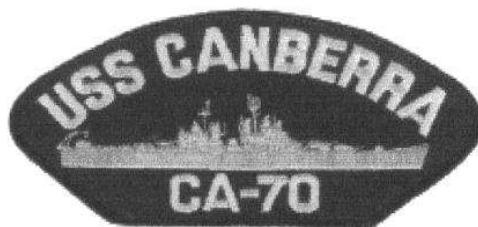
He signals, "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir."

The light signals back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir."

Now the captain is mad.

He signals, "I'm a battleship. I'm not changing my course."

The light signals back a final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."



Ship's Silhouette Hats

We still have a few Ship Silhouette Hats in stock.

The cost for a hat will be \$22.00 including priority mail postage. If ordering more than one hat, contact Ken for costs as postage is less for each additional hat. Both the CAG-2 and CA-70 (WW2) version hats are available in Navy Blue or Summer White.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these hats, you can contact Ken via mail, e-mail or telephone. **(See Masthead of Newsletter)**

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>Died</u>
Dinofrio, John A.	CA-70	4 th	1943-46	2023
Mosby, Samuel C.	CAG-2	B	1963-66	2022
Boroski, Richard J.	CAG-2	R	1958-60	2023
Hebert, Arthur A., Jr.	G2/70	5 th	1968-70	2023
Huston, Jerald L.	CAG-2	FM	1963-66	2023
Mashburn, Oliver J.	CAG-2	E	1959-61	2023
Morgan, Robert B.	CAG-2	B	1965-67	2023
Mulholland, James W.	CAG-2	R/2nd/4th	1965-68	2023
Olsen, Edward W.	CA-70	E	1968-69	2023
Pemberton, John A.	CAG-2	S-5	1959-63	2023
Scalise, Daniel B.	CAG-2	OE	1959-61	2023
Schmadeke, Richard J.	CAG-2	A	1966-68	2023
Stillman, John H.	CAG-2			2023
Wallace, James W.	CAG-2	OR	1958-60	2023
Whitehead, John H.	CAG-2	E	1957-59	2023

Found Shipmates

These **USS Canberra Shipmates** were found since the Summer 2023 Newsletter was published.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Powell, Jr., George W.	CAG-2	A	1964-66
Wilson, Leonard E.	CAG-2	5th	1961-63

Reunion Registration Forms

A Reunion Registration Form is Available on Page 4.

Those with computers can register on-line at:
<https://www.events.afr-reg/e/Canberra23>

USS Canberra 2023 Reunion Site

**Crowne Plaza Charleston
Airport Convention Center**

(843) 744-4422 or 1-877-227-6963

Location

4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd
North Charleston, SC 29418

Parking and Shuttle Information

Self-parking is available and complimentary.

The hotel does provide shuttle service to and from the airport.

It is best to call the hotel ahead of your arrival to make arrangements and reserve your spot. They will need your arrival information.

You can make your departure arrangements during your stay.

Please note that this is subject to change.

Rental Wheelchairs

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

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

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 <https://www.events.afr-reg/e/Canberra23> (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**. 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 9/18/2023 Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
THURSDAY: CITY TOUR & CHARLESTON'S HISTORIC MARKETPLACE	\$54		\$
FRIDAY: PATRIOTS POINT	\$64		\$
<u>HOTEL MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Chicken Breast Piccata	\$45		\$
Beef Sirloin with Green Peppercorn Demi-Glace	\$45		\$
Vegetarian - Mushroom Gnocchi with Parmesan and Fresh Herbs	\$45		\$
<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

YOUR FIRST _____ YOUR LAST _____

SHIP #: CA-70 CAG-2 Division Assigned _____ 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** 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).**

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.

Register online and pay by credit card at: <https://www.events.afr-reg/e/Canberra23>