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## Members of the Crew



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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 T*

*Pat & LeRoy*

*Mary & Bill*

*Gene S*

## \*\*\*\*\*New Officers\*\*\*\*\* and Future Reunions

Unless we can get someone to take over as President of the Association and get others to fill some of the other Staff positions, there will not be any more USS Canberra Reunions.

If you are interested in taking over any of these positions, let us know and we'll get you started in the right direction.

At present, we have not decided what we will do With the Association if we do not get someone to take over running it.

One option is to see about blending in with another group/ship.

Another is, we can just fold it.

If we do fold, we will have to decide what to do with our memorabilia.

We are open to suggestions.

There will be one or two Newsletters printed in 2024 to keep you abreast of the situation.

## \*\*\*\*\*Dues\*\*\*\*\*

No dues will be collected for the 2024 year as the Association is in limbo at the present time.

If you **have paid** your 2024 or 2025 dues they should have already been returned to you.

You will not be reimbursed for dues won by finding your phone number.

## \*\*\*\*\*Life Dues\*\*\*\*\*

We are still trying to figure out how much money **some** life dues shipmates should get back.

If you have been a life dues member since the Association started issuing life dues you will probably not see any reimbursement.

Please let us know your feelings about this.

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## 2023 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 4 Shipmates that had to cancel this year.
- \* There were 6 First Timers in attendance this year. Although there were no WW2 Shipmates in attendance, we did have the son of the Shipmate (Jerry DerBoghossian) that started the USS Canberra Reunion Association back in 1964, Kenny DerBoghossian. We also had the son and grand daughter, Mike and Lexi Beach, of WW2 Shipmate Bob Beach in attendance. Bob and Mike have been printing our Newsletter since 2005.
- \* The Divisions with the most attendees this year were OE and R Divisions with 5 each.
- \* The first order of business was a talk about this year's 2023 reunion and why we didn't have one in 2022. This year's reunion was the smallest we have ever had. We had planned on a 2022 Reunion In Indianapolis, but AFR doesn't do Indianapolis. Our VP/Sec/Treas who lived there said he thought he could set it up. Unfortunately, Bob got sick, I tried to help. We also got Visit Indy to try and help. To say that the hotels in the area were not Military friendly would be an understatement. Some offered free Hospitality and Banquet rooms, but wanted to charge for drinks and snacks (\$5 beer, \$2 snack bags, etc...) others would let us bring in our own drinks and snacks, but would charge \$700-\$1,000 a day for the Hospitality and Banquet facilities. Therefore, we dropped Indianapolis from our reunion plans and by then it was too late to try for somewhere else.
- \* President Ken Minick then highlighted his time in setting up reunions. He started assisting Bryan Humphrey with setting up reunions in 2002 for the 2003 St Louis Reunion, Bryan was asked to do this as Paul McManuels was having health problems. Paul passed away just before the 2003 Reunion and Bryan took over running the Association. With Bryan in charge, he and Ken set the reunions up together through the 2006 reunion that was to be in Valley Forge. Unfortunately, Bryan was too sick to make the 2005 Reunion in San Antonio and he passed away shortly thereafter. Because of Bryan's sickness/death, Ken has been the lead in setting them up since then. He had great help, 1<sup>st</sup> with Ron Nullet and then with Bob Tyliniski and more recently with Bill Baer's help. He stated that he would turn 85 this October, so he was giving up his position as President. He said he would be happy to assist a new President in any manner that he may want/need help. With Bob T's passing the Association will also need a new VP and a new Sec/ Treas. At the moment Jean Tyliniski is filling the Sec/Treas position. The President asked if there were any members who would like to fill any of the officer positions in the Association. The President then stated that since there were no one wanting to take over at present, if we can't get a new leader the Association would have to either fold or try to join with another group.
- \* New USS Canberra LCS-30 - The LCS-30 was commissioned in Sydney Australia on 22 June 2023 The Commissioning was available for viewing over the internet.
- \* The Association Composition/Database was commented on. As of 1 October 2023 we had 3,489 names in our database. Of those: 55 are Widows; 49 are Family Members; 9 are Honorary Members; 1 Staff (AFR) Member; 41 are Life Members and 150 are Yearly Paid Members. Which means we send out 305 Newsletters. We also have 2,410 Deceased; 729 Not Paid and 62 Missing (old addresses, cannot contact) in the database.
- \* The Financial Report was submitted by our acting Sec/Treas Jean Tyliniski. The Association is presently sound financially, although we still have many outstanding costs for the 2023 Reunion.
- \* A special thanks was once again given to Bob's Printing (Mike Beach) for printing and mailing our Newsletters. Another special thanks was given to the ladies (Pat Johnson and Jean Tyliniski) who keep the reunion registration running and to Bill Baer who takes great care of the hospitality room and also to all of the members that jump in and help us setup and break down the Hospitality Room.
- \* A motion was made and seconded that the 2023 business meeting be closed.

## 2023 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Although we did not have any CA-70 (WW2) shipmates present, we had the sons and a grand daughter of two of our CA-70 Shipmates.

Ship	L Name	F Name	Div	Years
CAG-2	Hopkins	Harrison	5th	60-62
CAG-2	Dorsey	Bill	6th	62-66
CAG-2	Saunier	Robert	9th	61-62
CAG-2	Stoehr	Al	A	57-59
CAG-2	Johnson	LeRoy	B	62-66
G2/70	Stark	Michael	B	66-70
CAG-2	Gilmore	Ralph	E	64-67
CAG-2	Sibley	Gene	FM	60-62
G2/70	Craiger	Michael	H	67-70
CAG-2	Condra	Wayne	OE	65-68
CAG-2	Graves	Barry	OE	66-68
CAG-2	Huber	Richard	OE	65-68
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	63-65
CAG-2	Spencer	Jim	OE	66-67
CAG-2	Talkington	James	OR	57-60
CAG-2	Ahern	James	R	60-63
CAG-2	Baer	Bill	R	63-64
CAG-2	Garcia	Nick	R	62-66
CAG-2	Koonce	Charles	R	63-64
CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	63-65
CAG-2	Allen	Curtis	S-1	59-61
CAG-2	Knudtson	Ronald	S-1	59-61
CAG-2	Pitt	Tony	S-1	59-61
CAG-2	Tracy	Robert	X	58-63

## Family Members

CA-70	Beach	Mike & Lexi	2nd	44-45
	Son & Grand Daughter of Bob Beach			
CA-70	Der Boghosian	Kenny	R	43-46
	Son of Jerry Der Boghosian			
CAG-2	Tylinski	Jean	FM	61-62
	Wife of Bob Tylinski			

## 2023 National Reunion Charleston, SC

The 2023 reunion in Charleston, SC is now history and although it was small, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Once again, there were no CA-70 WW2 shipmates, but 3 CA-70 Family Members attended.

24 CAG-2/CA-70(New) shipmates attended for a total of 55 shipmates, family and guests.

The Divisions with the highest attendance this year were OE and R Divisions with 5 shipmates each in attendance.

On Thursday evening, Shipmate Jim Spencer presented a slide show of the 1967 Vietnam Cruise that was enjoyed by the attendees.

## 2007 Nashville Reunion

One of our USS Canberra Family Members is looking for photos from our Grand Ole Opry visit in Nashville back in 2007.

Taylor Swift and Jason Aldean both sang on stage that night.

It was Swift's first appearance there.

She is looking for any photos taken that night of those performers.

If you have any, contact Ken and he will put you in contact with the family member.



Banners are up and we're ready to open!

# 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>
Anderson, Jerome G.	CAG-2	M	1958-61	2023
Bray, Kenneth C.	CAG-2	R	1963-65	2023
Butler, Lawrence W.	CAG-2			2023
Cummins, Frank	CAG-2	OR/4th	1956-58	2023
Fanelli, Joseph A., Jr.	CAG-2	M	1966-68	2023
Flais, L. Robert	CAG-2	7th	1957-58	2023
Halley, Paul W.	CAG-2	B	1958-62	2023
Hammock, Donald W.	CAG-2	9th	1960-62	2023
Kaminski, Donald J.	CAG-2	S-3	1958-61	2023
Mincey, Gene E.	CAG-2	F	1959-61	2023
Pennell, John W.	CAG-2	F	1960-62	2023
Romano, John L.	CAG-2	1st	1960-62	2023
White, Hugh R.	G2/70	Eng.	1968-70	2023

## Taps

### A Poem By Shipmate Tony Pitt And Presented By Him At Our 2023 Reunion

The bugler has sounded Taps once more, to call our friends to another shore.  
 Some were strangers and some we knew, but each one wore the Navy blue.  
 We only saw them once a year, as we would get together here.  
 We'd tell sea stories and have a beer, to enjoy the laughter and the cheer.  
 To bond with someone we just met. To share the times we won't forget.  
 They've gone on to a calmer sea. To sail the heavens for eternity.  
 We will miss them one and all, those proud sailors that stood so tall.  
 Don't be sad that we're apart, for they are with us in our heart.  
 There is a bond with Navy men, like no other I have known  
 So look around you shipmates, you will never be alone.

**This poem is dedicated to our shipmates that have gone  
to serve under The Supreme Commander**

# A Couple Of Photos From Charleston



**Our 2023 Association Officers - L to R:  
Ken Minick - Gene Sibley - LeRoy Johnson  
Bill Dorsey - Bill Baer**



**Although the Association's Officers  
think they run things, these are  
"The Ladies - in - Charge".  
L to R: Pat Johnson - Phyllis Minick  
Jean Tylinski - Mary Baer**



**Lexi and Mike Beach**



**LeRoy and Pat Johnson  
Aboard the USS Yorktown**



Mary and Bill Dorsey



Ken and Phyllis Minick

## A Few More Photos From The Charleston 2023 Reunion



Part of the lobby area of the Hotel



Some of the USS Canberra Memorabilia that was displayed on the tables  
against the back wall of the hospitality room.

There were photos laying on the tables in addition to the standing displays.

OE Division



**Jim & Judy Spencer - Rich & Marlene Huber - Barry & Dianna Graves - Wayne & Linda Condra**

R Division



**Michael Morris Charlie's Nephew Jim & Kathy Ahern Nick & Jacqueline Garcia Kenny & Cornelia Vaden Bill & Mary Baer Charlie Koonce**