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Jean Tylinski

Our acting Secretary/Treasurer passed away on 18 October.

She had filled the position since her husband Bob passed away in March of 2023.

Her dedication to our association was highly appreciated by our staff and members and her invaluable attention to the business affairs of the association was always above and beyond the call of duty.

*****PLEASE READ*****

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2025 (1 Jan. through 31 Dec.).

Our acting Secretary/Treasurer, Jean Tylinski, passed away on 18 Oct 2024.

Shipmate Minick will be filling the position until another Secretary/Treasurer is appointed.

Please mail your dues to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association
c/o Ken Minick

2115 Pride Ave Belpre, OH 45714

Please make your check out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

We did not accept 2024 dues due to the unknown status of the Association.

If you paid 2024 dues, let Ken know and he will credit you with 2025 dues.

2025 REUNION

The 2025 Reunion is in the process of being set up.

We have 3 cities that are under consideration. Full information and the Registration Form will be in the Spring Newsletter.

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A Note From The President

Hello to all of my Canberra shipmates.

Let me start out by saying that I appreciate all of the encouraging letters, phone calls, text messages and emails that you have sent, they all were very heart warming.

All of you said that you wanted to help.

That sounds great and I am going to ask for your help.

Not to serve as an officer, but to help in other ways.

The other ways will be by helping to keep this great Association going and by that I mean the only way we can do this is that we get more members to our reunions.

The hotels don't want to book small groups and it seems like our group is starting to get that way.

I know that things are tight with your finances and I understand that.

What I am going to try and do is to get any member who is coming to the reunion be his self to try and hook up with someone else coming by their self and share a room.

This will cut the cost of the room in half.

What I will do is have anyone that wants to share is to send me their phone number and I will send the number to each of you that wants to share.

Here are some of the things that will take place at the reunion in 2025.

I plan to have a Pizza Night on the first night in the Hospitality Room.

Also there will be a fun game where you can win a prize.

The only thing I will tell you is to "Know your ship!"

The second night will be a fun night called "So You Think Your Funny" where you can win a prize.

The third night will be Karaoke Night.

We will have some fun, so start practicing your favorite song.

I have mine already!

I know that it is hard for a lot of you to make the Reunion because of your financial situation.

That is why I am going to make this Reunion the best it can be for you.

We want you to enjoy yourselves, have some fun and just maybe, find some new friends.

We are trying to get the best prices for everything we are doing,

The Hospitality Room activities will be no cost to any of you.

This is one way of saying THANKS for coming.

Enough for now, more will be coming later.

New Association Officers

The Association still needs people to fill the offices of Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Master at Arms.

For those of you who might be interested in assuming one of our Association Staff positions, if you send Ken an email he will explain what the previous office holders did in those positions.

**If the Secretary/Treasurer office is not filled,
the Association will have to fold!**

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> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Couture, Leo O. | CA-70 | F | 1943-45 | 2023 |
| Klapmust, Matthew J. | CA-70 | S | 1943-46 | 2023 |
| Olson, Peter P. | CAG-2 | A | 1960-62 | 1996 |
| Oles, Joseph A. | CAG-2 | E | 1959-61 | 2006 |
| Jamieson, Richard L. | CAG-2 | 5 th | 1958-60 | 2006 |
| Skillin, Vincent P. | CAG-2 | OE | 1965-67 | 2006 |
| Hobbs, Robert L. | CAG-2 | R | 1956-58 | 2012 |
| Martens, Edward C., Jr. | CAG-2 | 9 th | 1960-62 | 2012 |
| Lucas, Ralston M., Jr. | CAG-2 | OI | 1961-63 | 2014 |
| Nervo, George W. | CAG-2 | OR | 1964-67 | 2014 |
| Pritchard, Charles E. | CAG-2 | OI | 1963-66 | 2015 |
| Conrad, Carl L. | CAG-2 | | | 2017 |
| McIntyre, James M. | CAG-2 | N | 1963-65 | 2019 |
| Nelson, Dale E. | G2/70 | OR | 1966-69 | 2019 |
| Akers, Benjamin F., Jr. | CAG-2 | S-1 | 1958-60 | 2020 |
| Peck, Donald F., Sr. | CAG-2 | A | 1959-63 | 2020 |
| Arnold, John B. | CAG-2 | X | 1957-58 | 2021 |
| Pappas, Harry | CA-70 | 5 th | 1943-45 | 2021 |
| Bidwell, Barry L. | G2/70 | FM | 1966-69 | 2022 |
| Bray, Albert N. | CAG-2 | E | 1963-66 | 2022 |
| MacIntyre, Herbert H. | CAG-2 | OE | 1959-63 | 2022 |
| Matlock, Robert E. | CA-70 | R | 1969-70 | 2022 |
| Neman, Jerry L. | CAG-2 | B | 1966-68 | 2022 |
| Peterson, John C. | CAG-2 | 5 th | 1959-61 | 2022 |
| Shade, Donald L. | CAG-2 | A | 1961-62 | 2022 |
| Grundtisch, Wesley D. | G2/70 | 6 th | 1965-69 | 2023 |
| Matthews, Lawrence H. | CAG-2 | S | | 2023 |
| Richie, Dennis R. | CAG-2 | R | 1964-66 | 2023 |
| Baker, Walter R. | CAG-2 | B | 1968 | 2024 |
| Eldridge, Glenn R. | CAG-2 | OE | 1964-67 | 2024 |
| Muller, Weldon C. | G2/70 | E | 1967-70 | 2024 |
| Parker, Allen R. | CAG-2 | A | 1965-67 | 2024 |
| Ray, Robert E. | CAG-2 | | | 2024 |
| Richardson, Lou J., Jr. | CAG-2 | E | 1960-62 | 2024 |
| Ricks, Jerry L. | CAG-2 | OI | 1957-59 | 2024 |
| Weller, Kenneth D. | G2/70 | FG | 1967-70 | 2024 |