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## USS Canberra

*Prora et puppis pro Canberra*

CA-70 / CAG-2

## Members of the Crew



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### \*\*\*2025 Reunion Info\*\*\*

#### Portland, Maine

**Reunion Dates:** Our Reunion dates are Sunday, Oct. 19th to Thursday, Oct. 23rd.

**The cutoff for hotel reservations, tours and for Armed Forces Reunions Registrations is Sept. 18, 2025.**

We're sorry, but we cannot have any cushion to accommodate procrastinators.

***The Hotel Contract, Tour Contract and our Contract with Armed Forces Reunions all 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.

Contact Cecil Kersh at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed in the Masthead of the Newsletter **for information (events, costs, etc...) about the reunion.**

### Reunion Hotel Info

#### BEST WESTERN MERRY MANOR INN

700 Main St., South Portland Maine 04106

Call 207-774-6151 and reference the

USS Canberra Reunion.

**See Page 4 For More Info.**

### \*\*\*ATTENTION PLEASE\*\*\*

#### Dues

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

#### Please mail your dues to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.  
c/o Ken Minick  
2115 Pride Ave  
Belpre, OH 45714

#### Please make your check out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

**Please check the Address label on this 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 05/15/2025).

If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, please contact Ken Minick at:

2115 Pride Ave; Belpre, OH 45714

### On-line Reunion Registration

You can register for our reunion and pay on-line at:

<https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Canberra25>

Mailable forms are also available at this site.

Contact Cecil for other reunion information.

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# 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>
Armstrong, Thomas G.	CAG-2	FG	1961-63	2021
Gallagher, Patrick D.	CAG-2	N	1965-66	2023
Irons, David E.	CAG-2			2024
Riml, Ronald J.	CAG-2	FM	1966-68	2024
Bautista, Plaridel M.	CAG-2	S		2025
Cranor, Lee A.	CA-70New			2025
Davenport, Edward A.	CAG-2		1958-62	2025
Edblad, Gary R.	CAG-2			2025
Franklin, James O.	CAG-2	Deck	1959-61	2025
Johnson, Robert F.	CAG-2	OI	1956-58	2025
Jordan, Michael F.	CAG-2	9 <sup>th</sup>	1961-62	2025
Piper, Thomas L.	CAG-2	M	1960-62	2025
Walicki, Donald G.	CAG-2	FG	1961-63	2025

## 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 Portland, Maine. 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.

## Notes From The President

### Hello To All Of My Shipmates And Their Families!

A lot of things have been going on since our last newsletter. Our hotel has been booked, our tours are in place and all of our good times are ready. To get started, I have a lot of things planned for all of the membership to do during the evening hours. Prizes will be awarded. All we need is that all the members that can make it to the reunion, please do so. I am asking each and everyone of you to please come out and have a good time. I am also excited to meet each of you and to make a lot of new friends. As your President, I will do everything within my power to make sure everyone has a good time and enjoys themselves. Hoping to see all of you at the reunion.

Cecil

### Association Secretary - Treasurer

I would like the Secretary/Treasurer office to be split into two offices: Secretary and Treasurer.

We have a volunteer for the Secretary position, we will now need someone to take over the position of Treasurer. The main duties of the Treasurer will be the collection of dues, issuing dues cards and paying the bills of the Association. Our Association By-Laws will have to be amended for these changes.

I ask that one of you step up and volunteer for this position.

Cecil

## 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.com/e/Canberra25> (4% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**. 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 9/18/2025 Please see Newsletter for description of Tours & Meals	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
<b>MONDAY:</b> KENNEBUNKPORT TOUR WITH STOP AT LEN LIBBY'S	\$69		\$
<b>TUESDAY:</b> MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM - BATH - THE CITY OF SHIPS	\$79		\$
<b><u>HOTEL MEALS</u></b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY BANQUET BUFFET - Beef - Chicken - Fish</b>			
Adult	\$45		\$
Child - 12 and Under	\$25		\$
Vegan Dinner	\$45		\$
<b><u>MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE</u></b> (Administrative Expenses)			
REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (Required)	\$15		\$
<b>Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u></b>			<b>\$</b>

**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.

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.com/e/Canberra25>

USS Canberra Reunion Association  
c/o Cecil Kersh  
612 Lancer Lane  
Kenner, LA 70065

## Address Service Requested



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## BEST WESTERN MERRY MANOR INN – PORTLAND, MAINE (207) 774-6151

[www.merrymanorinn.com](http://www.merrymanorinn.com)

**700 Main St., South Portland Maine 04106**

The BEST WESTERN Merry Manor Inn is located right off Interstate 95. Within minutes, guests can enjoy a day of exploring famous lighthouses, touring charming coastal villages, or soaking up the sun on one of the many Maine beaches.

### Reservation Information

Call the number above and reference USS Canberra Reunion to receive the discounted group rate.

**Group Name:** USS Canberra Reunion

**Reunion Dates:** October 19-23, 2025

**Rate:** \$129 + tax (currently 9%). Group rates are available three days before and three days after the arrival/departure dates, based on availability.

Attendees are also offered a free full hot breakfast buffet (**gratuity not included**).

**Cut off Date: 09/18/25** Late reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to the day of arrival or there will be a charge of one night room plus tax.

### Parking & Shuttle Information

There is plenty of free parking in the hotel's spacious lot. RV's can park at the hotel but they do not provide any electrical or sewer hookups. The hotel offers free transportation to and from the Portland International Jetport using taxi's. They reimburse our guests on the way in and prepay for taxi's for the trips back to the Jetport (**gratuity not included**).