



# USS Canberra

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CA-70 / CAG-2

## 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"**

*Jerry D.  
Phyllis & Ken  
Barbara & Ron  
Jean & Bob  
Mary & Bill  
Louise & John  
Jackie & Len  
Diane & Gene*

## 2012 Reunion

For those of you who have not heard, the 2012 National Reunion of the USS Canberra "Members of the Crew" will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Providence/Warwick, RI from October 10 through October 14, 2012. The Spring 2012 edition of the "Members of the Crew" Newsletter will have a complete listing of planned activities for this reunion. If there are any members close to this area who would be willing to help in preparation for this reunion, please contact me at home at 740-423-8976.

## Change of Address

If you move, we would appreciate it if you would inform us of your new address, either by mail, phone or e-mail. We would like you to continue to receive our newsletters. The Post Office will forward the newsletters for up to 60 days and will report a change of address to us (for a nominal fee). If it has been over 60 days, then we have no idea where you have moved to and you will no longer be able to receive the newsletters unless you contact us with a new address.

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## 2011 Business Meeting Highlights

- Jerry Der Boghosian, President Emeritus, opened the meeting. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bill Dorsey. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and was led by President Emeritus Jerry.
- It was brought up that we all need to keep our ailing shipmates and families in our thoughts and prayers.
- Our present Master-at-Arms, Jack Whitmeyer has told us that he will probably not be able to make any future reunions and asked us to find a replacement. Gene Sibley was nominated and voted in as our new Master-at-Arms
- President Ken Minick stated that if anyone is interested in assuming any of the Officer positions in the Association, or would like to become a "Trainee" for one of the positions, please speak up. Unfortunately, once again, no one spoke up so the following were elected/re-elected as Officers of the Association:

President Emeritus	Jerry Der Boghosian
President	Ken Minick
Vice President	Bob Tyliniski
Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Nullet
Chaplain	Bill Dorsey
Historian	John Chenoweth
Master-at-Arms	Gene Sibley
USMC Liaison	Len Kucharski

- The Financial Report was submitted by our Secretary/Treasurer Ron Nullet. Shipmate Gene Sibley, after reviewing it, made the recommendation that it be accepted. The Association is presently sound financially although we still have outstanding costs for the 2011 Reunion.
- It was announced that the 2012 National Reunion would take place at the Crowne Plaza in Providence/Warwick, RI from October 10 through October 14, 2012.
- The subject of sending an up-to-date directory by e-mail was presented. Our directory is now 5 years old. The cost of printing and mailing them is very high. A new directory could very easily be sent out via e-mail to people desiring one. The format would most likely be Microsoft Excel.
- The 2013 Reunion was then discussed. We'll most likely start looking at locations this coming spring/summer for the 2013 reunion. Do to the low turn out at Branson, we will probably wait until after we see how the turn out for Warwick is before visiting any hotels. Therefore, we may not know where the 2013 reunion will be until after the 2012 reunion is over. The reason for this is, when we sign a hotel contract, we have to guarantee that we will use a certain number of rooms and have a certain amount of meals eaten at our functions. We are liable for any of the rooms/meals not used at the hotels. We do not want to sign a contract where we would owe money for not fulfilling our obligations. We also do not want to sign a contract where we have more people wanting to attend than we have rooms contracted for.
- A special thanks was once again given to Bob's Printing (Bob, Fran and Mike Beach and their staff) for printing and mailing our Newsletters. Another special thanks was given to the ladies who keep the reunion running with their work in and around the hospitality room each year.
- The meeting was then opened for discussions from the floor.
  - \*Jerry Der Boghosian spoke about getting our children and grand children interested in the Canberra Association to keep it going as we all get older.
  - \* Dave Bennett stated that anyone desiring a free DVD of the Nashville Reunion should contact him.
  - \* Gene McMahan stated that we could save money by e-mailing the newsletter to desiring members.
- A motion was made and seconded that the business meeting be closed.

## USS Canberra (CAG-2) Jackets, Shirts, etc...

We still have CAG-2 jackets, chambray shirts and golf shirts available. The golf shirts come in red, white or blue. The coaches jackets are only available in blue.

When the red and white shirts are depleted, only blue will be re-ordered.

CAG-2/CA-70 shirts will soon be available for shipmates who were aboard during the last few years of the Canberra's commissioning.

Jackets are \$100 (add \$5 if you want your first name on the jacket). Golf shirts are \$28 and Chambray shirts are \$33.

All of the prices include shipping.

Contact Ron Nullet (PO Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614 **or** ronsteam@optonline.net **or** phone 631-736-3444) if you are interested in any of these items.

### \*\*\*Association E-Mail Address\*\*\*

Please note, the Association recently changed its e-mail address: **crewservices@usscanberra.com** is no longer being used!

**usscanberra@gmail.com** is the current e-mail address for the Association!

## USS Canberra Directory

The USS Canberra's current directory is now over five years old. We will be offering an updated version via e-mail. It will be in Microsoft Excel format. If you desire a copy, please let Ron or Ken know via e-mail.

The first edition will be published after January 1, 2012 and it will be updated each January. You will need to request a new version each January.

## Have You Missed A Newsletter?

Our newsletters are scheduled to go out "around" the 1st days of March, June, September and December. If you have not received yours by the 15th of those months, please contact Ken so he can get another one out to you. The Post Office has been known to destroy a few each mailing period.



## USS Canberra (CA-70) WWII Logo Shirts

We have a **small** number of these shirts available that were left over from the 2011 reunion.

There are no plans to order more of these shirts at the present time.

There are 4 size L, 3 size XL and 1 size XXL.

There also are 2 **ladies** size L shirts available.

The cost is \$25 per shirt including shipping.

Contact Ken if you want one or more.

**First come first served.**

## 2011 National Reunion Branson, MO

The 2011 reunion in Branson is now history and was enjoyed by all who attended. There were 6 CA-70 WWII and 60 CAG-2/CA-70 shipmates attending, including eight first timers, for a total of 111 shipmates, family and guests enjoying our Saturday Night Banquet.

Our guest speaker was scheduled to be Bill Groninger, a retired Air Force Colonel, an SR-71 Blackbird pilot and a combat veteran with 100 missions over North Vietnam. Unfortunately, Bill passed away three weeks before the reunion. Our President Emeritus, Jerry Der Boghosian stepped in and did a wonderful job.

The Division with the highest attendance this year was R Division with 11 attendees.

## Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Fall 2011 Newsletter was published. If you want to contact any of them, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Yrs Aboard</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Acree, Leonard B.	CAG-2/CA-70	S-2	66-68	Douglasville, GA
Baur, John F.	CAG-2		66-68	Pinellas Park, FL
Beasley, John F.	CAG-2	OR		Charlotte, NC
Egan, James	CAG-2	6th	68-69	Avon Lake, OH
Pulver, Merle C.	CAG-2	OR		Oklahoma City, OK
Smith, Jim W.	CAG-2	M	59-65	Lakewood, CA
Vineyard, Jesse F	CAG-2	Flag	60-60	McLeansboro, IL

## 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>Hometown</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Zehr, Larry A.	CAG-2			Wagoner, OK	11/13/2002
Ferry, Henry J., Sr.	CAG-2			San Diego, CA	2/29/2004
Fitch, James C.	CAG-2	2nd	56-59	Portsmouth, OH	10/27/2010
Bush, Wayne S.	CAG-2			Las Vegas, NV	3/20/2011
Fay, Larry R.	CAG-2	OR	60-63	Spring Creek, NV	8/18/2011
Morris, Clyde "Dave"	CAG-2			Laurel, MD	8/19/2011
Gray, Donald R.	CAG-2	R	64-66	Imperial, MO	8/22/2011
Gonzales, John C.	CAG-2			San Jose, CA	8/29/2011
Quaranto, Angelo V.	CA-70	7th	43-46	Warwick, RI	10/4/2011
Pannese, Frank	CA-70	6th	43-45	Bayside, NY	10/7/2011
Stoner, Edward L.	CAG-2			West Chester, PA	10/13/2011
Dyche, Donald D.	CAG-2		59-61	Ridgeley, WV	10/20/2011
Porter, Charles H. "Woozie"	CAG-2			Maysville, KY	10/24/2011
Rodrigues, Durval S. "Duke"	CA-70	CR	43-46	No. Dartmouth, MA	10/26/2011
Booth, Franklin H. "Frank"	CA-70	V	43-45	Norfolk, VA	10/30/2011
Ball, James "Jamie"	CAG-2	N	66-67	Sioux Falls, SD	11/5/2011

## Shipmate's Web Site

CAG-2 crew member Carl Harstad (FTM3, 8th Division, 1962-65) has created a website for posting CAG-2 memorabilia at [www.cag-2.com](http://www.cag-2.com). He is soliciting contributions of memorabilia such as newsletters, letters, photographs, etc. for that website. Click on the "Contributions" link at the bottom of the home page for information about submitting memorabilia.

Artist's concept of the HMAS Canberra (LHD-01) and the HMAS Adelaide (LHD-02)



**The HMAS Canberra is to be commissioned in January 2014  
The HMAS Adelaide is to be commissioned in June 2015**

## Find Your Telephone Number

Since 1992, a randomly selected 4 digit number has been placed somewhere in the newsletter. We do this whenever space allows. The number published will be the last four digits, in sequence, of an active member's home telephone number at the time of publication. It could be shown in a written form as nine nine nine nine or the numeric form of 9999. It will always be four numbers in length. It will always be a number hidden in a sentence and will never make sense. If you identify the number as the last four digits of your home telephone number as recorded in our files, and advise me within 30 days of the postmark on the newsletter, I will credit your annual dues with a one year membership.

**Remember, I must hear from you within 30 days.**

## Phone Number Not Found

The number listed in the Summer Newsletter was not found.

It was in the Reunion Hats and Mugs article.

## On-Line Database

The USS Canberra crew member list is now on our website: The password for this year (December 2011 thru December 2012) is: **portside**

## Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2012 (1 January through 31 December). Please mail your dues to:

**USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.**  
**c/o Ron Nullet**  
**P.O. Box 614**  
**Centereach, NY 11720-0614.**

## Please make your check out to:

**USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.**

\*\*\*\*\*Lifetime Dues Are Available\*\*\*\*\*

**You can pay your dues with a  
lifetime membership.**

Age 51-60 = \$325  
 Age 61-70 = \$275  
 Age 71-80 = \$210  
 Over 81+ = \$140

## 2012 50/50 Tickets

You will find twelve 50/50 ticket stubs included with this newsletter for the 2012 drawing (Page 7). The drawing will be held at the Friday Night Buffet in Warwick, RI.

## USS Canberra Reunion Association 2012 Reunion 50/50 Drawing

### Donation - \$1 Each or 12 for \$10

Please complete the enclosed tickets, cut them and return them to **Ron Nullet** at **USS Canberra Reunion Association; P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614, along with a check made payable to: USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.**

Tickets will be accepted until 30 September 2012. Four winning tickets will be drawn at the Buffet Dinner, which will be awarded 50% of the ticket sales. The distribution will be 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% of the total awarded. To enter all 12 tickets, fill them out (you can always use return address labels), cut them and **mail them to Ron Nullet** with your check. Please contact Ron if you want additional tickets (address labels are always appreciated).

## Drawing will be held on October 12, 2012

To once again save on printing costs, we have eliminated the large ticket with all the drawing information. The information normally printed on the tickets is located in the boxes above.

## Winner need not be present to win. PLAY BIG - PLAY OFTEN

## The lucky winners of the 2011 50/50 drawing were:

Name	Home Town	Amount
1. Robert Marsch	Youngstown, OH	\$381.00
2. Robert S. Solakoff	Brockton, MA	\$285.75
3. Herbert R. Nurick	Harrisburg, PA	\$190.50
4. John J. Holt	West Salem, WI	\$95.25

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**Annual Reunion**  
**10-14 October 2012**  
**Crowne Plaza**  
**Warwick, RI**