



# USS Canberra

*Prora et puppis pro Canberra*

CA-70 / CAG-2

## Members of the Crew



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USS Canberra Reunion Association

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### \*\*\*PLEASE READ FIRST\*\*\*

**2013 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information  
Reno, NV 2-6 October 2013**

**Reunion Dates:** Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 2nd through Sunday, October 6th.

The cutoff for all reservations is August 30, 2013.

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 Friday, August 30th 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.

## Membership Dues Are Now Due For 2013

### Are Your Dues Paid???

If not, Please mail your dues of \$25 for this year to:

**USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd**

**Attn: Ron Nullet**

**P.O. Box 614**

**Centereach, NY 11720-0614**

### Lifetime Dues Are Still Available

You can also pay your dues with a life membership.

#### The amounts are:

Age 60-70 = \$275

Age 71-80 = \$210

Age 81 + = \$140

### \*\*\*Please Read Next\*\*\*

## Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on this newsletter.

If there is an \*\*\* after your last name, your dues are not up to date according to our records (dues not received as of 2/12/13). If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, please contact **Ken Minick at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above in the Masthead of the Newsletter or Ron Nullet at P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614; Phone 631-736-3444 or e-mail: [ronsteam@optonline.net](mailto:ronsteam@optonline.net).**

## Dues Cards

For those paying their dues after 12 Feb 2013, your 2012 Dues Cards will be mailed after 1 Apr 2013.

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

Please send your dues and 50/50 tickets to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd;

P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614;

Attn; Ron Nullet. Also, please make all checks out to:

**USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.**

Send other correspondence or letters to:

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P.O. Box 130; Belpre, OH 45714; Attn: Ken Minick

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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>Hometown</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Booth, Jeffery K.	CAG-2			East Moline, IL	11-9-2004
Bartlett, Wayne L.	CA-70		43-45	Mission, KS	9-10-2006
Grimes, "J" "B"	CA-70		43-45	Graham, TX	2-11-2008
Murphy, Thomas J.	CAG-2	N	60-62	Chesterton, IN	12-5-2012
Spoor, Stanley V., Jr.	CA-70	H	43-45	Newark, DE	12-28-2012
Benson, Bradford B., Jr.	CAG-2	X	62-64	Jefferson, GA	12-30-2012
Jones, Malloy T.	CAG-2	F	56-58	Hahira, GA	1-1-2013
Deese, Jean W.	CA-70	N	43-45	Cullman, AL	1-5-2013

**Found Shipmates**

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Winter 2012 Newsletter was published. If you want to contact any of them, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bates, Richard S.	CAG-2	FG	64-67	Quincy, FL
Dalton, Harry L.	CAG-2	X	61-63	Old Lyme, CT
Lee, Roger	CAG-2	1st	62-64	Peebles, OH
Pennick, Mike	CA-70	3rd	68-70	Peoria, AZ

**HMAS Canberra Update**

The vessel now looks like the ship her designers had expected her to become following the recent installation of the Australian-made superstructure blocks on the massive hull.

Now that the key elements of the vessel are in place, much of this year will be devoted to fitting Canberra out in preparation for her commissioning into the Australian fleet in the first quarter of next year following testing and sea trials.



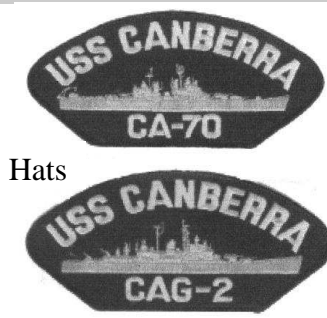
**ABOVE**  
Superstructure block ready to be lifted to the deck.



**RIGHT**  
Superstructure in place.



Jacket



Hats

## USS Canberra (CAG-2) Jackets and Shirts

We still have CAG-2 jackets, chambray shirts and golf shirts available. The golf shirts and the coaches jackets are only available in blue. Contact Ron Nullet (PO Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720 or ronsteam@optonline.net or phone 631-736-3444) if you are interested in any of these items. Jackets are \$100 (add \$5 if you want your first name on the jacket). Golf shirts are \$28 and Chambray shirts are \$33. Prices include shipping.

### SHIP'S SILHOUETTE HATS

We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat is \$17.00 per cap including priority mail postage. The hats are available in Navy Blue and Summer White in the CA-70 version. The CAG-2 version is available in Navy Blue, Summer White or Scarlet. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these hats you can contact Ken via mail, e-mail or telephone.

### \*\*\*50/50 Drawing News\*\*\*

At press time over \$700 in 50/50 tickets have been returned. If you wish to purchase additional tickets, drop a check in the amount of \$10 for each set of 12 tickets to: **USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.**  
c/o Ron Nullet  
P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614  
Ron will complete the stubs for you (address labels are always appreciated). As in past years, additional tickets will **NOT** be available at our 2013 Reunion. The purchase of 50/50 tickets is a great way to support the Association. Not only does it provide support, but it gives you an opportunity to cash in on some big bucks at the same time. Right now the first prize is valued at almost \$150 and it will only continue to grow as we get closer to the reunion. Remember, winners need not be present at the reunion to win. The drawings will be held at the Saturday Business Meeting.  
No tickets can be accepted after the 20th of September.

## Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

Rolls/Butter

California Greens, Sliced Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella and Balsamic Vinaigrette

### Hot Entrees

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Rosemary Juices, Creamed Horseradish \$35

Grilled Chicken Breast with Mushroom Duxelle, Caramelized Shallots, Merlot Sauce \$35

Baked Filet of Salmon, Parsley and Tarragon Crust, Lime Butter Sauce \$35

Vegetarian Wellington-Roasted Vegetables inside a Puff Pastry Topped with Feta Cheese & Marinara Sauce \$32

Chef's selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables appropriate to the entrée selection

### Dessert

Chef's Selection of Dessert

Coffee and Tea Service

Kid's Meal (12 and Under) Chicken Fingers \$15

## Warwick Reunion Afterthought

We would be remiss if we didn't offer our heartfelt thanks to Shipmate George Wardwell and his lovely wife Edna for their assistance with the 2012 reunion.

The Rhode Island residents offered to be our local shoppers and picked up all of the drinks and snacks that were enjoyed in the hospitality room.

**THANK YOU GEORGE AND EDNA!!**

## Find Your Telephone Number

Since 1992, when space allows, a randomly selected 4 digit number has been placed somewhere in the newsletter. 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 Winter 2012 Newsletter was not found. It was in the "Agent Orange Update" article.

**SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO – RENO, NV**  
**(775) 325-7401 (800) 687-8733**

**(Make sure to reference the USSCAN in order to receive the discounted rate)**

The Silver Legacy Resort Casino is located at 407 North Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501. The hotel is approximately 5 miles from the Reno Tahoe International Airport off of Highway 80. If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for directions. The Silver Legacy has many amenities that include: LuLu, a full service hair salon, Adventure Desk, perfect for guests looking to enjoy outdoor activities, Segway and Harley rentals, and Shopping - all under one roof. The Silver Legacy also offers guests access to their outdoor heated pool and whirlpool bath. The hotel's fitness center is located inside their Health Spa. Each newly renovated guest room features an iron/ironing board and a hairdryer. The hotel offers handicapped accessible rooms, which are based on availability. Please make this request when making your reservation. The Silver Legacy Resort Casino offers smoking and non-smoking rooms. Parking is complimentary. Check-in time is 3pm; check-out is at 11am. *SIPS Coffee and Tea* is open from 6am daily. *Flavors! The Buffet* is open for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. *Fresh Express Food Court* is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. *Fairchild's Oyster Bar* is open for lunch and dinner from 11am daily. *Sterling's Seafood Steakhouse* is open from 5pm nightly, reservations are recommended.

As part of the \$8 resort fee, the hotel offers their guests complimentary airport shuttle service from 5am-Midnight daily; the service runs every half hour. Upon your arrival at the airport, proceed to the baggage claim area and follow the signage directing you to the general airport shuttle area. In addition to the airport shuttle, the resort fee covers such things as guestroom internet access, parking, unlimited local and toll-free calls, fitness center access, and various coupons.

The hotel has RV parking for guests staying at the hotel. Your RV will be stored on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, about a block away from the hotel, locked up and under surveillance. There is a shuttle service that will take you to and from the RV parking lot. For full hookup services, the Reno RV Park is located at 735 Mill Street, Reno, Nevada 89502 which is approximately 1 mile from the hotel. Call the park at (775) 323-3381 or (800) 445-3381 for information, directions, or reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, the hotel provides them on limited availability only - on a first come, first serve basis. If a wheelchair is available, Silver Legacy requires a driver's license or credit card to be left with the Bell Desk while the chair is in use. The driver's license or credit card will be returned when the chair is brought back. There is no charge for the use of wheelchairs. Advanced reservations are welcome through the Bell Desk. ScootAround also rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

**Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.**

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

**USS CANBERRA ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**  
**REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 2-6 2013**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SHARING ROOM W/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ROOMS \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP ACCESS \_\_\_\_\_

2 BEDS \_\_\_\_\_ KING BED \_\_\_\_\_

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

**RATE:** \$64.00(Sun.-Thurs.) \$99.00(Fri-Sat.) + \$8 resort fee + tax (currently 13.5%) and \$2 Reno City Tax.

Each additional person is \$10. Maximum of 4 people per room.

Rate will be honored three days before and three days after the reunion date, subject to availability.

**CUT-OFF DATE:** 08/30/13. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 24 hours in advance of arrival date.

\_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ DINERS \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTER CARD \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER

Note: The Silver Legacy will charge your credit card for the first night's deposit in advance.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEC CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Silver Legacy Resort Casino 407 North Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501 \*\*Attn: Reservations\*\***

# USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

## OCTOBER 2-6, 2013

### Silver Legacy Resort Casino - Reno, Nevada

#### Wednesday, October 2

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Reunion Registration Open**  
 Noon - Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion.

#### Thursday, October 3

8:00 am - 8:30 am **Reunion Registration Open**  
 9:00 am - 3:30 pm LAKE TAHOE / LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)  
 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm **Reunion Registration Open**

#### Friday, October 4

8:00 am - 8:30 am **Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.**  
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY TOUR (description follows)  
 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm **Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected at Reunion Registration Desk.**

#### Saturday, October

8:30 am - 10:00 am Business Meeting (50/50 drawing)  
 12:30 am - 4:00 pm RENO CITY TOUR / NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM (description follows)  
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Cash Bar  
 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Banquet Dinner followed by Dancing (raffle table drawing)

#### Sunday, October 6

Farewells and Departures until 2014

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the reunion. **Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.**

***Register online and pay by credit card at  
[www.afr-reg.com/canberra2013](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2013)***

**All tour descriptions are on Page 6**

# USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

## TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

### LAKE TAHOE / LUNCH CRUISE

**Thursday October 3**

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Lake Tahoe on your way to board the M.S. Dixie II, One of Lake Tahoe's largest and most sophisticated cruise vessels ever. The M.S. Dixie II has spacious interiors, picture windows, and a state of the art climate control system. One of the many highlights of the tour is a cruise to Emerald Bay, the Lake's most photographed spot. The narration complements the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe as you take in dazzling vistas of the Sierra, the dramatic splendor of Emerald Bay, Fannette Island and the unique Vikingsholm Castle. Discover the previously unknown world of "The Sunken Treasures of Lake Tahoe," a film shown at no extra charge on every M.S. Dixie II daytime cruise. Travel 500 feet below the surface of Glenbrook Bay to tour the legendary Steamer Tahoe, the majestic vessel seven one two two that cruised Lake Tahoe for 50 years before being sent to the bottom by her owners and see underwater canyons and amazingly colorful formations that have never been viewed before and cruise through ancient petrified forests hidden by the lake for centuries. Onboard, you'll enjoy a Deli Buffet for lunch. After the cruise, sit back and relax on your way back to the hotel with more views of the lake.

**9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel  
\$95/Person includes bus, guide, cruise and lunch**

### CARSON CITY / VIRGINIA CITY

**Friday October 4**

Begin a tour of Carson City, Nevada's state capital, and Virginia City, a thriving ghost town. In Carson City, drive by some of its historic homes and buildings before stopping at the Nevada State Museum. Virginia City is the gaudiest, headiest boomtown of the Old West and is where Mark Twain cut his literary teeth. Miraculously, the town looks much the same as it did in the 1860's, from the wobbly saloons built on stilts to the well-trodden boardwalks of the main street. Visit old mansions, quaint shops, churches and museums. Lunch is on your own at one of several local restaurants.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel  
\$42/Person includes bus, guide and admission. Lunch on your own.**

### RENO CITY TOUR / NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

**Saturday October 5**

Your guide will share the secrets of the "Biggest Little City in the World." Hear tales about Reno's famous eccentrics and drive by a few of the area's unique homes. See the \$40 million outdoor stadium in the heart of downtown, home to the Reno Aces, northern Nevada's first-ever Triple-A baseball team. Spend time at the National Automobile Museum, a tribute to Bill Harrah. Discover a century of automobiles: more than 220 antique, vintage, classic, special interest and one-of-a-kind wonders. The cars of the stars as well as the exhibits in the Changing Exhibits Gallery will dazzle you.

**12:30pm board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel  
\$36/Person includes bus, guide and admission.**

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**Driver and guide gratuities are included in the tour prices.**

**Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled time.**

**All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.**

## 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 [www.afr-reg.com/canberra2013](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2013) (3% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013**. 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**

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Name Tag Completed _____

<b>CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/30/13</b>		<b>Price Per</b>	<b># of People</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Please see Newsletter for description of Tours &amp; Meals</i>				
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>				
THURSDAY:	Lake Tahoe / Lunch Cruise	\$95		\$
FRIDAY:	Carson City / Virginia City	\$42		\$
SATURDAY:	Reno City / National Automobile Museum	\$36		\$
<b><u>HOTEL MEALS</u></b>				
SATURDAY: Banquet <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>				
Roast Prime Rib of Beef		\$35		\$
Grilled Chicken Breast		\$35		\$
Baked Filet of Salmon		\$35		\$
Vegetarian Wellington		\$32		\$
Children's Plate — Chicken Fingers (12 and under)		\$15		\$
<b><u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEES</u></b>				
(Includes Hospitality Room and Administrative Expenses)				
CANBERRA REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (Required)		\$15		\$
ARMED FORCES REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (Required)		\$ 7		\$
<b>Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>				<b>\$</b>

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAGS

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP #: CA-70  CAG-2  Division Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR DATES ABOARD: FROM: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

CHECK HERE IF THIS IS YOUR 1st USS CANBERRA REUNION? YES  E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please list First and Last Names of Spouse and all Guests (excluding yourself) 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  NO **(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).**

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES  NO  ARE YOU FLYING?  DRIVING?  RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **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.

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**Address Service Requested**



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