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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"**

*Phyllis & Ken
Barbara & Ron
Jean & Bob
Mary & Bill
Louise & John
Jackie & Len
Jerry and Jack Also!*

2010 Reunion

For those of you who have not heard, the 2010 National Reunion of the USS Canberra "Members of the Crew" will be held at the Hilton - Cincinnati Airport in Florence, KY from October 13 through October 17, 2010.

The spring 2010 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 Cincinnati who would be willing to help in preparation for this reunion, please contact me at home at 740-423-8976.

Lost and Found

A blue jacket with gray trim was found in the Memorabilia room. There is a pair of sun glasses in the jacket pocket and also a blue 2009 reunion hat with it.

Bill Womacks reported that he has "Someone Else's" Kodak camera and that they probably have his. This mix-up happened at the banquet on Saturday night.

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2009 Business Meeting Highlights

- Jerry Der Boghosian, President Emeritus, opened the business meeting. The Invocation was also given by Jerry. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and was led by Jack Whitmeyer, Master-At-Arms.
- It was brought up that we all need to keep our ailing shipmates in our thoughts and prayers.
- Shipmate Bill Dorsey gave a moving Memorial Program.
- 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 no one spoke up, so the following were re-elected as Officers of the Association:

President Emeritus	Jerry Der Boghosian
President	Ken Minick
Vice President	Bob Tyllinski
Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Nullet
Historian	John Chenoweth
Master-at-Arms	Jack Whitmeyer
USMC Liaison	Len Kucharski

Shipmate Bill Dorsey was nominated and elected to fill the vacant Chaplain’s position.

- Our Historian has asked for an Assistant to help transport and set up the memorabilia at the reunions, but we did not have any volunteers. If anyone would like to help John, let us know.
- The Financial Report was submitted by our Secretary/Treasurer Ron Nullet. Shipmate Bill Bornstein, after reviewing it, made the recommendation that it be accepted. The Association is presently sound financially although we still have outstanding costs for the 2009 Reunion.
- It was noted that the Association is now a Not-for-Profit, Ltd organization, chartered in New York. The official name of our Association is now: USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.
- The proposed By-Laws for the Association were once again brought up. It was noted that by-laws are a necessity for Ltd/Not-for-Profit organizations. The members unanimously approved them with some changes. It was also noted that more changes may have to be made so that they meet the needs of a Not-for-Profit/Ltd organization. An attorney will review them to insure they are OK.
- It was announced that the 2010 National Reunion would take place at the Hilton-Cincinnati Airport in Florence, KY from October 13 through October 17th 2010.
- A special thanks was once again given to Bob’s Printing (Bob, Fran and Mike Beach and their staff) for printing 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 subject of what to do with some of the USS Canberra memorabilia was brought up. We will, of course, be bringing some of it to future reunions, but we have a lot of it and the idea of donating some of it to military museums was posed. The Association officers will be looking into this and reporting back at next years reunion. **If any member has any ideas please let us know.**
- The meeting was then opened for discussions from the floor.
 - ***Corny Conelius** asked that we get an Association photographer. Our Photographer, Dave Bennett has not been available due to illness in the family, Art Peredia volunteered to be another photographer for us.
 - ***Jack Whitmeyer** asked that we remember I. Roy Coats, the man responsible for saving the screw of the Canberra and having it placed at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum. A letter, hat & mug were sent to Roy.
 - ***Ron Nullet** reminded **everyone** that checks **MUST** be made out to the USS Canberra Reunion Assoc.
- A motion was made and seconded that the business meeting be closed.

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.

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2010 (1 January through 31 December). Please mail your dues to:

**USS Canberra Reunion Association
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

Association Changes

Our Association has been incorporated in the state of New York. Its official name is now:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

Please be advised that all checks sent to the Association **MUST** be made out to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

The By-Laws on the next two pages are now in force.

Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Summer 2007 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</u>
Beck, James H.	CAG-2	Armory	1965-69
Blihar, Ronald K.	CAG-2	B	1962-64
Brownlow, Terrence J.	CAG-2	X	1966-68
Lulie, Stanley W.	CAG-2	1st	1965-69
McIntyre, James M.	CAG-2	N	1963-65
Murphy, Edward K.	CA-70	L & E	1943-46
Poland, Judson L.	CAG-2	A	
Reeve, Harry W.	CAG-2	OR	1965-68
Siercks, John W.	CAG-2	E	1961-63

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>Yrs</u>	<u>Died</u>
Conrad, Adolph C.	CA-70	F	43-45	1978
Maughan, John M.	CA-70		43-45	2002
Maguire, Denis G.	CAG-2			2004
Burns, James O.	CAG-2			2006
Mitrano, Domenic B.	CA-70	CS	43-45	2006
Haley, Wendell E.	CA-70	B	43-46	2007
Thiele, Karl R.	CAG-2	N	60-61	2008
Andronico, Carman C.	CA-70	1st	43-46	2009
Butcher, William E. (Ed)	CAG-2	S		2009
Christ, Homer G.	CA-70	S	43-45	2009
Clausser, Andrew E.	CAG-2	B	56-58	2009
Conrad, Walter E.	CA-70	R	43-46	2009
Dolt, Jimmie L.	CA-70	S	68-70	2009
Flodman, Deland C.	CAG-2	FM	65-69	2009
Richardson, Chester G., Jr.	CA-70	5th	43-46	2009
Westcott, John H. (Rocky)	CAG-2			2009

2009 National Reunion Baltimore, MD

The 2009 reunion in Baltimore is now history and was enjoyed by all who attended. There were 19 CA-70 and 89 CAG-2/CA-70 shipmates attending, including 14 first timers, with a total of 214 shipmates, family and guests enjoying our Saturday Night Banquet.

Our guest speaker was Bill Gertz, a reporter and columnist for The Washington Times. He gave a very informative talk on our nation's defense and national security concerns.

The Division with the highest attendance this year was the 9th Division (USMC) with 20 attendees. **Semper Fi**

Association By-Laws

These by-laws have been Approved for the Association. We are now a Not-For-Profit Organization incorporated in Suffolk County of the state of New York.

THE USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION, LTD.

BY-LAWS PREAMBLE

We, former crewmembers of the USS Canberra, who are drawn together by the strong bonds of respect as shipmates, firmly associate ourselves together in creating the USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd. The principles and purpose of which shall be allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and Laws, to strive for peace and goodwill between nations and to aid and assist veterans of the USS Canberra, their widows and families.

ARTICLE I IDENTIFICATION

SECTION 1: NAME

The name of this Association is the USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

SECTION 2: SEAL

The seal of this corporation shall consist of a circular device having the words and figures USS Canberra Reunion Association CA-70/CAG-2 2009 engraved thereon.

SECTION 3: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE II ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION

The members of the Association shall consist of its officers and other members as provided herein. Any former Navy or Marine crewmember, Attached Staff or Midshipman who served aboard the USS Canberra is eligible for membership in the Association. Other people who are interested in the USS Canberra may apply to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association for Associate Membership in the Association in such form as the

Secretary/Treasurer may reasonably require. Such applications for membership shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the receipt of such application for membership and shall be automatically accepted, without the necessity of action by the Board, unless three-quarters (3/4s) of the Board Members attending such meeting shall vote to deny membership.

SECTION 2: WIDOWS/FAMILY

Widows and family of the qualifying members of Article II, Section 1 will be offered the opportunity to be carried on the roster and mailing list as an honorary non-voting member.

SECTION 3: ASSOCIATE and HONORARY MEMBERS

Associate membership is offered to any interested individual subject to the actions of the Board of Directors as described in Article II, Section 1. An Associate Member will pay the prevailing rate of dues and will enjoy all the benefits of full membership with the exception of voting rights and holding office. Honorary membership will be given to individuals who have benefited the Association in some manner and they will enjoy all the benefits of full membership with the exception of voting rights and holding office.

SECTION 4: CERTIFICATES of MEMBERSHIP

The Association may issue certificates of membership under the seal of the Association signed by the President, certifying to his membership in the Association. Such certificate shall be in such form as the Board of Directors shall approve.

SECTION 5: MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION of RECORD

Only persons registered on the Board of the Association as members thereof shall be entitled to vote and receive notice as such.

SECTION 6: LOST CERTIFICATES

The Association's Secretary/Treasurer may issue a new certificate of Membership in the Association in the place of any certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon satisfactory proof of such membership.

SECTION 7: MEMBER REMOVAL

Any member may be removed from membership for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or conduct unbecoming a member in his relations to the USS Canberra Reunion Association, or other members at any meeting of the corporation by the affirmative vote of a majority in the number of the corporation present in person and entitled to vote.

ARTICLE III ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

SECTION 1: PLACE of MEETINGS

Meetings of the Association shall be held at the National Reunion of the Association or such other place as the Directors may elect.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of members for the election of Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at the National Reunion of the Association or such other time and place as the Officers may elect. The Members of the Association shall elect the Officers at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or by the other Officers.

SECTION 4: NOTICE of MEETINGS

Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting; and in the case of a special meeting, the purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than two hundred forty (240) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, or by publication in the USS Canberra Reunion Association Newsletter, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, or the Officer or persons calling the meeting, to each member of the Association of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member of the Association at his address as it appears on the books of the Association; with postage prepaid.

SECTION 5: QUORUM

Seven (7) members of the Association entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. The holders of less than a majority may adjourn a meeting to such time and place as they may decide. All actions shall require the vote of a majority of those present and voting.

SECTION 6: RIGHT to VOTE

Each certificate of membership in the Association shall entitle the person registered as the holder thereof on the books of the Association to one vote. Members of the Association must vote in person.

SECTION 7: PROCEDURE

Parliamentary procedure for all meetings of the Association shall follow **Roberts Rules of Order**.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS/BOARD of DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the USS Canberra Reunion Association will consist of the Officers of the Association.

SECTION 2: OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Master-at-Arms, Marine Liaison and President Emeritus. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Reunion Business Meeting. Each Officer shall serve a term of one year, or until a successor has been duly elected and installed.

SECTION 3: VACANCIES

Whenever any vacancies shall occur in any office, the same shall be filled by the Board of Directors, and the Officer so elected shall hold office until his successor is chosen and qualified.

SECTION 4: OFFICER REMOVAL

Any Officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its sole judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.

SECTION 5: EMERGENCY ACTION by OFFICERS WITHOUT a MEETING

Any action by the Officers, which may be taken at a meeting of the Association, may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so to be taken, shall be signed before or after such action by two-thirds of all the Officers.

SECTION 6: The PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may properly belong to his office or as may be assigned to him by the By-Laws.

SECTION 7: The VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall perform such duties as specified by the President. He shall perform all the duties of the President during his absence or disability and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may properly belong to his office or as may be assigned to him by the by-laws or the Board of Directors from time to time.

SECTION 8: The SECRETARY/ TREASURER

The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association and the Directors, and shall keep a true and complete record of the proceedings of such meetings in a book to be kept for this purpose. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of the records and papers of the Association. The Secretary/Treasurer shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may properly belong to his office or as may be assigned to him by the By-Laws or the Board of Directors from time to time. The Secretary/Treasurer may be required by the Board of Directors to give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may require. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to serve under the Secretary/Treasurer. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer may also be required to give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may require.

SECTION 9. The CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall be responsible for leading the Assoc. in Prayer at all functions.

SECTION 10: The HISTORIAN

The Historian shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Association memorabilia and for the display of such at the Annual Reunion.

SECTION 11: The MASTER-AT-ARMS

The Master-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintaining good order and decorum at all Association meetings.

SECTION 12: The MARINE LIAISON

The Marine Liaison shall be responsible for maintaining communications between our Marine crewmembers and the Association Officers.

SECTION 14: The PRESIDENT EMERITUS

The President Emeritus shall act as Master of Ceremony at all Association functions.

SECTION 13: DELEGATION of AUTHORITY

In case of the absence of any Officer of the Association or for any other reason that the Association may deem sufficient, the Board may delegate the duties of such an Officer to any other Officer of the Association for the time being.

ARTICLE V SPECIAL CORPORATION ACTS

SECTION 1: CHECKS and DRAFTS

All checks and drafts shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer or by such Officers of the Association as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed only by members of the Association at any regular or special meeting of the Association by vote of a majority of members of the Association attending outstanding, provided that notice shall be given in the call of the meeting that it is proposed to amend or repeal a By-Law or By-Laws. Such notice shall state the substance of such amendments or the section or sections to be repealed.