



# USS Canberra

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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"**

**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.

## Shipmate's Web Site

CAG-2 crew member Carl Harstad (FTM3, 8th Div., 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.

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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 Tylinski
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 our 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.

## 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



## 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 the 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>Aboard</u>
Acree, Leonard B.	G-2/70	S-2	66-68
Baur, John F.	CAG-2		66-68
Beasley, John F.	CAG-2	OR	
Egan, James	CAG-2	6th	68-69
Pulver, Merle C.	CAG-2	OR	
Smith, Jim W.	CAG-2	M	59-65
Vineyard, Jesse F	CAG-2	Flag	60-60

**Artist's concept of the HMAS Canberra (LHD-01) and the HMAS Adelaide (LHD-02) is below. The HMAS Canberra is to be commissioned in January 2014. The HMAS Adelaide is to be commissioned in June 2015**



## The Supreme Commander

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have met the Supreme Commander.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Died</u>
Zehr, Larry A.	CAG-2		2002
Ferry, Henry J., Sr.	CAG-2		2004
Fitch, James C.	CAG-2	56-59	2010
Ball, James	CAG-2	66-67	2011
Booth, Franklin H.	CA-70	43-45	2011
Bush, Wayne S.	CAG-2		2011
Dyche, Donald D.	CAG-2	59-61	2011
Fay, Larry R.	CAG-2	60-63	2011
Gonzales, John C.	CAG-2		2011
Gray, Donald R.	CAG-2	64-66	2011
Morris, Clyde	CAG-2		2011
Pannese, Frank	CA-70	43-45	2011
Porter, Charles H.	CAG-2		2011
Quaranto, Angelo V.	CA-70	43-46	2011
Rodrigues, Durval S.	CA-70	43-45	2011
Stoner, Edward L.	CAG-2		2011

## "The Chief and the Gunny"

An old Chief and an old Gunny were sitting at the VFW arguing about who'd had the tougher career. "I did 30 years in the Corps," the Gunny declared proudly, "and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade. As a sergeant, I fought in Korea alongside General MacArthur. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire. Finally, as a gunny sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day and mortar fire all night. In a fire fight, we'd fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we'd charge the enemy with bayonets!"

"Ah," said the Chief with a dismissive wave of his hand, "all shore duty, huh?"