



# 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\*\*\*

**2012 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information**  
**Warwick, RI 10-14 October 2012**

**Reunion Dates:** Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 10th through Sunday, October 14th. The cutoff for all reservations is September 10, 2012. 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 Monday, September 10th 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 reserve early and cancel out at a later date if you find you cannot make the reunion.

## Membership Dues Are Now Due For 2012

### 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 now 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 2/15/12). 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 15 Feb 2012, your 2012 Dues Cards will be mailed after 1 Apr 2012.

### \*\*\*\*\*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:  
 USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd;  
 P.O. Box 130; Belpre, OH 45714; Attn: Ken Minick

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**Saturday Night Banquet Dinner**

Rolls/Butter  
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

**Hot Entrees**

Sliced London Broil \$35  
Boneless Breast of Chicken \$32

Chef's selection of vegetable and potato appropriate to the entrée selection

**Dessert**

Chef's Selection of Dessert

Coffee and Tea Service

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

**Friday Buffet Dinner**

Tossed Garden Salad - Bean & Vegetable Salad  
Pasta Salad and Dinner Rolls/Butter

**Hot Entrees**

Sliced Top Round of Beef with Wild Mushrooms  
Chicken Marsala  
Baked Scrod

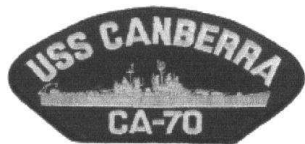
**Desserts**

Chef's Selection of Desserts  
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea,  
Decaffeinated Coffee  
will be served with dinner

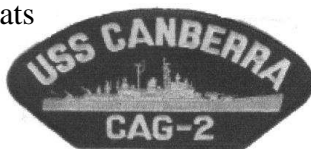
**Total Price Including Tax and Gratuity \$35**  
**Children 12 and under \$15**



Jacket



Hats



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

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. 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 has hats 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.



**USS Canberra (CAG-2) Logo  
White Polo Shirts**

We have a small number of these shirts that were ordered, but not available, for the 2011 reunion. There are 5 size L, 7 size XL and 3 size XXL. There are no plans to order more of these shirts at the present time. The cost is \$25 per shirt including shipping. There is also 3 white **sweat shirts** available at \$30 each including shipping, 2 size L, 1 size XL. Contact Ken if you want one or more of these items.

**CROWNE PLAZA AT THE CROSSINGS – WARWICK, RI**  
**(401) 732-6000**

The Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings is conveniently located at 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886. It is near the Providence-Warwick Airport and just eight minutes south of downtown Providence. Guests can enjoy the convenient access to area businesses, local attractions and the Warwick Mall, less than a mile away, promises great shopping opportunities. If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for accurate driving instructions.

Guests can enjoy access to the indoor pool and the newly renovated health and fitness center. Each room features a coffee/tea maker, iron/ironing board, hairdryer, and complimentary high speed internet access. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is a non-smoking hotel. Handicapped rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. The hotel provides complimentary parking for its guests. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out time is 11:00am. *Remington's Restaurant*, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and offers fine American cuisine at reasonable prices. *Alfred's Lounge*, is open for dinner and cocktails, serving American cuisine in a modern, updated space. Room service is also available. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle to & from the Theodore Francis Green Memorial State Airport (TF Green, Airport CODE: PVD). Call the hotel to let them know you've arrived at (401) 732-6000. They will give you further instructions after you pick up your luggage at baggage claim.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel offers complimentary RV parking for registered guests staying at the hotel. The charge is \$50 per night for those guests staying in their RV overnight. Should you need full hook-ups, contact Oak Embers Family Campground at (401) 397-4042 for any questions, information, and/or reservations. Make your reservations as soon as possible due to limited space and availability.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

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

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

**USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 10-14, 2012**

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PRIORITY CLUB PREFERRED GUEST # \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX. TIME \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # OF ROOMS NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP ACCESS

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

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

**RATE:** \$109 + tax (currently 13%) Rate includes a hot breakfast buffet to be served in the Hospitality Room.

**CUT OFF DATE:** 09/10/12. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Guests may cancel their room reservations up to 24 hours prior to arrival.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

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

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

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

**MAIL TO: CROWNE PLAZA AT THE CROSSINGS \* 801 GREENWICH AVE \***

**WARWICK, RI 02886 \* ATTN: RESERVATIONS**

**www.crownehotelwarwick.com using Group Code: USC**

**USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION**  
**OCTOBER 10-14, 2012**  
**Crowne Plaza at the Crossings - Warwick, RI**

**Wednesday, October 10**

1:00 pm	-	6:00 pm	<b>Reunion Registration Open</b>
Noon	-		Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion.

**Thursday, October 11**

8:00 am	-	8:30 am	<b>Reunion Registration Open</b>
9:00 am	-	4:30 pm	NEWPORT TOUR (description follows)
5:00 pm	-	6:30 pm	<b>Reunion Registration Open</b>

**Friday, October 12**

8:00 am	-	8:30 am	<b>Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.</b>
9:00 am	-	3:00 pm	BATTLESHIP COVE OR OUTLET SHOPPING (description follows)
5:00 pm	-	5:30 pm	<b>Banquet Table Reservation Sheets will be collected at Reunion Registration Desk.</b>
6:00 pm	-	11:00 pm	Cash Bar
7:00 pm	-	11:00 pm	Buffet – Dancing (Drawing of 50/50 tickets)

**Saturday, October 13**

8:30 am	-	10:00 am	Business Meeting
10:15 am	-	3:00 pm	MYSTIC SEAPORT (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 14**

Farewells and Departures until 2013

**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 5:00 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/canberra2012](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2012)**

**All tour descriptions are on Page 6**

# USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

## TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

### NEWPORT TOUR

**Thursday, October 11**

Spend the day exploring historic Newport. Begin with a guided tour of Marble House, home of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. Built in the 1890's by New York architect Richard Morris Hunt, this magnificent home and Chinese Tea House is sure to capture your attention. Enjoy lunch on your own at Brick Marketplace before beginning a driving tour of Newport which includes sights such as Bellevue Avenue lined with fabulous mansions and the spectacular coastline of Ocean Drive. The tour continues onto the Naval War College for a stop at Founders Hall, now known as the Naval War College Museum. Exhibits focus on the history of naval warfare and the naval heritage of the Narragansett Bay.

**9:00am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel**

**\$55/Person includes bus, guide and admission. Lunch on your own.**

### BATTLESHIP COVE

**Friday, October 12**

Climb aboard, immerse into the past, and discover the future at Battleship Cove. Spend the day touring all nine decks of the USS Massachusetts, otherwise known as the "Big Mamie" and visit the National Destroyer-men's Museum aboard the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. which saw live action in both Korea and Vietnam. The only two PT boats from WWII are also on display here. And don't miss the USS Lionfish, a perfectly maintained WWII attack submarine. Of course, there's a gift shop and snack bar style options for lunch.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel**

**\$50/Person includes bus, escort and admission. Lunch on your own.**

**\*\*\*OR\*\*\***

### NEW BEDFORD OUTLET MALL

**Friday, October 12**

**NOTE:** For those who don't wish to visit Battleship Cove, the New Bedford Factory Outlet district is close by. After making a stop at Battleship Cove, the bus will stop at the outlets. Enjoy two hours to bargain hunt at stores, such as Vanity Fair, Samsonite, IZOD, Bass Shoes, Bannister, and many others before proceeding on to Dartmouth Mall for a quick lunch and maybe some more shopping. Bus will depart mall and head back to Battleship Cove to pick up the rest of the passengers before heading back to the hotel.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel**

**\$37/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.**

### MYSTIC SEAPORT

**Saturday, October 13**

Discover the fascinating world of 19<sup>th</sup> century seafaring America. The recreated village is complete with educators and role players to teach you about the coastal community. Stroll through gardens, wander in buildings, and climb aboard tall ships. Make sure you save time for shopping and lunch on your own. There are numerous restaurants and shops in the village.

**10:15am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel**

**\$58/Person includes bus, escort and admission. Lunch on your own.**

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**Driver and staff 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/canberra2012](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2012). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**. 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 _____	Nametag Completed _____

<b>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/10/12</b>	<b>Price Per</b>	<b># of People</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
THURSDAY: Newport Tour	\$55		\$
Please choose one of the following two tours:			
FRIDAY: Battleship Cove	\$50		\$
FRIDAY: Outlet Shopping	\$37		\$
SATURDAY: Mystic Seaport	\$58		\$
<b><u>HOTEL MEALS</u></b>			
FRIDAY: BUFFET DINNER— Adult	\$35		\$
FRIDAY: BUFFET DINNER— Child (under 12)	\$15		\$
SATURDAY: Banquet ( <i>Please select your entrée</i> )			
LONDON BROIL	\$35		\$
CHICKEN BREAST w/ Sage & Apple Stuffing	\$32		\$
CHILDREN'S PLATE—under 12 (CHICKEN FINGERS)	\$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, ST, 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-5:00pm 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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**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>On</u>	<u>Died</u>
Kalt, Loren W. "Butch"	CAG-2		60-62	2003
Covington, John R.	CAG-2	S-3	56-58	2010
Wettrouth, John R.	CA-70	XO/CO	69-70	2010
Ball, James	CAG-2	N	66-67	2011
Doolittle, Billy D.	CAG-2	6th	56-58	2011
Gasque, Renee J.	CAG-2	E	58-61	2011
Graham, Edward J.	CAG-2			2011
Maurer, Frederick J.	CA-70	CR	43-45	2011
Muir, Neil H.	CA-70	V		2011
Presloid, Julian J.	CA-70	9th	43-45	2011
Rinehart, Richard A.	CAG-2	N	56-58	2011
Tallent, Charles A.	CA-70	6th	44-46	2011
Threapleton, Richard B., Sr	CAG-2			2011
Vreeke, Neil M.	CAG-2	6th	59-61	2011
Mertz, Reuben S.	CA-70	R	43-46	2012
Schroeder, Frederick W.	CAG-2			2012
Vincent, Gary W.	G-2/70	9th	68-70	2012
Ziegler, Julius A.	CA-70	X		2012

**Found Shipmates**

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the last newsletter was published.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Burgess, Raymond D.	CA-70	6th	43-46
Burke, George A.	CAG-2	Armory	60-62
Caplow, S. David,	CAG-2	R	56-57
Roeder, Chuck	CAG-2	F	59-61
Shriver, Daniel J.	CAG-2	E	63-66
Wood, Thomas P.	CAG-2	M	62-65

**How To Simulate Being A Sailor**

Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget priced coffee grounds per pot and allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.

Have someone under the age of ten give you a haircut with sheep shears.

Put lube oil in your humidifier and set it on high.

**CA-70 USS Canberra CAG-2  
Reunion Association**

**Annual Reunion  
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