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*****PLEASE READ FIRST*****

2015 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information Mobile, Alabama 14-18 October 2015

Time is running out to sign up for our 2015 Reunion. The cutoff for all reservations is Monday, Sept, 14th.

The Hotel Contract and our Contract with Armed Forces Reunions both state that reservations must be in their hands by Monday, September 14th to be able to "guarantee" your spot.

After that date, hotel and tour reservations will only be accepted on a space available basis and hotel rates cannot be guaranteed. As in the past, tour reservations may be limited to a first come first served basis. Please remember, we have a very liberal cancellation policy. So reserve early and cancel out at a later date if you find you cannot make the reunion.

For Reunion First Timers

It won't take you long to figure out that the place to be at the reunion is the USS Canberra Hospitality Room, located in the hotel's Club Room.

Early October is usually a beautiful time in the Mobile area with temperatures averaging about 75 during the day and the near 60 at night.

The daily dress code is casual. It is also casual for all of our tours. At the Saturday evening banquet the men usually wear a suit or sports coat with tie.

Some of our tours require some walking, so bring a good pair of walking shoes.

Commemorative Hats & Mugs

This year's ball hats and coffee mugs are in the process of being manufactured. They will both be delivered to the hotel in Mobile. A free coffee mug will be given for each registration. Sorry, only one free cup per registration!

As in past years, ball caps will be given to those shipmates that purchase tickets for the Raffle Table at the reunion.

Additional hats and mugs will be available for sale at and following the reunion. This years ball caps will again come in Navy Blue, Scarlet and Summer White.

If you do not plan to be at this years reunion, you can contact Ken to reserve your cap and mug for delivery after the reunion.

They will ship sometime from late October to early November.

The price of hats will be at \$18 each including postage, the price of mugs will also be \$18 each including postage, if ordered separately. Mugs are in full color.

The cost of one cup and one hat, including Priority Mail postage is \$30.00 if ordered at the same time.

Write, e-mail or phone Ken for multiple order prices.

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Proposed On-Line USS Canberra Museum

We recently received communications from the son of one of our WWII shipmates concerning a proposal for a new on-line site pertaining to the USS Canberra (both CA-70 and CAG-2). His proposal follows:

Hello, my name is Gordon Peck. My father, Ralph Peck, served on the USS Canberra during WWII. He left me a few items from that era and I thought it would be interesting to create an online "museum". This is where I need your help. If you have any photos, items or stories regarding someone that served on the Canberra, I'd like to share them with the world. You can contribute by taking a photo of the item or scan a document and sending it to me by email.

Please include a brief description including the person's name, date (if known) and current location of the item.

My email is usscanberramuseum@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing what's out there!

USS Canberra Wearables

Ship's Silhouette Hats

We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat will be \$18.00 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 hats are 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 Jackets

USS Canberra jacket orders are now being accepted. We are only offering the CAG-2 version in blue. The price of a jacket is \$100 including shipping.

USS Canberra Golf and Chambray Shirts

We have a limited number of golf shirts, they are only available in Blue.

They are \$28 including shipping.

Chambray shirts are \$33 including shipping.

You can order either the Jacket or Shirts by contacting: Ron Nullet at: P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614.

USS Canberra 2015 Reunion Site Holiday Inn Mobile Downtown (251) 694-0100

www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/mobile/mobhi/hoteldetail
The Hotel, 301 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602, is ideally located in the heart of the city, providing quick access to many popular local attractions and just 14 miles from the Mobile Regional Airport.

Directions To The Hotel

Traveling on I-10 West: I-10 West exit 27 (Government St.) go through the light into the Bankhead Tunnel. Go to the 4th traffic light and turn left onto Claiborne St. Turn left into the hotel.

Traveling on I-10 East: I-10 East exit 26A, follow So. Jackson St. to Government Blvd. Turn Left On Government then Left on Claiborne. Turn left into hotel.

Parking and Shuttle Information

The Holiday Inn is offering all attendees complimentary parking. The hotel will also provide complimentary airport shuttle for 4 or more guests. Upon arrival please contact the hotel directly to make arrangements for shuttle service. If arriving with fewer than 4 people, Mobile Bay Transportation provides transportation to and from the Mobile Regional Airport. Currently shuttle service is available for \$20 one-way per person, but pricing is subject to change, so please verify rates when making reservations. Reservations are required with 24 hours advanced notice. If you have any further questions or need to make reservations, please call the shuttle service directly at (251) 633-5693 or visit their website: www.mobilebaytransportation.com.

Note: We were told that it may be cheaper to fly into Pensacola, FL or Biloxi, MS and rent a car to drive to Mobile. We have NOT checked that out.

Rental Wheelchairs

ScotAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scotaround.com for more information or to make reservations.

Reunion Registration Forms

If you need a replacement Reunion Registration Form, contact Ken or Ron. Those with computers can register on-line at: www.afr-reg.com/canberra2015

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>Departed</u>
Quercioli, Frank F.	CAG-2		66-68	1991
Cronk, Lenard H.	CAG-2	OL	65-69	2005
Almeida, Gabriel	CA-70		43-45	2015
Bordea, Daniel J.	CA-70	3rd	43-46	2015
Carroll, Ronald K.	CAG-2		57-59	2015
Deckert, Richard R.	CAG-2	9th	56-57	2015
Hogg, Newton J.	CAG-2	H	59-62	2015
Holtkamp, Raymond A.	CAG-2			2015
Ladrie, William J.	CA-70	E	43-46	2015
Ostendarp, Kenneth P.	CAG-2	7th	60-63	2015
Phibbs, James H., Jr.	CA-70	Aviation Unit		2015
Reed, Phillip J. "Jim"	CAG-2	R	Vietnam Era	2015
Rocap, Barry A., Sr.	CAG-2	OI		2015
Schwab, Ray T.	CA-70	4th	43-45	2015
St. Peter, Ronald J.	CAG-2			2015
Taylor, Robert A.	CAG-2	E	67-69	2015
Voss, Vernon D.	CAG-2	9th	62-64	2015

Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Summer 2015 Newsletter was published.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Meany, Dennis M.	CAG-2	X Div	66-69
Miller, Kenneth J.	CA-70	OS	68-69

Happy 90th (Plus) Birthdays

A few years ago we published an article stating that if you turn 90 to please let us know and we'd put it in the newsletter. One of our WWII shipmates contacted us and stated that he just turned 90, reminding us of the long ago newsletter article. So here is a list of the people who we know that have turned at least 90.

Bob Beach	Born 1924	(91)
Charlie Koestner	Born 1924	(90)
John Chenoweth	Born 1925	(90)
Frank Dinoia	Born 1925	(90)
Leland White	Born 1925	(90)