



# USS Canberra

*Prora et puppis pro Canberra*

CA-70 / CAG-2

## Members of the Crew



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

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

**Reunion Dates:** Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 14th through Sunday, October 18th.

The cutoff for hotel reservations is **September 13, 2015** and for Armed Forces Reunions it's **September 14, 2015**. 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 the above listed dates 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 2015 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 2/14/15). 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 contact Ron Nullet (after 4/1/15) 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 14 Feb 2015, your 2015 Dues Cards will be mailed after 1 April 2015.

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

Please send your dues 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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## HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT – MOBILE, AL (251) 694-0100 or (877) 834-3613

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/mobile/mobhi/hoteldetail>

### Location

301 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602

The hotel 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.

### Reservation Information

Call the number above and reference USS Canberra Reunion or please visit [www.afr-reg.com/canberra2015](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2015) and click on the link at the top of the page to make hotel reservations and receive the discounted group rate.

**Group Name:** USS Canberra Reunion

**Reunion Dates:** October 14-18, 2015

**Rate:** \$95 + tax (currently 14%). Group rates are available three days before and three days after the arrival/ departure dates, based on availability. Attendees are also offered full hot breakfast for \$6 per person plus tax and gratuity each day.

**Cut off Date: 09/13/15** Late reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be received prior 24 hours prior to the day of arrival, or there will be a charge of one night room plus tax.

### Parking & 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](http://www.mobilebaytransportation.com).

### Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit [www.scootaround](http://www.scootaround) for more information or make reservations.

**Come Join Us In  
Mobile, Alabama  
14-18 October 2015**

# The Supreme Commander

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Died</u>
Keene, Edward A.	CAG-2	OR	60-63	2006
Barrows, Dorman R.	CAG-2		Vietnam	2012
Baker, Robert C., Jr.	CAG-2	FM	61-66	2014
Breen, Charles	CAG-2	OE	66-68	2014
Brewington, Willie D.	CAG-2	S	62-64	2014
Faust, Elmer D.	CAG-2	Staff	57-60	2014
Licht, Marvin A.	CA-70	5th	44-46	2014
Moore, Leamon F.	CAG-2	6th	64-67	2014
Stellabotte, Ross J.	CAG-2	5th	59-61	2014
Werling, Robert	CAG-2	FG	66-68	2014
Baker, Jerold "Jerry" L	CAG-2	B	59-63	2015
Martin, Russell R.	CAG-2	4th	56-59	2015
Munselle, Charles E., Sr.	CA-70	F	43-45	2015

## Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Fall 2014 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>
Belmonte, Antonio	CA-70		43-46
Hanley, Virgil F.	CAG-2	1st/8th	66-69
Hardiman, Gary D.	CAG-2	FG	65-67

### Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

#### Hot Entrees

Boneless Breast of Chicken	<b>\$37</b>
Baked New Orleans Fish	<b>\$37</b>
6 oz Beef Filet with Sautéed Mushrooms	<b>\$37</b>
Vegetarian Meal (Chef's Choice)	<b>\$27</b>

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Salads Appropriate to the Entrée Selection

#### Dessert

Chef's Selection of Dessert  
Coffee and Tea Service

Kid's Meal (11 and under)	
Chicken Tenders and Fries	<b>\$15</b>

**Price Includes Tax and Gratuity**

### Friday Night Buffet Dinner

#### Hot Entrees

Beef Brisket
Herb Baked Chicken
Baked Tilapia

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Salads Appropriate to the Entrées

#### Desserts

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

<u>Total Price, Including Tax and Gratuity</u>	<b><u>\$37</u></b>
<u>Children 11 and Under</u>	<b><u>\$15</u></b>

# USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION

## OCTOBER 14-18, 2015

### Holiday Inn Downtown in Historic Mobile, Alabama

#### Wednesday, October 14

Noon - 10:00 pm\* Hospitality Room open  
 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Reunion Registration Open**

#### Thursday, October 15

8:00 am - 10:00 pm\* Hospitality Room Open  
 8:00 am - 8:30 am **Reunion Registration Open**  
 9:00 am - 3:30 pm BELLINGRATH GARDENS / CITY TOUR (description follows)  
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Reunion Registration Open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.**  
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Complimentary Manager's Reception

#### Friday, October 16

8:00 am - 10:00 pm\* Hospitality Room open  
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION (description follows)  
 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Cash Bar  
 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Buffet - Dancing (50/50 Drawing)

#### Saturday, October 17

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Hospitality Room open  
 9:00 am - 10:30 am Business Meeting  
 11:30 am - 3:00 pm USS ALABAMA (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 18

Farewells and Departures until 2016

**\*Although the Hospitality Room is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Wednesday thru Friday, the hours will be extended if enough people are using it at that time.**

#### **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/canberra2015](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2015)*

**\*\*\*\*All tour descriptions are on Page 5\*\*\*\***

## USS CANBERRA REUNION ASSOCIATION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

### BELLINGRATH GARDENS / CITY TOUR Thursday October 15

Bellingrath Gardens is sixty-five acres of landscaped floral wonderland! Visit the beautiful Oriental-American Garden, which combines the best flora from both cultures. Next, roam the magnificent Bellingrath home, where you'll find the largest public display of porcelain sculptures by the late Edward Marshall.

Enjoy a cafeteria-style lunch on your own at the Magnolia Café. Afterwards, reboard bus for a two-hour guided tour of Mobile. Visit Fort Conde, Mobile's official Welcome Center, featuring sprawling bastions, cannons, firearms, and museum areas. As you ride through three historic districts, learn about the architecture, history, and customs of the area. Continue along the Alabama State Docks. This port is ranked fifteenth in the nation, which is determined by the overseas container tonnage.

**9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel**

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

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION Friday October 16

Pensacola, Florida is home to the National Museum of Naval Aviation, which captures naval aviation's entire heritage with over 100 planes representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

Soar with the Blue Angels in this dazzling seven-story glass and steel atrium. The West Wing is devoted almost entirely to WWII carrier aviation and showcases a full-size replica of the USS Cabot Carrier Island and flight deck along with aircraft such as the Corsair, Avenger and Hellcat, among others. Lunch is on your own at Cubi Bar Café, where the decor and layout duplicates the bar area of the famous Cubi Point Officers' Club that was a major source of enjoyment for Navy and Marine Corps squadrons, ships and units as they passed into the Western Pacific.

**Photo ID is required for the Naval Station.**

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

**\$40/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.**

### USS ALABAMA Saturday October 17

Enjoy a day aboard the USS Alabama starting with lunch in the Ward Room. Lunch will consist of BBQ chicken, sliced hickory-smoked beef, barbeque sauce, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, dessert and tea.

After lunch, begin a self-guided tour of the USS Alabama. This 42,000-ton battleship saw thirty-seven months of active duty, earned nine battle stars and provided a home for more than 2,500 U.S. Navy seamen.

The 100-acre park is also home to the Submarine Drum, a B-52 bomber named "The Calamity Jane," plus corsairs, artillery, a P-51 Mustang, a Redstone rocket and a wildlife sanctuary.

**11:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel**

**\$60/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.**

**Driver and Escort 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.

Unless otherwise noted, all tours require a minimum of thirty five people.

*Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/armedforcesreunions](http://www.facebook.com/armedforcesreunions)*

## 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. For those that provide a valid email address, a receipt will be sent electronically. Otherwise 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/canberra2015](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2015) (3% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**. 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 _____	Name Tag Completed _____

<b>CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/14/15</b>	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b>Please see Newsletter for description of Tours &amp; Meals</b>			
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
THURSDAY: BELLINGRATH GARDENS / CITY TOUR	\$55		\$
FRIDAY: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION	\$40		\$
SATURDAY: USS ALABAMA	\$60		\$
<b><u>HOTEL MEALS</u></b>			
FRIDAY: BUFFET DINNER — Adult	\$37		\$
FRIDAY: BUFFET DINNER — Child (11 and under)	\$15		\$
SATURDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			
6oz Center Cut Beef Filet Topped With Sautéed Mushrooms	\$37		\$
Boneless Breast of Chicken	\$37		\$
Baked New Orleans Fish	\$37		\$
Chef's Choice - Vegetarian Meal	\$27		\$
Children's Plate (11 and under) — Chicken Tenders and Fries	\$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.

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| 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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## HMAS Canberra Commissioned

The largest warship ever built for the Australian Navy has been welcomed into the fleet with the HMAS Canberra formally commissioned for service on 28 November 2014.

The commissioning service was held in Sydney with Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Prime Minister Tony Abbott among the dignitaries to welcome HMAS Canberra into the Australian Navy. Commanding Officer Jonathan Sadleir officially commissioned HMAS Canberra on behalf of the Australian Navy.

The Governor-General said the event marked a major milestone in the history of Australia's defence forces.

"Commissioning is one of the most important ceremonies in the life of a war ship," Sir Peter said. "Symbolically it marks when a war ship becomes a part of our Navy and that it's entitled to fly the historic white ensign. From the date of Commissioning, a war ship is recognised under domestic and international law as a sovereign representative of its nation. From today, wherever she may travel in the world, Canberra is all-Australian. The ship and her crew are a part of our nation."

"To the crew, when you set sail you will do so with the admiration and respect of our nation. This is now your opportunity to proudly write a new chapter consistent with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the wider Australian Defence Force."

The new ship is the third Navy vessel to be named HMAS Canberra and Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer said all crew and officers were aware of its legacy. "I have no doubt whatsoever that this Canberra will continue the fine tradition established by her predecessors and add further lustre to an already prestigious name for Queen and Country,"

Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer said.

The commissioning ceremony for HMAS Canberra was held in the hanger deck area of the ship, thus limiting the number of people able to attend the commissioning.



### USS Canberra Wearables - Jackets, Shirts, etc

We still have blue CAG-2 jackets, blue golf shirts and chambray shirts available. CAG-2/CA-70 shirts are available for shipmates who were aboard during the last few years of the Canberra's commissioning.

**Jackets are \$100. Golf shirts are \$28. 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 these items.

### Ship's Silhouette Hats

We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat is \$18.00 per cap including priority mail postage. The hat is only available in Navy Blue in the CA-70 version. The CAG-2 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.