



# USS Canberra

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## Members of the Crew



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

**2016 USS CANBERRA Reunion Information  
Portland, Maine 12-16 October 2016**

**Reunion Dates:** Our Reunion dates are Wednesday, October 12th through Sunday, October 16th.

The cutoff for hotel reservations and for Armed Forces Reunions is **September 12, 2016**.

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 very 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.

### \*\*\*\*Please Read Next\*\*\*\*

## Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on this newsletter. If there is an \*\*\* before your first name, your 2016 dues have not been paid according to our records (dues had not been received as of 5/15/16).

**Please be advised that the dues cycle for the Association is from 1 January through 31 December of each year.**

To pay your dues, please mail \$25 for this year to: USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.; Attn: Ron Nullet; P.O. Box 614; Centereach, NY 11720-0614

If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, please contact Ron Nullet at the address above or phone 631-736-3444 or e-mail him at: [ronsteam@optonline.net](mailto:ronsteam@optonline.net).

You can also contact Ken Minick at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above in the Masthead of the Newsletter.

## Fall Newsletter

The fall newsletter is usually mailed around the first of September so that we can pass on any last minute information to those who are planning on attending this year's reunion in Portland, Maine.

The Newsletter always includes information that is useful to newcomers.

It will also contain useful updates for the old timers who have been to our reunions before.

It could possibly arrive after the cutoff date, so get your reservations in early.

## Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. Website

**AFR, Inc. offers Reunion Registration on-line.**

Just go to their website at:

**[www.afr-reg.com/canberra2016](http://www.afr-reg.com/canberra2016)**

Fill out the form and pay by credit card.

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## On-Line USS Canberra Museum

The son of Ralph Peck, one of our WWII shipmates, has a new on-line site pertaining to the USS Canberra (both CA-70 and CAG-2).

If you have any photos, items or stories regarding someone that served on the Canberra, he'd like to share them with the world.

You can contribute by taking a photo of the item or scan a document and send it to him by email.

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

His email is [gordon@usscanberramuseum.org](mailto:gordon@usscanberramuseum.org).  
The web address for the on-line museum is:  
[usscanberramuseum.org](http://usscanberramuseum.org)

You can also access it by going to our website at:  
[www.usscanberra.com](http://www.usscanberra.com) and clicking on the link at the bottom of the main page.

## 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 Mac Arthur. 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?"

## USS Canberra Wearables Jackets, Shirts, etc

We still have CAG-2 jackets, chambray shirts and golf shirts available. The golf shirts and jackets are only available in blue. 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.**

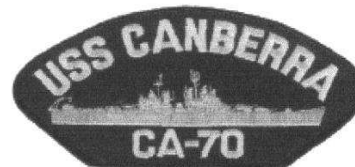
**Chambray Shirts are \$33.**

All of the prices include shipping.

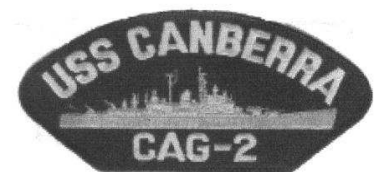
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**Jacket**



**Hats**



## 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 hat is only available in Navy Blue 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.

# 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>Died</u>
Akerberg, Richard	CAG-2		60-64	2016
Danner, David L.	CAG-2	B	62-64	2016
Gleisner, Roland L., Sr.	CAG-2			2016
Griffin, George F.	CA-70	E	43-44	2016
Hanrahan, Frank J.	CA-70	F	43-45	2016
Johnson, Ted S.	CA-70	1st	1944	2016
Keefer, Gary D.	CAG-2	OR	56-58	2016
Leech, William D.	CA-70	OR	69-70	2016
Mears, Charles M.	CAG-2	4th	67-69	2016
Mulder, Fredrick L.	CAG-2		59-61	2016
O'Neill, Raymond M.	CA-70	5 <sup>th</sup>	43-46	2016
Revetta, Felix J.	CAG-2		66-68	2016
Schumann, Richard J.	CAG-2	9th	63-65	2016
Shepherd, William C.	CAG-2			2016
Weschler, Thomas R.	CAG-2	X.O.	58-59	2016
Whalen, Rodney N.	CAG-2	Flag		2016

## Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Spring 2016 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>
Baty, Jack E.	CAG-2	3rd	65-67
Carlberg, Ronald L.	CAG-2	MidShipman	1958
Percoskie, Thomas	CAG-2	FM	63-66