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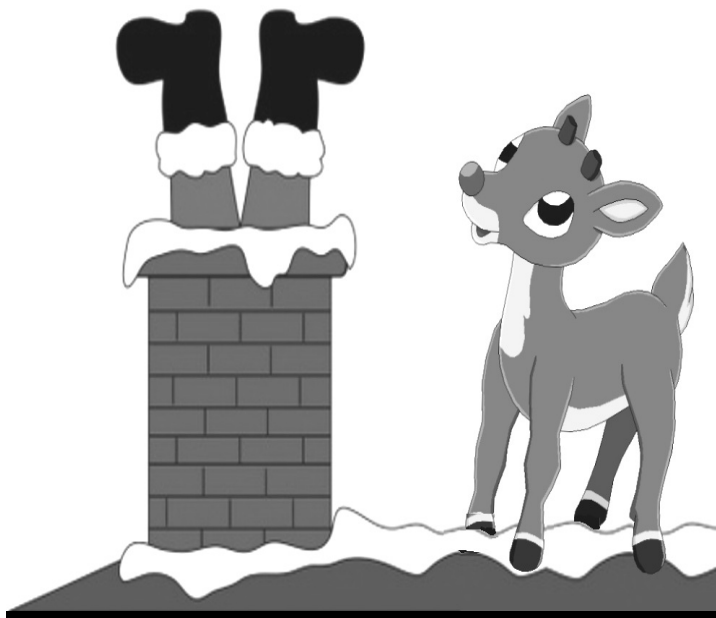
USS Canberra Reunion Association

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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"**

Phyllis & Ken
Barbara & Ron
Jean & Bob
Mary & Bill
Louise & John
Jackie & Len
Gene
Pat & LeRoy

2017 Reunion

For those of you who have not heard, the 2017 National Reunion of the USS Canberra "Members of the Crew" will be held at: "The Central Hotel and Conference Center", a Best Western Premier Facility in Harrisburg, PA from 11 to 15 October 2017. The Spring 2017 edition of the "Members of the Crew" Newsletter will have a complete listing of planned activities for this reunion.

Change of Address

If you move, we would appreciate it if you would inform us of your new address, either by mail, phone or e-mail. We would like you to continue to receive our newsletters. The Post Office will forward the newsletters for up to 60 days and will report a change of address to us (for a nominal fee). If it has been over 60 days, then we have no idea where you have moved to and you will no longer be able to receive the newsletters unless you contact us with a new address.

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2016 Business Meeting Highlights

- Ken Minick, President, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the absence of our Master-at-Arms, Gene Sibley. Gene could not make the reunion as he was in an accident.
- The Invocation followed and was given by Chaplain Bill Dorsey.
- We were reminded to keep our ailing shipmates and families in our thoughts and prayers.
- President Ken Minick opened with a short talk about the Association history and leadership since the USS Canberra started having reunions back in 1964. He then opened nominations for Association Officers and 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. He also stated that since we do not have a living Past President, the office of President Emeritus will remain vacant for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, **once again**, no one spoke up, so the following were nominated and re-elected as Officers of the Association:

President Emeritus	Vacant
President	Ken Minick
Vice President	Bob Tyllinski
Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Nullet
Chaplain	Bill Dorsey
Historian	John Chenoweth
Assistant Historian	LeRoy Johnson
Master-at-Arms	Gene Sibley
USMC Liaison	Len Kucharski

- It was explained why we would not have a guest speaker or DJ at the Banquet. The Assistant Naval Attaché of the Australian Embassy was going to be our speaker, but official business interfered. A DJ was not hired for the Banquet because at the last two reunions people left as soon as the raffle was over and the DJ went home early.
- The Association Composition/Database was commented on. As of 1 October 2016 we had 3,288 names in our database. Of those: 111 are Widows; 51 are Family Members; 10 are Honorary Members; 1 Staff (AFR) Member; 89 are Life Members and 224 are Paid Members. Which means we send out 486 Newsletters. We also have 1,612 Deceased; 1,166 Not Paid and 26 Missing (old addresses, cannot contact) in the database.
- The Financial Report was submitted by our Secretary/Treasurer Ron Nullet. The Association is presently sound financially, although we still have outstanding costs for the 2016 Reunion. Ron then brought up the subject that he, LeRoy and Ken would be retiring after the 2018 reunion due to age and health concerns. It was also stated that if we do not have new Officers by then we may need to start having reunions with the USNCSA (United States Navy Cruiser Sailor Association).
- The 2017 Reunion was the next order of business. Our 2017 Reunion will be held October 11-15 at the Central Hotel and Conference Center, A Best Western Premier facility in Harrisburg, PA.
- We usually start looking at locations for upcoming reunions in the spring/summer time frame. However; for the 2017 reunion, due to health problems, we did not get started until August and the contract was not signed until late September.
- A special thanks was once again given to Bob's Printing (Bob 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 and also to all of the members that jump in and help us setup and break down the room.
- A motion was made and seconded that the 2016 business meeting be closed.

2016 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Ship	L Name	F Name	Division	Years
CA-70	Beach	Robert	2nd	1944-45
CA-70	Doka	Joe	3rd	1943-45
CA-70	Koestner	Charlie	B	1943-45
CA-70	Couture	Leo	F	1943-46
CA-70	Benoit	Delores	Family	
CAG-2	Randall	Arthur	1st	1960-63
CAG-2	Kondroski	Richard	2nd	1963-65
CAG-2	Dorsey	Bill	6th	1962-66
CAG-2	Burdick	Jim	7th	1959-61
CAG-2	Gault	Bob	7th	1962-64
CAG-2	Wooldridge	Woody	7th	1957-60
CAG-2	Koollian	Ed	9th	1958-60
CAG-2	Kucharski	Len	9th	1957-58
CAG-2	Schultz	George	9th	1956-58
CAG-2	Witheridge	Robert	9th	1956-58
CAG-2	Clinton	Ed	A	1961-62
CAG-2	Petraska	Pete	A	1960-61
CAG-2	Pusateri	Samuel	A	1958-60
CAG-2	Stoehr	Albert	A	1957-59
CAG-2	Johnson	Leroy	B	1962-66
CAG-2	Morgan	Robert	B	1965-66
CAG-2	Stark	Michael	B	1966-70
CAG-2	Ward	Bobby	B	1956-59
CAG-2	Burk	Don	E	1957-60
CAG-2	Shirk	Neal	E	1956-58
CAG-2	Whitehead	John	E	1956-59
CAG-2	Parker	Thomas	F	1958-61
CAG-2	Tylinski	Bob	FM	1961-62
CAG-2	Nissen	Jene	N	1958-61
CAG-2	Graves	Barry	OE	1966-68
CAG-2	Martz	Barry	OE	1964-66
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	1963-65
CAG-2	Peltzer	Carman	OE	1964-66
CAG-2	Spencer	Jim	OE	1966-67
CAG-2	Kondroski	Carl	OI	1963-64
CAG-2	Simpson	Dennis	OI	1961-64
CAG-2	Allan	Robert	R	1964-67
CAG-2	Baer	Bill	R	1963-64
CAG-2	Haase	Albert	R	1956-58
CAG-2	Koonce	Charles	R	1962-64
CAG-2	Kralik	Tom	R	1956-58
CAG-2	Nullet	Ronald	R	1959-63
CAG-2	Schmelebeck	Del	R	1956-58
CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	1963-65
CAG-2	Thomas	Sammy	S-2	1963-66
CAG-2	Owens	Jim	S-3	1963-65
CAG-2	Carmody	Bob	X	1958-60
CAG-2	Whynott	Rosemary	Family	

Reunion First Timer

Shipmate Leo Couture was the only first time attendee this year.

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2017 (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:

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2016 National Reunion Portland, Maine

The 2016 reunion in Portland, Maine is now history and was enjoyed by all who attended. There were 4 CA-70 WWII plus their family members, including one first timer and one Association family member. 43 CAG-2/CA-70 shipmates attended plus one Association family member for a total of 113 shipmates, family and guests. The Division with the highest attendance this year was R Division with 8 attendees.

CA-70 USS Canberra CAG-2

Reunion Association

Annual Reunion

11-15 October 2017

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Details to follow in the
Spring 2017 Newsletter**

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>
Christopher, Charles E.	CAG-2			2016
Crouse, Gary R.	CAG-2		59-62	2016
DiTullio, Armond A.	CA-70		43-44	2016
Finerty, Martin J., Jr.	CAG-2		59-??	2016
Gomez, Ralph D.	CAG-2			2016
Hoy, Edward H.	CAG-2			2016
Hughes, Francis M., Jr.	CAG-2		58-59	2016
Nichols, Robert A.	CAG-2	OI	65-68	2016
Richards, Raymond T.	CAG-2	R	56-60	2016
Turcotte, James M.	CAG-2	R	56-59	2016

Found Shipmates

Following are names of **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have been found since the Fall 2017 Newsletter was published.

If you want to contact them, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Keevy, Craig D.	G-2/70	Bos'n	67-69
Merrill, Stephen J.	CAG-2	OE	67-68
Stellhorn, Jack E.	CA-70	X	69-70

DD-214

It was brought to our attention that many of our shipmates may be eligible for additional ribbons/medals for service aboard the USS Canberra (or other ships). You can obtain a new copy of your DD-214 by going to the following website: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

You Can Request Your Military Service Records Online, by Mail, or by Fax

(Includes DD 214/Separation Documents, Personnel Records, Replacement Medals, and/or Medical Records)

Happy 90th Birthday

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. At the reunion, one of our WWII shipmates told us that he had recently turned 90.

David "Woody" Wooldridge of Portsmouth, NH turned 90 in August of 2016.

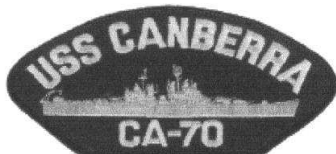
He joined the Navy in August of 1943.

Ship's Silhouette Hats

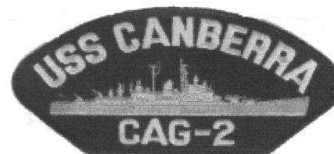
We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat will be \$19.00 per cap including priority mail postage (cost is up \$1 due to postage increase).

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.



Hats

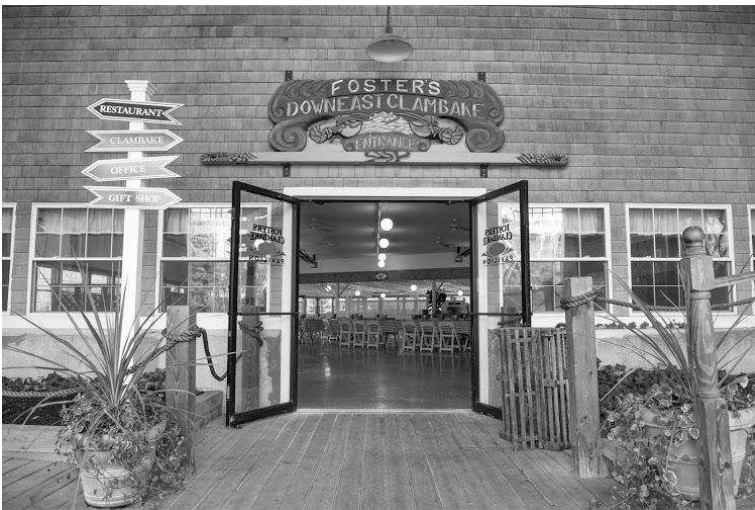




The Merry Manor Inn in So. Portland, ME
Our Home-Away-From-Home



Portland Head Light on Light House and
Kennebunkport Tour



Trip to Foster's Clambake in York, ME
for Lobster and other Shell Fish



LL Bean Store on Freeport and
Maine Maritime Museum Tour



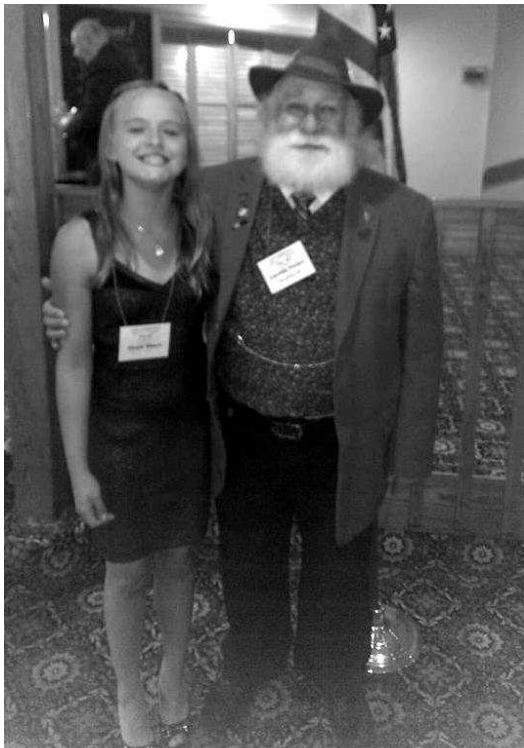
The Maine Maritime Museum on the Freeport and
Maine Maritime Museum Tour



One of our Trolleys for the City Tour

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Lexi Beach meets the REAL Santa at the USS Canberra Reunion Banquet.