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Members of the Crew



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Please Read First

There will not be a 2022 Reunion

I am very sorry to have to report this, but our plans for a 2022 Reunion have fallen through. As stated in our last newsletter, we were trying to set up the reunion ourselves. After a lot of work, we found that it was not feasible to sign a contract for our desired location. We will be attempting, in the near future, to set up a 2023 reunion at a location that our normal company services.

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Dues Expiration Note

Please check the Address label on the newsletter.

If there is an *** before your first name, your dues are not up to date according to our records (dues not received as of 05/17/2022).

If you feel there is an error as to when your dues expired, **please contact our Sec/Treas, Bob Tylinski**, at 317-257-4551 or at the address listed in the following article or you can contact Ken Minick at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above in the Masthead of the Newsletter

On-Line

USS Canberra Museum

The on-line USS Canberra Museum, that pertains to both the CA-70 and the CAG-2, has been up and running for well over 2 years now.

Gordon Peck, the son of Ralph Peck, one of our WWII shipmates, has been responsible for getting it up and on line and is responsible for its updating. If you have any photos, items or stories regarding you or someone that served on the Canberra, he'd love to share them with the world.

You can contribute by taking a photo of an item, scanning a document or writing an article and sending it to him by email.

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

His email is: gordon@usscanberramuseum.org
If you have any questions, contact him via his email.

The web address for the on-line museum is:

www.usscanberramuseum.org

You can also access the Museum by going to our website at: www.usscanberra.com and clicking on the link at the bottom of the main page.

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2021 (1 January through 31 December).

Please mail your dues to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

c/o Bob Tylinski

5117 E. 70th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46220

Please make your check out to:

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Mast Stepping Ceremony

The Mast Stepping, another milestone in the life of the future USS Canberra LCS-30, took place on 6 May 2022.

The ceremony involved placing coins and items of sentimental value in the mast of the ship, a naval tradition thought to bring good luck and protection to sailors during their voyages at sea.

Items were donated from the Ship's Crew, Austal USA shipbuilding team, ship sponsor Marise Payne and Canberra, Australia's capitol and the ship's namesake.

Congratulations to the USS Canberra LCS 30 - Blue Crew of the future USS Canberra on completing this time honored tradition and bringing the ship one step closer to life!

The top item is the Mast Box where the donated items were placed, the others are the donated items. The box was then placed in the mast and the mast was sealed. The lettering on the box is: Line 1 - AUSTAL, Line 2 - Littoral Combat Ship, Line 3 - USS CANBERRA (LCS-30), Line 4 - Mast Box.

LCS-30 Commissioning

The latest update from the Navy is that the Commissioning Ceremony will take place sometime in 2023.

They have not given out any information as to where it will take place, so we are still waiting to hear where the ceremony will be held.

Sail Away from AUSTAL USA shipyard in Mobile by LCS-30 is tentatively planned for late May or early June 2022.

The LCS-30 Ship's Patch/Crest

Please note that it is also a "Kan-Do-Kangaroo" except that they spelled it "Can-Do"!

The Kangaroo's tail has a bandage on it like the CA-70's Kangaroo's did.



The Link below has an explanation of the LCS-30 Crest

<https://tioh.army.mil/Catalog/Heraldry.aspx?HeraldryId=19264&CategoryId=10997&grp=5&menu=Uniformed%20Services>

The Supreme Commander

Following are **USS Canberra Shipmates** that have met the **Supreme Commander**.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>	<u>Died</u>
Gallegos, Eddie M., Sr.	CA-70	5 th	43-45	2021
Ingram, Earl L.	CA-70	F	43-46	2021
Shakarian, Albert J.	CA-70		43-45	2022
Thomas, Melvin	CAG-2		60-62	2004
Gibney, Christopher J.	CAG-2	OE	57-60	2009
McCullister, Benny J.	CAG-2	9 th	59-61	2011
Nelson, Joesph F.	CAG-2	6 th	57-59	2011
Eagen, Jerry F.	CAG-2	1 st	56-58	2012
Arnold, John P.	CAG-2	9 th	60-62	2013
Bixler, Richard A., Sr.	CAG-2	M	56-57	2013
Niedentohl, Lee W.	CAG-2	OR	58-59	2014
Foster, James J.	CAG-2	OR	56-59	2015
Bell, Herbert L.	CAG-2	E	57-60	2016
Clemons, Elza E.	CAG-2	OE	64-66	2016
Bendel, Donald V.	CAG-2	OI	56-58	2019
Lemaster, Francis D.	CAG-2		62-64	2019
Kregel, Daniel A.	CA-70	H	67-69	2019
Morey, Richard A.	CAG-2	8 th	56-58	2019
Carpenter, Cedric C.	CAG-2	OI	56-58	2020
Outten, T. Leonard	CAG-2	E		2020
Patterson, George W.	CAG-2	S-5	58-63	2020
Rivera, Elias V.	CAG-2	FM	60-62	2020
Atkins, Reginald D.	CAG-2	OE	62-65	2021
Solum, Curtis E.	CAG-2	F	56-58	2021
Starnes, Donald E., Sr.	CAG-2	B	59-61	2021
Trahern, James F.	CAG-2	9 th	58-60	2021
Wasemann, Thomas L.	CAG-2	3 rd	1962	2021
Beneke, Delford M.	CAG-2	Flag	1959	2022
Higgins, James E.	CAG-2	OE	59-62	2022
Keane, John F., III	CAG-2	6 th	56-57	2022
Krueger, Robert W.	CAG-2	OL	61-64	2022
Meckler, John E.	CAG-2			2022
Monfriedo, Antonio D.	CAG-2			2022

Found Shipmate

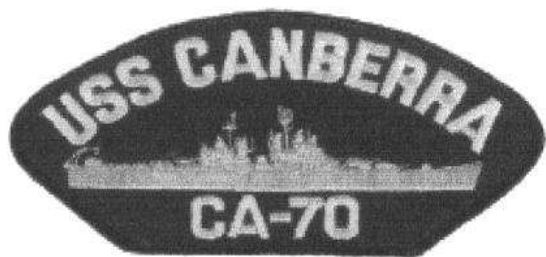
Below is a **USS Canberra Shipmate** who was found since the Spring 2022 Newsletter was published.

If you want to contact him, let Ken know.

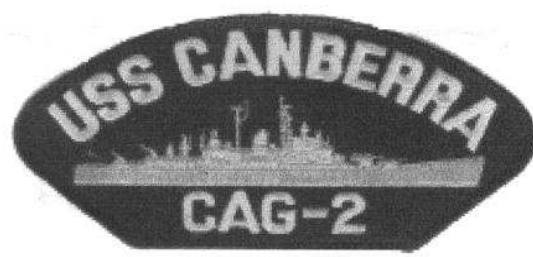
<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Kiley, William J., Jr.	CAG-2	A	56-58

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Ship's Silhouette Hats



We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock. The cost for each hat will be \$22.00 including priority mail postage. The hat is 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.