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Members of the Crew



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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"

Ken
Cecil & Shaunetta
Dave
Roland
Mike
Bill & Mary
LeRoy & Pat
Steve & Loretta
Bob & Patty

*******PLEASE READ*******

Dues

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2026 (1 Jan. through 31 Dec.).

Please mail your dues to:

USS Canberra Reunion Association

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19 N. Eden St

Baltimore, MD 21231

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USS Canberra Reunion Association, Ltd.

2026 REUNION

The 2026 Reunion is in the process of being set up.

Full information and the Registration Form will be in the Spring Newsletter.

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2025 Business Meeting Highlights

Written By Cecil Kersh - President

Cecil Kersh, President, opened the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Vice-President David Hicks.

The Invocation followed and was given by our President Cecil Kersh.

We were reminded to keep our ailing shipmates and families in our thought and prayers.

Unfortunately, we had 2 Shipmates that had to cancel due to their or their wife's illness.

There were 2 First Timers in attendance at the Reunion this year..

Although there were no WW2 Shipmates in attendance, we had the sons of 2 of our WW2 shipmates along with one granddaughter in attendance.

The Divisions with the most attendees four zero zero two this year were B and OE Divisions.

The first order of business was to swear the new officers in.

Our President Emeritus, Ken Minick, did the Honor of swearing in our new President Cecil Kersh.

A motion was made and properly seconded that the office of Secretary/Treasurer be split into two different officers, the motion carried and was approved by all the member present.

Shipmate Mike Stark volunteered to take the Treasurers Office.

Which afterwards our President installed the new Vice-President, new Secretary and new Treasurer.

We now have a full line of Officers.

The new slate of Officers are:

President Emeritus	Ken Minick
President	Cecil Kersh
Vice-President	David Hicks
Secretary	Roland Nixon
Treasurer	Mike Stark
Chaplain	Bill Dorsey
Historian	LeRoy Johnson
Master-at-Arms	Steve Coupland
USMC/Liaison	Bob Saunier

A special thanks to Mike Beach and his daughter Lexi for the printing and mailing of our Newsletter.

Another special thanks to the Ladies that keep the reunion registration running and all who help to keep the hospitality room stocked.

Also to all the membership who jump in to help set up and break down the rooms.

I want to thank everyone for their participating in the Reunion.

I enjoyed myself meeting everyone that was there, so many wonderful shipmates.

Everyone was so outstanding and enjoyable to be with.

Late nights in the hospitality room brought many good memories back after many years.

If any of you could not be there please try and make it next year.

We are planning on a greater reunion with the 250th Birthday of the United States of America.

Start planning on coming.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

2025 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Although we did not have any CA-70 (WW2) shipmates present, we had the two sons and a grand daughter of two of our CA-70 Shipmates.

Ship	L Name	F Name	Div	Years
CAG-2	Hopkins	Harrison	5th	63-66
CAG-2	Saunier	Robert	9th	61-62
CAG-2	Petraska	Pete	A	60-61
CAG-2	Hicks	David	B	56-58
CAG-2	Johnson	LeRoy	B	62-66
G2/70	Stark	Michael	B	66-70
CAG-2	Gilmore	Ralph	E	64-67
CAG-2	Parker	Tom	F	59-61
CAG-2	Bates	Richard	FG	64-67
CAG-2	Mac Donald	Thomas	H	66-67
CAG-2	Morvay	James	M	60-62
CAG-2	Myers	Robert	N	59-61
CAG-2	Curnow	Rich	OE	62-64
CAG-2	Hamelin	Richard	OE	62-64
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	63-65
CAG-2	Appel	Tony	OI	58-60
CAG-2	Collier	Allan	OR	63-65
CAG-2	Fleming	David	OR	66-68
CAG-2	Kersh	Cecil	R	58-61
CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	63-65
CAG-2	Douglass	Roger	S-1	59-61
G2/70	Nixon	Roland	X	65-69
CAG-2	Allan	Robert	??	64-68

Family Members

CA-70	Beach	Mike	2nd	44-45
and Daughter Lexi Son and Granddaughter of Bob Beach				
CA-70	Der Boghosian	Kenny	R	43-46
Son of Jerry Der Boghosian				

2025 National Reunion Portland, Maine

The 2025 reunion in Portland, Maine is now history and although it was small, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Once again, there were no CA-70 WW2 shipmates, but 3 CA-70 Family Members attended.

23 CAG-2/CA-70(New) shipmates attended for a total of 50 shipmates, family and guests.

The Divisions with the highest attendance this year were OE and B Divisions, with 3 shipmates each in attendance.

From the USS Canberra Newsletter Editor

To The Canberra Reunion Association:

This will be my last newsletter as your Editor of "Members of the Crew".

I've had the honor of being the Editor since the Winter 2005 Newsletter.

It is also the last newsletter that will be printed and mailed by the Beach's (Originally Bob Beach of "Bob's Printing", a WW2 Canberra Shipmate, and then by his son Mike with the help of his daughter Lexi).

The Beach's have been printing and mailing the newsletters for only the cost of the postage since the Winter 2005 issue.

I must say, it's been an interesting 20 plus years and I hope the new Editor and Printer will continue to give you a great newsletter.

Hope to see you at the next Reunion!

Ken M

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>
Dunn, Robert H.	CAG-2	5 th /FG	1960-62	2007
Evertts, Erwin W., Jr.	CAG-2	OS	1956-58	2019
Hannum, Charles R.	CAG-2	Weaps	1963-65	2024
Wagner, Carroll W.	CAG-2	E	1959-61	2024
Welsh, Walter L.	CAG-2	OI	1956-59	2024
Erickson, Brent W.	CAG-2			2025
Hart, Clifford A., Sr.	CAG-2	OI	1961-63	2025
Hynes, J. Michael	G2/70		1968-69	2025
Loucks, Stephen W.	CA-70	S-3	1968-70	2025
Newton, Selassie A.	CAG-2	FG	1962-64	2025
Payne, John J., Sr.	CAG-2	E	1959-62	2025
Simms, Bill A.	CAG-2			2025
Storer, James M.	CAG-2	OS	1960-61	2025
Wyatt, Fredrick E., Jr.	CAG-2	E	1962-65	2025

Found Shipmates

These are **Shipmates** that have been found since the last Newsletter.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Hamelin, Richard J.	CAG-2	OE	1962-64
Trevino, Fidencio J.	CAG-2	OS	1961-65



**Navy Vessels At The Bath
Iron Works Shipyard**

A Short History of the USS Canberra Reunions

The USS Canberra Reunions were started by WW2 CA-70 Shipmate Jirard "Jerry" Der Boghosian in 1964 and he remained the Host and Master of Ceremony of the Reunions until his death in 2014. We were informed that Jerry continued to set up the Reunions until Paul McManuels assumed the duties of setting them up, beginning with the 1991 Reunion.

When Paul got sick in 2002, he asked Bryan Humphrey to set up the 2003 Reunion.

Bryan asked Paul if it would be OK if Ken Minick went along to help.

At that time, the Reunions were being set up about 18 months early.

Bryan, with Ken's help, set up the 2003 Reunion in St. Louis and when Paul passed away in September of 2003 (just before the 2003 Reunion) Bryan stepped up to keep them going.

Bryan and Ken set up the 2003-2006 Reunions.

Bryan's health fell after the 2004 Reunion, but he and Ken set up the 2006 Reunion as the 2005 Reunion had already been set up 18 months early like most of our Reunions had been.

Bryan's health was too bad for him to make the 2005 Reunion, so Ken stepped in to run it.

Bryan died shortly after our 2005 Reunion in San Antonio.

Ken, with the able help of Ron Nullet (Until 2017) and Bob Tylinski (Until 2021), continued setting them up through 2023.

At that time Ken decided to retire from setting the Reunions up.

In 2024 Cecil Kersh volunteered to take over the setting up of the Reunions and performed that duty for the 2025 Reunion in Portland, Maine.

Cecil is now looking to set up the 2026 Reunion at this time.

Who Has Set Up The Reunions Since 1964

Jerry Der Boghosian

1964 Portsmouth, NH
 1965 Boston, MA
 1967 Atlantic City, NJ
 1971 Mt. Poconos, PA
 1978 Portsmouth, NH
 1980 Charleston, SC
 1982 Portland, ME
 1983 Lewiston, ME
 1985 Brisbane, Australia
 1986 Las Vegas, NV
 1987 Fall River, MA
 1990 Baltimore, MD

Paul McManuels

1991 Virginia Beach, VA
 1992 St. Louis, MO
 1993 Wakefield, MA
 1994 Universal City, CA
 1995 Buffalo, NY
 1996 Valley Forge, PA
 1997 Charleston, SC
 1998 Boston, MA
 1999 Falls Church, VA
 2000 Seattle, WA
 2001 Norfolk, VA
 2002 Falls Church, VA

Bryan Humphrey

2003 St. Louis, MO
 2004 Louisville, KY
 2005 San Antonio, TX
 2006 Valley Forge, PA

Ken Minick

2007 Nashville, TN
 2008 San Diego, CA
 2009 Baltimore, MD
 2010 Florence, KY
 2011 Branson, MO
 2012 Warwick, RI
 2013 Reno, NV
 2014 Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA
 2015 Mobile, AL
 2016 Portland, ME
 2017 Harrisburg, PA
 2018 St. Louis, MO
 2019 Deerfield, IL
 2021 Pittsburgh, PA
 2023 Charleston, SC

Cecil Kersh

2025 Portland, ME



Above: Photo of a WW2 painting Below Left: A Portland Lighthouse Below Right: One of the Tables at the Banquet





Tables at the Banquet



Tables at the Banquet



Our Treasurer, Mike Stark, and his Lady



Mike Beach, Ken Minick and Lexi Beach



To the Left:
Ken and Lexi again

To the Right:
Tables at the Banquet

SORRY
that there are not
more photos.
We only had a dozen
or so submitted.



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