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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"**

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

2020 Reunion

At present, we are still looking for a site for our 2020 reunion. It will be held in October, as usual.

Please check the www.usscanberra.com Log Book and the Guess Who page for updated information. They will be updated when we get a hotel contract.

The Spring Newsletter will have all of the 2020 Reunion information.

2019 Reunion Photos

If you have some good reunion photos, please e-mail them to Ken. He'll **TRY** to get them in the Spring Newsletter.

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 receive the newsletters unless you contact us with a new address.

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2019 Business Meeting Highlights

- Ken Minick, President, opened the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Master-at-Arms, Gene Sibley. 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. Unfortunately, we had 4 Shipmates that had to cancel due to their or their wife's illness, plus one who cancelled due to unknown causes.
- There was no First Timers in attendance at the Reunion this year. There were also no WW2 Shipmates in attendance. This is the second time that has happened. We must remember though, that all of our WW2 Shipmates are well into their 90s.
- The Divisions with the most attendees this year was OE Division with 6.
- The first order of business was to talk about the 2019 and 2020 reunions. This year's reunion was the smallest we've had so far. We discussed whether we would have one in 2020. It was decided to go ahead and have a 2020 and a 2021 reunion. The staff would look into setting them up. The location for 2020 Reunion would either be in Indianapolis or somewhere in the eastern U.S.
- President Ken Minick asked if there were any members who would like to fill any of the officer positions in the Association. Once again there was a deathly silence. He then stated that since we do not have a living Past President, the office of President Emeritus will remain vacant for the foreseeable future. He then opened nominations for Association Officers. Unfortunately, **once again**, since no one else was nominated, the following were nominated and re-elected as Officers of the Association:

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

Appointed Position

Reunion Coordinator	Bill Baer
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- New USS Canberra LCS-30**

We've been in Contact with the Austal USA company that is building the new Canberra and asked if we could attend the Keel Laying, Launching and Commissioning of the new ship. They have answered yes for the Keel Laying and Launching. They later informed us that they do not have a launching ceremony, but do have a Christening Ceremony.

Their "potential" dates are:

The Keel Laying Ceremony should happen in March 2020 and the Christening Ceremony should happen around March or later in 2021.

All dates they gave are "**Tentative**".

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2019 Business Meeting Highlights-Continued

All dates from Austal USA are "Tentative".

2020 •	March	(Tentative)	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Keel Laying Ceremony
2021 •	March	(Tentative)	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Launch (Christening)
2021 •	October	(Tentative)	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Start Builder's Trials
2021 •	November	(Tentative)	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Start Acceptance Trials
2022 •	January	(Tentative)	USS CANBERRA (LCS 30)	Delivery to the Navy

After Austal USA delivers the ship to the Navy in early 2022, the Commissioning Ceremony should take place anytime from 4-8 month later. Austal USA estimates it could be anytime from Apr-Sept 2022.

They are not sure who will be our main point of contact for the Commissioning, which will be planned by a Commissioning Committee that will be formed. The Commissioning Committee is usually made up of members of the crew, namesake city representative (usually Navy league or local government), and a US Navy ship ceremony specialist, which is a company contracted by the US Navy to help with logistics (in the past it has been McKean Defense).

The Keel Laying Ceremony: The Austal USA Keel Laying Ceremonies are typically 30 minutes long and hosted during the lunch production break at 11:30am in the Assembly Bay where the ship is being built. There are usually 6-7 participants sitting up front and about 50 attendees in the audience. It is hosted by one of Austal's Executives and they have 2-3 guest speakers. Toward the end is the keel authentication. The sponsor is given first chance to be the keel authenticator and if she cannot attend, the shipyard will choose someone that has supported the ship program.

The Christening Ceremony: The Christening Ceremonies are always on Saturday and start at 10AM and last one hour. They host a VIP pre-breakfast that starts at 8:30AM and then a reception after the ceremony with lunch and cake. The entire ceremony wraps up around noon.

*****If you are interested in attending the Keel Laying or Christening Ceremonies, contact Ken*****

- The Association Composition/Database was commented on. As of 1 October 2019 we had 3,391 names in our database. Of those: 103 are Widows; 52 are Family Members; 10 are Honorary Members; 1 Staff (AFR) Member; 72 are Life Members and 192 are Yearly Paid Members. Which means we send out 430 Newsletters. We also have 1,990 Deceased; 926 Not Paid and 45 Missing (old addresses, cannot contact) in the database.

By Location, the data for our paid members breaks down like this:

West: 65 members (TX, OK, CO, WY, MT and points west)
 Middle: 69 members (ND,SD, NE, KS, MO, AR, LA and east to the east coast states)
 East: 130 members (Atlantic Seaboard including PA and VT)

- The Financial Report was submitted by our Secretary/Treasurer Bob Tylinski. The Association is presently sound financially, although we still have many outstanding costs for the 2019 Reunion.
- It was brought up that we have a Directory that is available via e-mail to members desiring one. It is in Microsoft Excel. Send Ken an e-mail request and he'll get it out to you. It is updated 2 or 3 times a year and needs to be updated at present. It has all of the people in the data base listed except the missing Shipmates.
- 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 registration running and to Bill Baer who takes good care of the hospitality room and also to all of the members that jump in and help us setup and break down the rooms.
- A motion was made and seconded that the 2019 business meeting be closed.

2019 USS Canberra Reunion Attendees

Ship	L Name	F Name	Div	Years
CAG-2	Nutt	Gary	1st	56-58
CAG-2	Dorsey	Bill	6th	62-66
G2/70	Dorsey	John	6th	61-65 & 67-69
CAG-2	Gault	Robert	7th	62-64
CAG-2	Janssen	Myron	8th	57-59
CAG-2	Lam	Lester	9th	62-63
CAG-2	Saunier	Robert	9th	61-62
CAG-2	Clinton	Ed	A	61-63
CAG-2	Johnson	LeRoy	B	62-66
CAG-2	Morgan	Robert	B	65-67
G2/70	Stark	Michael	B	66-70
CAG-2	Ward	Bobby	B	56-59
CAG-2	Sibley	Gene	FM	60-62
CAG-2	Tylinski	Bob	FM	61-62
CAG-2	Graves	Barry	OE	66-68
CAG-2	Holt	John	OE	58-59
CAG-2	Martz	Barry	OE	64-66
CAG-2	Minick	Ken	OE	63-65
CAG-2	Peltzer	Carman	OE	64-66
CAG-2	Smith	LeMoine	OE	65-67
CAG-2	Estes	James	OI	58-60
CAG-2	Baer	Bill	R	63-64
CAG-2	Bray	Kenneth	R	63-65
CAG-2	Koonce	Charles	R	63-64
CAG-2	Schmelebeck	Del	R	56-58
CAG-2	Vaden	Kenny	R	63-65
CAG-2	Engelhardt	Guy	S-1	63-64
CAG-2	Owens	Jim	S-3	63-65

*****Dues*****

Membership dues in the amount of \$25 are now due for 2020 (1 Jan. through 31 Dec.).

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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Our Guest Speaker at the Banquet, Lt. Cmdr. James Gowling, from the Naval Attaché Department, Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. and our Vice President, Bob Tylinski.

2019 National Reunion Deerfield, Illinois

The 2019 reunion in Deerfield, IL is now history and although it was our smallest reunion ever, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Once again there were no CA-70 WW2 shipmates. We have to remember that all of our WW2 shipmates are well into their 90s.

28 CAG-2/CA-70(New) shipmates attended for a total of 59 shipmates, family and guests.

The Division with the highest attendance this year was OE Division with 6 shipmates attending.

Found Shipmates

Below are **USS Canberra Shipmates** who were found since the Fall 2019 Newsletter was published.

If you want to contact them, let Ken know.

<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Aboard</u>
Hopkins, Harrison	CAG-2	5th	63-66
Guess, James D.	CAG-2	OI	63-65

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>Departed</u>
Batson, James L.	CA-70	F	43-46	2019
Edge, Donald B.	CA-70		44-45	2019
Van Auken, William L.	CA-70	S	45-46	2019
Hutson, James D. Sr.	CAG-2		V/N	1967
Johnson, Dennis W.	CAG-2	R		2010
Lyons, William V.	CAG-2		56-??	2011
Jackson, Warren J.	CAG-2	1 st	59-62	2016
Sloan, Richard L., Jr.	CAG-2			2018
Wilson, Michael T.	CA-70	3 rd	68-69	2018
Baughn, Talmadge D. , Jr.	CAG-2		56-58	2019
Graham, Roger L.	CAG-2	OE	58-59	2019
Herrold, Donald E.	CAG-2	OR	66-68	2019
Holt, John H.	CAG-2	OE	58-59	2019
Hopkins, Thomas J.	CAG-2	OR	56-58	2019
Karston, Robert J.	CAG-2	M	56-58	2019
Koch, Edward B., Sr.	CAG-2			2019
Love, Johnny E.	CAG-2	S-3	65-68	2019
Wood, Charles "Chip"	CAG-2		66-67	2019
Yeater, Lawrence C.	G2/70	M	66-70	2019



John and Vickie Holt and grand daughter Brianna while on the City tour. Shortly after this photo was selected for use in this newsletter, we found out that John had passed away of a massive stroke a week after the reunion.

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Ship's Silhouette Hats

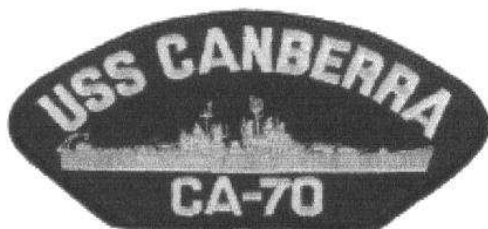
We have Ship's Silhouette Hats in stock.

The cost for each hat will be \$20.00 per cap including priority mail postage (cost is up due to postage increases).

The hat is **only** available in Navy Blue in the CA-70 version (WW2).

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

