

# CALVERSION

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“The Ship and Men of Distinction”

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## Comments from the Secretary:

Chris and Tricia Funck have a planned a wonderful 2015 USS Calvert/ USS Harry Lee reunion in Baltimore on October 1-3. See the registration form on **P. 3** of this newsletter for information about tours and meals. Note the reunion registration form is due by **July 30**. The hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, Baltimore/Arundel Mills, MD, just a few minutes away from the Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) with a free shuttle to the airport, Casino, and nearby Arundel Mills Mall. The hotel has many amenities, and they can be viewed at the website provided on the hotel reservation form on **P. 5** Hotel reservations must be phoned or e-mailed by **August 30**. Mark these dates on your calendar.

We encourage family and friends of USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee sailors to attend the reunion. Increasingly, we are finding that families, grandchildren, and friends enjoy accompanying USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee veterans and participate in the reunion tours, sightseeing, and different meal events. It is a fact of life that we lose a number of USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee sailors each year, and it is important to enjoy these reunions when possible. Features of this year's reunion include tours of US Naval Academy and Chapel; Calvert Maritime Museum in Solomons, MD; Baltimore Inner Harbor; Baltimore Aquarium; and Sparrows Point Shipyard. Our hosts, Chris and Tricia, have planned several opportunities for us to enjoy area restaurants and sea food. Come join us for a fun time!

I appreciate all the mail and phone calls I get from veterans and family and friends of sailors. Last year we had over 700 people on the *Calversion* mailing list, but many of the newsletters are returned to me as “Undeliverable—No Forwarding Address” or “Unknown.” In some cases, these persons may have moved to another address or have passed away. If your address has changed or one of your loved ones has passed away, please e-mail, write, or phone me. As you are aware, the post office forwards mail only for a short time; so if you have moved and do not get a newsletter, it is possible that we do not have your latest address. Please write or call if you do not get a newsletter. Also, the latest newsletters will be posted on the USS Calvert website at <http://www.usscalvert.com>. Encourage your family members to visit the Calvert website.



# Mail Call

*(GEM Note: Some of these letters have been edited for space considerations.)*

April 11, 2014. A note to let you know of my father's death, Otmar Bohac, who died 1-29-2012 at age 87. His VA grave plaque honors him with mention of his service on the Harry Lee during WW II. He attended your reunion in New Orleans. My sister accompanied him. God bless you for your continued communications.

**--Sincerely, Deborah Crowley**

April 14, 2015. My husband was Donald James Bainton who passed away 4 ½ years ago. He was the ship's secretary for two years after being in the NROTC at Columbia University in New York. Don joined Continental Can Company after graduation and two years in the Navy. He rose to the position of Executive Vice President. He worked with different canning plants in the U.S. and some foreign countries. We moved around quite a bit, and our four children were born in four different states.

We did keep in touch with one gentleman from the USS Calvert, John Yamnicky.\* He died in the plane that terrorists used to hit the Pentagon. Thank you once again for keeping us posted over the years.

**--Aileen Bainton**

*\*(GM Note: John Yamnicky served on the USS Calvert as Gunnery Officer from June 1952 to Nov., 1953. After his duty on the Calvert, he then went to Navy flight school, graduating as a Naval Aviator. He flew combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam era. He died on American Airlines Flight 77 when terrorists used the plane to t hit the pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.)*

April 29, 2015. We miss so-o-o much the USS Calvert reunions. Our traveling days are pretty much over. We live together in assisted living. My husband still has his good sense of humor. We watch ball games and he always roots for the players who wear the No. 32! We enjoy the news letters and was so sorry about John Cole's death.

**--Louise and Thomas Warden\***

*\*(GM Note: Tom and Louise Warden were hosts of the mini-reunion at Bluefield, WV in 1994.)*

May 10, 2015. I regret to inform you that my dad passed away May 30, 2013, Steve P. Tometich, Carpenter's Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Dad was aboard the Calvert from Oct. 1, 1942 to March 25, 1943. He enjoyed having me read the Calvert newsletter when it came, and he would talk about times and people he knew. Thank you for the smiles you brought him.

**--Thank you, Steven F. Tometich**

May 23, 2015. My husband, Charles Martin Linkh, age 86, passed away on Jan. 23, 2015. He served on the Ajax but the Calvert was his true love. When the Calversions arrived, he came in from the mailbox with a "Whoop"! Charlie served from 1949 to discharge 1954 (after being called up a second time) on the USS Calvert. He was a Damage Control 1.

Never doubt the value of the work you do to keep the newsletter coming to each of these sailors. Charlie enlisted at 17. He didn't have a high school or college to be loyal to, but he had his ship and his pride in her. He was a Navy man to the bone. Every single newsletter was precious to him. Thank you for keeping these sailors connected to their "glory days."

**--Barbara Linkh**

**USS Calvert / Harry Lee Reunion Registration Form  
Baltimore, Maryland - September 30th - October 4th 2015  
Registration due by July 30, 2015**

*Please Print*

**Name(s) of Persons Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ship Affiliation:** USS Calvert ( ) USS Harry Lee ( )  
**Expected Arrival Date & Time?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Arrival By?** Car ( ) Air ( ) Other ( )

<b>Itinerary, Registration, Tours and Meals (Please indicate No. &amp; Total for tours/meals below:</b>	<b>Cost Per Person</b>	<b># of People</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Registration Fee:</b> Hospitality Suite, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses	<b>15.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Wed, Sept 30</b> Arriving, Hospitality Suite open 3:00pm - 8:00pm Lunch & Dinner on your own			
<b>Thur, Oct 1</b> 9:00am - 4:00pm: Naval Academy Historical Tour <b>(Photo ID required)</b> Lunch at The Dry Dock, Naval Academy (Boxed lunch, make selection) <input type="checkbox"/> Salad with Grilled Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Deli Turkey Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Slices of Cheese Pizza Naval Academy Chapel - Memorial Service (If chapel is available) 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Hospitality Suite Open 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Get Acquainted Party & Deli Buffet	<b>57.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Fri, Oct 2</b> 9:00am - 6:15pm: Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons Island 11:30am: Lunch at Stoney's Solomons Pier Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/> Petite Crab Cake Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Tacos (broiled Cod) <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Club 1:00pm - 3:00pm: Calvert Marine Museum & USS Calvert Collection/Archive 3:30pm - 4:15pm: Calvert County Library & USS Calvert Display 6:30pm - 9:00pm: Hospitality Suite open; <b>Dinner on Your Own</b>	<b>43.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Sat, Oct 3</b> 9:00am - 3:30pm: Baltimore Inner Harbor & Sparrows Point 9:45am - 11:30am: Baltimore Aquarium 12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch on your own and shopping 2:00pm: Bus Tour of Sparrows Point Shipyard 5:30pm: Memorial Service (if the Navy Chapel is not available on Thursday) 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Banquet Dinner - Welcome to Maryland Platter: <input type="checkbox"/> Soup, Salad, Jumbo Lump Crab Cake & Filet Mingon, Potatoes, Vegetable, Desert	<b>80.00</b>	_____	_____
	<b>50.00</b>	_____	_____
	<b>65.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Total for Registration, Tours, Meals</b>		_____	_____

Please make checks payable to **Christian A Funck** and indicate **Calvert** or **Harry Lee** on lower left corner of check. Reservations must be received by **Thursday, July 30, 2015** | Call with questions: **717-290-7287**

Mail check and registration form to: **Chris Funck, 1836 Fritz Lane, Lancaster PA 17602**

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**Photo Above: Boat Group or L Div. First Far East Trip – 1951 - USS Calvert.**  
*(GM Note: Photo had been given to John Cole by Kenneth A. Keene, Shepherd, MI)*



**Hilton Garden Inn - Baltimore / Arundel Mills, Maryland Main Number: (410) 878-7200**

**7491 New Ridge Road**

**F ax Number: (410) 850-4550**

**Hanover, MD 21076**

**Web site: [www.baltimorearundelmills.hgi.com](http://www.baltimorearundelmills.hgi.com)**

Wednesday, September 30th - Sunday, October 4th

Arriving Sept 30th and Departing Oct 4th

**\$129.00 Single or Double Occupancy, plus 13% room tax.**

Check in time at 4pm, or earlier if room is available

Check out time is 12pm

Complementary shuttle to and from the BWI Airport. Sadly, breakfast is not included with room rate

**Phone Reservations:** The hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn - Baltimore / Arundel Mills, Maryland. You will need to call and make your hotel reservation by August 30th, 2015. The phone number is (410) 878-7200 and mention the **USS Calvert Reunion, Group ID 339371**

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Rooms: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

No of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type Requested King ( ) Double ( ) - All Rooms Are Non-Smoking

Confirmation # Here \_\_\_\_\_

Online Reservations. You can also make reservations online if preferred by following these steps:

- 1) Go to [www.baltimorearundelmills.hgi.com](http://www.baltimorearundelmills.hgi.com)
- 2) Enter dates of stay at top of page
- 3) Click "More Options" and enter # of rooms and adults
- 4) Click "Add special rate codes" and enter 339371 in Group code
- 5) Click "Check Rooms & Rates"
- 6) If you do not see the room rate of \$129.00, call 410-878-7200
- 7) If you do see the room rate of \$129.00, book your room

**Local amenities:** Arundel Mills Mall, Maryland Live! Casino, Panera's, Cheesecake Factory, The Green Turtle. Free hotel shuttle to Arundel Mills Mall, Casino, and Airport.

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## We mourn the passing of these shipmates:

- Otmar Bohac, WW II, USS Harry Lee; 1-29-2012
- Merrill Davis; 2-21-2012
- Sylvester Lathen, CWO4, WWII, Korea, Vietnam; 2-21-2013
- Charles Martin Linkh, 1949-1954; 1-23-2015
- Douglas McGregor, QM SN, 1950-1951; 3-21-2015
- William E. Meehan, RM3, 1950-1952; 9-13-2012
- Lapsley Barron Mills, 1-17-2015
- Ronald C. Murphy, YN, 1951-1952; 7-10-2014
- Perry Potiris, PH, 1945-1946; 3-10-2010
- Robert Avery Prickett, 1-04-2014
- Larry Szolga; 2014
- Steve D. Tometich, CM2, 1942-1943; 5-30-2013
- Dr. James Ulum, ENS, 1945-1946; 3-25-2004
- Edwin T. Workman, RM3, 1960-1962

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## Reunions Over The Years

Thirty-six years ago, the first USS Calvert reunion was held in 1979 at Rochester, Minnesota, with John and Lila Cole as hosts. At that first reunion, the USS Calvert Associates was organized with John Cole elected as Commander of the USS Calvert Associates and Hoyt Worthington as Vice Commander. The next reunion was held in Atlanta, Georgia with Hoyt and Sara Worthington as hosts.

For the next 20 years, national reunions were held every two years with regional mini-reunions sometimes held in between. In 1999, the USS Calvert Associates voted to hold national reunions every year. In 2001, Bud and Barb Ruth were hosting the reunion in Orlando, FL which was cancelled because of 9-11 events. A few 2001 registrants had already arrived at the hotel in Orlando, so some USS Calvert people remember the reunion of 2001.