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Note from the Commander:

As this year comes to an end, I want to wish each and everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas

Thank you so much for electing me as your commander. It's an honor and privilege. I will do my best to serve you as our past commanders have done before.

We had a wonderful time at our last reunion in Baltimore, Maryland. Thank you so much to Chris and Tricia Funck for hosting such a wonderful and interesting reunion. Despite the rain we had a good time on our tour of Annapolis Naval Academy. I didn't hear many complaints of the rain. What's good for the midshipmen was good enough for us. It was good to see the old shipyard and Calvert Maritime Museum. It was a job well done and will be remembered for years to come.

As we look ahead to next year, Dale Willhite has set up a cruise to the Bahamas and Key West, Florida for five days and four nights. I have looked over the prices, and it is a really good deal. The agreement has been signed with a number of rooms for the USS Calvert Associates. A \$200 deposit is required for each room reserved, and that deposit is fully refundable until August 1, 2016. We can have our memorial service at sea and rooms for our meeting. Sounds like a wonderful trip to me. The price is right because everything is included in the cruise price. So get your passports and join us on October 3, 2016 in Miami, Florida. Glynn is printing the registration details on pp. 4 & 5 in this *CALVERSION*. Thank you, Dale and Glynn, for all your help.

I am looking forward to “seeing” you on the cruise as I've had cataracts removed from both of my eyes. Everything went well. What a difference!

Smooth Sailing,
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New Commander & Upcoming Reunions for USS Calvert Associates

At the business meeting of the USS Calvert Associates, members elected Tom Upchurch as Commander of the USS Calvert Associates because of the vacancy with the death of Commander Louis H. Christiansen, who had served from October, 2013 through January, 2015. Tom and Shirley Upchurch hosted the 2012 reunion in Spokane. Other officers include: Willie Carrillo, Executive Officer; and Glynna Morse, Recording Secretary.

Upcoming reunions were discussed, and members voted to have a cruise for the 2016 reunion. Dale Willhite volunteered to obtain information about a possible cruise to be publicized in the next newsletter. It was also voted that Portland, Oregon would be the reunion site in 2017 with Tom Upchurch volunteering to host that reunion.



Mail Call

(GM Note: Some of these letters or e-mails have been edited for space considerations.)

June 21, 2015. I am and have been distressed, over the years about John Yamnicky's death* on that awful day. Yamnick, was a senior and I was a plebe. He was great, and I admired him so. Got my orders to CALVERT and I thought, "what kind of cruiser is she"? There was another NAVY football player on her staff. He was good as the record shows over a number of years, we continued to beat ARMY. Red Stein, and he was the special sea detail OD. He soon went off to sub school and "gloriaosky zero" I was made special sea detail OD. And did we travel!!!!. Like no other cruiser, I ever heard of. Wow, Japan, and Iwo Jima (only 9 years after the battle.) Anyway, this skinny guy comes on board and what do you think Captain Sherini did with him? He put him in boy's town with the other Enswines. Not only that he made him my CIC assistant. I took an immediate liking to this non football kid; his name may have convinced me that he was a keeper. Younger? yes; Non football type? yes; but his name did click with me and the 47 other Enswines on board. JOHN PAUL JONES. Well, our shipmate not only made the grade, but he far surpassed this SUBMARINER. Admiral JOHN PAUL JONES passed away this year. And, like Yamnik , Red Stein and all the rest of my shipmates, you have carved a groove in my heart that I will enjoy for the rest of my 86 year old life. BEAT ARMY! God bless you all. A JOB WELL DONE

--Charles M. Pug McCarty , Captain USN ret. And always a
a submariner and a member of the CRUISER CALVERSION.

**(GM Note: John Yamnicky, who had served on the USS Calvert and died in Flight 77 which crashed at the Pentagon on 9-11, was mentioned in the Mail Call of the Vol. 71, June, 2015. CALVERSION.)*

Oct.26, 2015. I look forward to the newsletter from the Calvert gang. We both turned 90 this year so traveling is hard to attend reunions.

--Norm Durr (1943-1946) & Mary Durr (Hosts w/ Jim Hart- San Diego 1999)

November 20, 2015. (Phone Call). Tommy Romero, Chino, CA would like to hear from shipmates aboard the Calvert when he served 1960-1963. His phone number is: (909) 292-6995.

--Tom Romero (1960-1963)

December 5, 2015. My dad, Edward J. Britt, was a Communications Officer on the USS Calvert from late 1944 until his discharge in December 1945. He passed away at home in Lone Tree, CO on November 16 , 2015 from natural causes at age 96. He was proud of his service from July 1942 to December 1945, and particularly of his time on the USS Calvert.

--James W. Britt (his son)

2015 USS Calvert Reunion

The 2015 USS Calvert Reunion was hosted by Chris and Tricia Funck at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Baltimore/Arundel Mills, Maryland, beginning September 30 through October 4. Their sons, Garrett and Kyle Funck, also assisted with reunion events. Chris, the grandson of Sterling Funck, who served in WW II on the *USS Calvert*, serves as the webmaster of the web site: <http://www.usscalvert.com>.

The events began Thursday with a bus trip to the US Naval Academy, a tour of the historic buildings of the academy including the Naval Academy Chapel, with dinner at the Naval Academy Dry Dock, and a drive through historic Annapolis.

Friday the group toured Solomon's Island where naval amphibious training took place in during World War II and viewed the sculpture, "On Watch," which commemorates the training at the U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base from 1942-1945. After a seafood luncheon at Stoney's Kingfisher, the group toured the Calvert Maritime Museum. This museum has served as the depository for artifacts and memorabilia for the *USS Calvert*, and the museum plans a permanent USS Calvert exhibit beginning in 2016. (*More information about the museum will be printed in the next issue of the CALVERSION.*)

Saturday morning, the group went to the Baltimore Inner Harbor to tour the Baltimore Aquarium. After lunch, the bus took us to Sparrows Point Shipyard where the USS Calvert was built before going out to sea. We were able to see the shipyard areas where ships were built and outfitted during WW II. After returning to the hotel, a memorial service honoring deceased USS Calvert shipmates was held prior to the banquet. (Some excellent photos of the reunion and banquet are available at the web site: <http://www.usscalvert.com>.)

The following persons were registered for the 2015 USS Calvert Reunion in Baltimore, Maryland:

Arkema, Laura - Evanston, IL
Bradbury, Al & Marty – Golden Valley, MN
Callan, Maureen & Judy – Pittsburgh, PA
Carillo, Willy – Ft. Morgan, CO
Carlsberg, Dan & Candyce – Villa Park, CA
Christiansen, Carol; Dawn DeCesare;
 Lucille Murphy – Katonah, NY
Clarke, Lyn Cole – Kenyon, MN
Davies, Lloyd – Whitmore Lake, MI
Dierkes, Jim & Rosalie – St. Louis, MO
Funck, Chris ; Tricia Funck, Garrett Funck,
 & Kyle Funck – Lancaster, PA
Funck, Gary & Jennifer – E. Petersburg, PA
Habratt, William & Dennis Habratt –Pittsburgh, PA
Habratt, Lois – West Mifflin, PA
Haggarty, William & Jacqueline – Maryland
 Heights, MO
Hartman, John & Cindy – Chambersburg, PA
Hickok, Richard & JoNell – Downey, CA

Johann, Charlie & Barbara – Bel Air, MD
Kloess, Paul & Mary – Belleville, IL
Lilly, Royal & Launa – Rocky Mt., VA
Morse, Glynna – Windsor, MO
Predham, Bill & Judy – Hudson, NH
Regan, John – Ridgefield, NJ
Seye, Bob & Pat – Ladora, IA
Seye, Sandy – Marengo, IA
Sherian, Alan & Annette – Fresno, CA
Skillman, Gloria – Garden Grove, CA
Upchurch, Thomas & Shirley – Spokane, WA
Upton, Bob & Doris – Conyers, GA
Vail, Ivan Roy – Fairbanks, AK
Wenninger, Harley & Olive;
 Wenninger-Oskam, Jane – Wescosville, PA
Willhite, Dale & Pat Snyder – Yukon, OK
*Worthington, Hoyt & Sue;
 Steve Worthington – Cedartown, PA

*The Worthington family was registered but unable to attend because of family health issues.



**2016 USS Calvert Associates Reunion
5-Day (4 Nights) Bahamas Cruise
October 3 – 7, 2016**

Departing Miami, FL Oct. 3, 4 p.m.; Returning Oct. 7, 7 a.m.

At the 2015 USS Calvert Associates reunion in Baltimore, members voted to have a cruise for the 2016 reunion. Dale Willhite, one of our USS Calvert members and reunion host in Oklahoma City in 2008, has arranged a five-day (four nights) cruise departing from Miami, Florida on Monday, October 3, 2016, on Royal Caribbean International's ship, "Enchantment of the Seas." The cruise includes stops at CocoCay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas; and Key West, Florida; and will return to Miami on Friday morning. The scheduled itinerary is: Monday, - Miami, FL departure 4:00pm; Tuesday - Nassau, Bahamas 8:00 am - 11:59 pm; Wednesday - CocoCay, Bahamas 8:00am -5:00 pm; Thursday - Key West, FL 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; and Friday – Return to Miami, FL 7:00 am .

Make your plans now. This is a great time to visit with USS Calvert friends, and you are encouraged to have family and friends come with you. Note there are three different types of rooms available: Category N Interior, Category H Ocean View, and Category D2 Ocean View Balconies. More details about the ship and cruise preparation can be found at the cruise web site: <http://www.royalcaribbean.com/Enchantment>.

To lock in the rates published on p. 5, you need to make your reservation by February 5, 2016. A deposit of \$200 per room reserved must be made to hold your reservation, with the full payment due by July 20, 2016. (The amount is refundable if cancelled by August 1, 2016). You can make reservations after February 5, 2016, but the rates are subject to change and most likely will go up each month. Registration for the 2016 USS Calvert Reunion Cruise will be made directly to Royal Caribbean International (see Registration Information on p. 5)

IMPORTANT! All persons boarding the "Enchantment of the Seas" for the cruise **MUST HAVE A PASSPORT**. Many larger post offices or county clerk's offices can help you with passport application information or check online for sources for passports.

IMPORTANT! We highly recommend you purchase trip insurance in case illness or health should cause you to cancel after the August 1, 2016 deadline.

(Note: A copy of the cruise information in this newsletter is also available at the USS Calvert website: <http://www.usscalvert.com>.)

2016 USS Calvert Reunion Cruise (October 3 – 7)
Registration Information
Royal Caribbean International

Cruise Room Rates

Category N Interior rooms:

Single \$478.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$578.87

Double \$239.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$679.74

(If you need triple or quad rooms, ask for rates and discounts available)

Category H Ocean view rooms:

Single \$598.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$698.87

Double \$299.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$799.74

Category D2 Ocean view Balcony rooms:

Single \$1438.00.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$1538.87

Double \$719.00 + tx \$100.87 = \$1639.74

*Deadline for reservations for rates above is good through February 5, 2016; after that date reservations may be made, but rates are subject to change.

To book registrations through Royal Caribbean International:

Phone: 1-800-465-3595 & Mention group ID # to book

For Royal Caribbean phone menu selection, press "5" for "Travel with family or friends"

(A deposit of \$200 per room is required at time reservations are booked; deposit is fully refundable if cancelled prior to August 1, 2016. Deadline for full payment for reserved rooms is July 20, 2016)

Group Name: **USS Calvert Associates**
Group ID: **9532745**
Cruise: **"Enchantment of the Seas" Departing Miami, FL**
Date: **October 3, 2016 - October 7, 2016**

Other options to consider:

- * Trip Insurance –available from cruise line
- * Hotel arrangements for night before/night after and all transfers between ship, hotel, and airport—available from cruise line, or individuals may make their own arrangements (can be made later after air reservations or other travel has been arranged)
- * Beverage Package—(beverages such as soda, beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, premium coffee or tea, bottled water, fresh squeezed juice—available for additional individual cost or in beverage package from cruise line). **Free beverages** include: tap water, milk, tea, reg. & decaf coffee, lemonade, iced tea, flavored waters, juices (at breakfast not fresh squeezed), hot chocolate packets.

Departure from Miami: **October 3, 2016, 4 p.m.** (Guests must arrive at the pier at least **2 hours** prior to the published sailing time.)

Return Trip Arrival Miami: **October 7, 2016, 7 a.m.**

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We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

- Edward J. Britt (Lt. (jg), 1945; 11-16-2015
- Elbert Brown, COX, 1944-1945; 12-10-2014
- Melvin Cheston, 1955-1956; 1-28-2015
- Charles G. Claus, Y3, 1944-1945; 6-05-2015
- George L. Fussell, MM3c, 1944-1945
- Donald H. Jayn, 1952-1955; 08-1967
- Bandy Marshall, SN1, 1952-1954; 9-16-2014
- David A. Merrill, CAPT, 1962-1963; 9-22-2014
- Harold Pottinger, Y2c, 1943-1946; 12-09-2014
- Joseph K. Ritter, EN1, 1950; 8-13-2014
- Milton Servis, CM1, 1943-1946; 5-22-2015
- Paul Verrier; 3-06-2011

**(If you know of the death of a USS Calvert shipmate, please notify Glynn Morse at the address at the top of p. 1.)*

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