

# CALVERTSON



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MEN OF THE U.S.S. CALVERT APA 32

"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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As you can see by the newsletter the dates of the reunion have been changed. Due to a mix up of the hotel people we had to change to the 15-16-17 of Sept. instead. Lila & I just returned from Las Vegas where we met Ed & Mary O'Brien and spent a very good morning finalizing reunion plans. Things are really looking good. The trip to Lake Tahoe area by bus will be quite a side trip. If you have never been there it's something you will remember for a long while. This is an extra trip & will cost \$13.00 per person on a first come first served basis. Ed told me that he needs to have all who are interested in the reunion make reservations & get their money in as soon as possible. The \$25.00 per person for the reunion expenses, includes our banquet which will cost Ed \$15.00 per person so that doesn't leave much. There are a lot of West Coast Calvert men who complained that it was so far for them to travel before so I hope they make every effort to make this one. We may not be out that way again for some time. The Hospitality room is the VANDERBILT SUITES, and will have ample space to display any cruise book or related items or anything you want to show-off from your day on the Calvert. I think we will be having movies again. I also have a piece of film that was not shown in Atlanta. If you have a business & would like to contribute door prizes I'm very sure Ed would accept any an all he received. They don't have to be much but we like to have as many people as possible get something to remember Frisco in '83.

#### CALENDAR:

1. Send in reunion form & money
2. Make hotel reservation
3. Bring a door prize or ?
4. Plan to have a good time

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Mark Your Calendar...  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SEPT. 15-16-17 1983

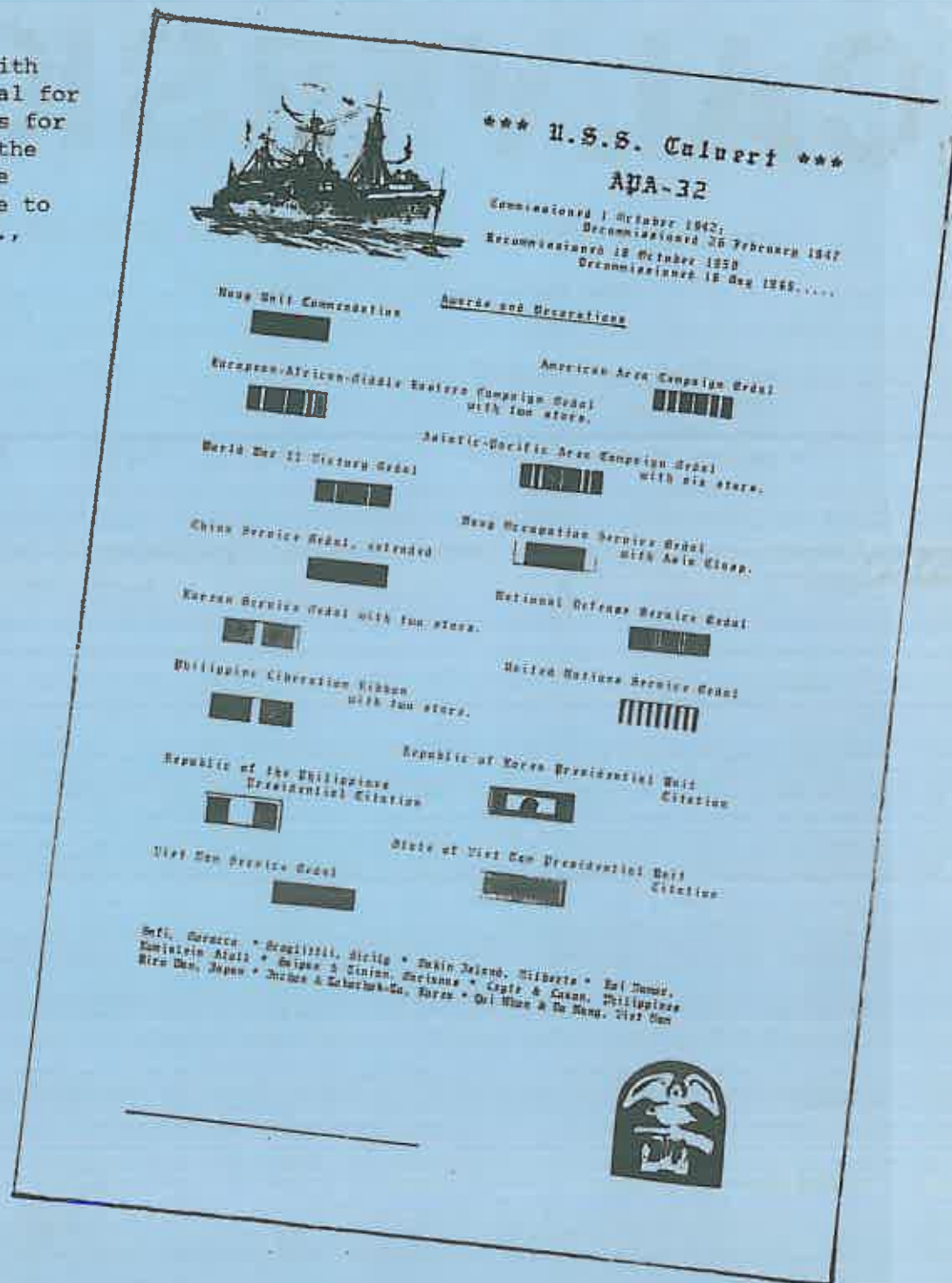




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# mail call

Dear John,

Received the latest "Calversion" today and am sorry to see the next reunion conflicts with a trip my wife and I have planned to go to Australia and New Zealand at that time. I hope you and the ship mates that do attend have a grand time chewing the fat and see who can tell the saltiest sea tales! 1. Do you remember hitting the buoy in San Diego harbor with the screw and laying along side the dock so long we were called "Building 32"? 2. The shipmate that fell to his death in the forward hole. 3. Coming in from a sea trial and nosing into a nest of destroyers. All of the above while Capt. Joe Robbins was aboard. BOSS HORNBUCKLE

Looking thru some old papers found an old song sheet with words of Calvert song, sung on the way back home from Sicily. EARL R. NEGRAW

|                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Here comes the Calvert               | They say it's a ghost ship          |
| Just back from new Victories         | The way she comes in to unload      |
| Here comes the Calvert               | And when the Calvert hits the beach |
| The finest of all the AP's           | The Axis hits the road.             |
| Three cheers for the Calvert         | Think of us sometime                |
| Just standing in from the sea        | Pray for our new Victories.         |
| Hold that Salute for the Calvert     | We'll send you Post Cards,          |
| See's making history                 | From all of the seven seas          |
| Just ask the Axis                    | And when headlines say -----        |
| What starts then shaking with Fright | The Axis is fast losing ground      |
| It's stealing in through the night.  | You can bet your bottom dollar      |
|                                      | The Calvert is around.              |

The news letter of the men of the Calvert arrived this week. As usual, you have done a great editorial job. As a retiree in the mountains of Western North Carolina, the chances of getting to San Francisco in '83 are remote but my sincerest best wishes to to all who attend. In 1943 while in the Brooklyn Navy Yard prior to leaving the Atlantic for the Pacific, it was decided the Calvert's Captain rated a car. It so happened a shiny new Marine patrol jeep was parked on the dock just under a boat davit. While the Marines were "distracted", the hook came down, the jeep went up to the landing craft engine shop where waiting spray guns quickly made it Navy Gray and a large tarpaulin quickly covered it. That jeep did noble duty in San Diego, San Francisco and Pearl Harbor till Captain Sweeney tried to drive it from the Pearl Harbor Officers Club one dark night out to the ship moored to the buoys behind Ford Island. He went off the Fleet Landing at 30 Kts but didn't get very far. Even jeeps couldn't take salt water immersion. BILL MARKS



Looking forward to the next re-union in San Francisco next Sept. Sorry to hear about Comdr. Charles Schooler passing away. Enclosed is a letter I received from him shortly after the reunion in Atlanta. Would appreciate if you would include this letter in the next issue of the Calversion. Many of us remember him from as far back as when we had duty on the U.S.S. Harry Lee. This letter is Charles L. Schooler from A-2. And so ends a very brilliant and colorful career. See you at Market & Powell or maybe the Ferry Bldg. or China Town. Anyhow Frisco is no strange place to the old crew of the Calvert. M.A. COUVILLIA

Your letter of the 28th came in the morning mail and I know that if I don't get an answer started right away it may never get answered, it seems as I get older my natural tendency to procrastinate grows faster than even the passing of time. I would have given almost anything to have been able to attend the reunion although I'm sure that there would have been many more in attendance who followed us in the life of the Calvert than those who did so much to make her the great Ship that she was. In all my 30+ years in the service there were only 2 or 3 ships that were only by reason of the initial crews and their ability to integrate and work together that made them stand out above the rest of the ships of their class; Calvert APA 32, Langley CVA1, Valley Forge CVA 45 and the Hancock CVA19. I served on many other ships on many different stations but the above named were the ones who when called upon to supply the extra something that was above and beyond the special effort of routine performance had the initiative and the personal character to accomplish the mission in the face of any odds.

It was at Roi Namur that Secretary of State Steven Early's son was the first casualty that our medical department had lost in any of the invasions and Chips Emery and I were detailed to prepare him for burial at sea. There was no one else on the ship who had even seen a sea burial, both chips and I had seen a number of them during our tour with the Blackhawk and the River Boats in China in the early thirties. We lost quite a number of Navy personnel during the take-over by the Japanese of China. During the early thirties there were a number of "Police Actions" that cost the Navy both personnel and material. The Sandino affair in Nicaragua, the Moro revolt in Mindanao, and the take over of all of China by the Japanese. I was on the Langley in 1930, the Blackhawk in 32/33 and was sent to Mindanao on special detail just after we left Shanghai in 33, I did get shot at in Nicaragua and China but not in the Moro affair as I had a flying observers job and the Moro rebels didn't have anything that could have been called modern weapons they were using old Spanish muzzle loaders and due to the lack of lead were using rocks, bamboo spears in fact almost anything that could be stuffed into the barrel ahead of the powder, some pretty nasty wounds resulted from the uncommon projectiles. We flew 2 place scout planes on floats and were launched from the old black powder catapults on the Cruiser, our job was to spot targets and then call fire for the Cruiser or the Marine gunners as required.

I phoned Chief Claxton and said hello right after I read your letter. There are probably other Calvert members floating around this part of the world but it is hard to find out just who is retired where, I have run into a lot of old shipmates around here but most of them were connected with aviation or people who were Staff or Students at the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, that was my only shore duty in my career, 1949 to 51 and 1954 to 56, I had duty as a member of the Marine Engineering Department the first tour and was Asst. Head of department for the second tour. My total Sea Duty and Over Seas duty amounted to 23 years 11 months and 9 days out of 31 years and 45 days total time served, my time at the PG School was a very rewarding 5 years and the rest of my time not counted as Sea Duty was spent in Commissioning Details and travel and a lot of the travel was outside the continental U.S. I don't regret it and if I were asked I would very likely do it all over again.

God willing I'll be there for the San Francisco reunion for not only the good friends who will attend but also to see my youngest daughter who has lived there since her graduation from U.C. Berkeley and only leaves when her company sends her on a business trip. We have lived in San Diego since 1972 and we have had one visit from her and we have been up there once. Working people just don't seem to get around much, and I'm going back to work this month so will be an old stick in the mud of San Diego for a good reason, NO time and LITTLE money.

Did enjoy your letter and am looking forward to receiving another in the not to distant future. CHARLES L. SCHOOLER

8/4/81



Just a line to thank you for your labors on the Calversion. Really enjoyed reading Vol. No. 10, even though you didn't use "san-ju-nee" in referencing number 32. Anyway, it brought back memories. All good!! You know that not only did Joan come aboard the ship, but later in the evening a reception was held at the Grant Hotel, where myself and others met and danced with Miss Fontaine. Also, that almost \$5/man was the highest percapita donation in the San Diego area. Aside from my first visit to Hong Kong, the other memorable time was the evacuation of refugees from Haiphong to Saigon. And, of course, we mustn't forget the typhoon that sent us to Subic for repairs on that same trip. Subic, boy is that a story!! Well, my best to you and your family, hope you enjoy the holidays, and the Lord willing, will see you in Frisco!!!! GERALD "RED" FORD

I read in the Navy Times that you were starting a reunion for the USS Calvert APA-32, at San Francisco, in September, 1983. I am interested and with the help of God, I will be there. I will appreciate any information you send me about the reunion. I went aboard the Calvert from the USS Harry Lee APA-10, the year 1942. I was a Cox, assign to the third div. deck force. We sailed with troops and cargo on the beaches of Sicily, Italy. We returned to Oran, took aboard some hundred or more German prisoners and returned to New Port News, Va., unloaded the prisoners and then we went to Norfolk, Va. (shit-city) for A.T. By this time I had advanced from Cox to EML, at this time the USS Calvert got reassigned to the west coast for duty Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, where I got shit-can to the USS Doyan APA 1, thats another chapter. Again in the year 1949 I was on permanent Shore Patrol in Boston, Mass. (Shore duty) I patrolled The Public Gardens and The Commons from 22:00 to 05:00, the hours it was off times to all service personal. About this time I got the word, that there was police action going on in Korea. I put in for Sea Duty, I received orders to report to Little Creek, Va. for amphibious boat training, and to my surprise I reported aboard the USS Calvert APA-32 for the second time, I was in the boat div. this time, the Calvert was in mothballs and was recommissioned for the police action in Korea. A big part of the new crew, were inactive reserve, and they were not happy at all. I became the first div. P.O., and when the Calvert returned to San Diego from Japan I received new orders, to report to the Philippine Islands for two years shore patrol. That's it for now John, until I hear from you, take care. C. SIMPSON

Always a delightful surprise receiving the "Calversion" and I really look forward to it. Reading the different events that the "Girl" took place in and the experiences and how the "Lord" pulled us through. Now it is hard to believe. I had really forgotten all about the fire it had up in the bow, just reading it I got more alarmed than when it really took place. My Grand-children are enjoying these news letters and are so much more explained than I could to them. These reviews of the "Old Gals" travels are sure good for some of our old memories. I must thank you again for ever starting these ideas and your arranging. Great! I am now retired from work at Federal after 32 years and find it very restful and now I'm able to come and go more freely. We plan more travel now and search for newer places plus going back to some places we've been. This week we are leaving for the state of Tenn., working on a Mission Camp just starting in the Ioan Mts. Close to N.C. boarder. Beautiful area. After Christmas we head for Colo., N.M. and on to Tx. for the cold months. Keep us informed- Makes History interesting---STEELE J. WESP

I have seen your advertisement in the DAV magazine reference your inquiry into locating prior crew members of the USS Calvert (APA -32). I am also interested in finding a prior member of the Calvert. He was a first or second class yeoman/storekeeper and he was on the ship from approximately August 1942 to September of 1945. The following is the information I have available to date: Name: Randall Charles McNary. Race/Sex: Caucasian/male. Date of Birth: February 12, 1917. Last known address: Los Angeles area in Calif. This request is being made on behalf of Joan McNary also who is Randall's daughter. She has not heard from her father in some period of time nor have any of the relatives that I have contacted. I did find that his brother had talked to someone who had seen Mr. McNary working at some hospital in the Los Angeles area in 1981 (occupation unknown). We do know that Mr. McNary at one time was a hair stylist. If you have his mailing address on your roster or if you have anyone in the Los Angeles area who might do an inquiry on our behalf, it would be greatly appreciated. Likewise if we do locate Mr. McNary we will forward his address to you. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

JOHN "GERALD" MCMAHUS, INVESTIGATOR - 2608 Independence Sq. - Jacksonville, Fla. 32202



# CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM

Solomons, Maryland

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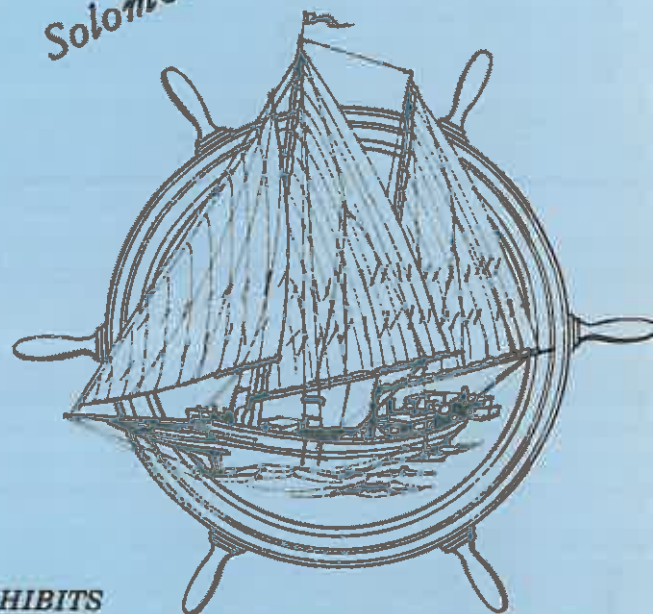
Solomons, Maryland 20688

telephone: 301-326-3719

Admission is free

Mindful of the need to collect and preserve vestiges of our past and to explore the present, Calvert County Historical Society founded Calvert Marine Museum which was opened in 1970. Rapidly outgrowing its first quarters, the former Solomons School was acquired and renovated. The Museum moved into its new facility in 1975, thus continuing the building's educational function. Since 1979 the Museum has been under the auspices of Calvert County and operated as a non-profit, educational institution run by a Board of Governors.

The Calvert Marine Museum is ideally situated to carry out its mission of education, preservation and collection of three marine themes: (1) local maritime history, (2) paleontology of Calvert Cliffs, and (3) estuarine biology of Patuxent River and adjacent waters. Slave and tobacco ships plied Patuxent waters, over three centuries ago; the largest naval engagement in Maryland waters occurred on the Patuxent in 1814; shipbuilding flourished in three shipyards; Miocene fossils 12 to 15 million years old lie exposed in nearby Calvert Cliffs; rich tidal waters abound with opportunities for research in estuarine natural history.



## EXHIBITS

The principle exhibit building is the old Solomons School which was built in 1925. A school boat, *James Aubrey*, ferried "creek" children to and from school between 1925 and 1935 at which time roads made the school boat impractical. However the Museum has retained *James Aubrey's* mast which now serves as the flag pole. Major exhibits in this building include Maritime History, Life of the Waterman, Fossils of Calvert Cliffs, naval diving, estuarine biology, and sports fishing. A woodcarving and modelmaking shop, marine art gallery, library and archives are also housed here. Adjacent on the Museum grounds are Drum Point Lighthouse and Small Craft Shed. Oyster buyboat *Wm. B. Tenison* can be seen at its berth on the waterfront.

## Membership

Open to all persons upon payment of yearly dues which entitles the member to the quarterly publication, the *Bugeye Times*; a free admission to museum programs, and reduced rates for tours and special functions

|                  |         |                 |            |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|------------|
| Individual ..... | \$12.00 | Sustaining .... | \$100.00   |
| Family .....     | \$15.00 | Patron .....    | \$500.00   |
| Supporting ..... | \$50.00 | Benefactor ..   | \$1,000.00 |

Contributions of \$1,000 or more qualify for Life Membership. All contributions are tax deductible

## Museum Hours

### Summer Hours (May through September)

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Monday thru Saturday

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Sunday

### Winter Hours (October thru April)

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Monday thru Friday

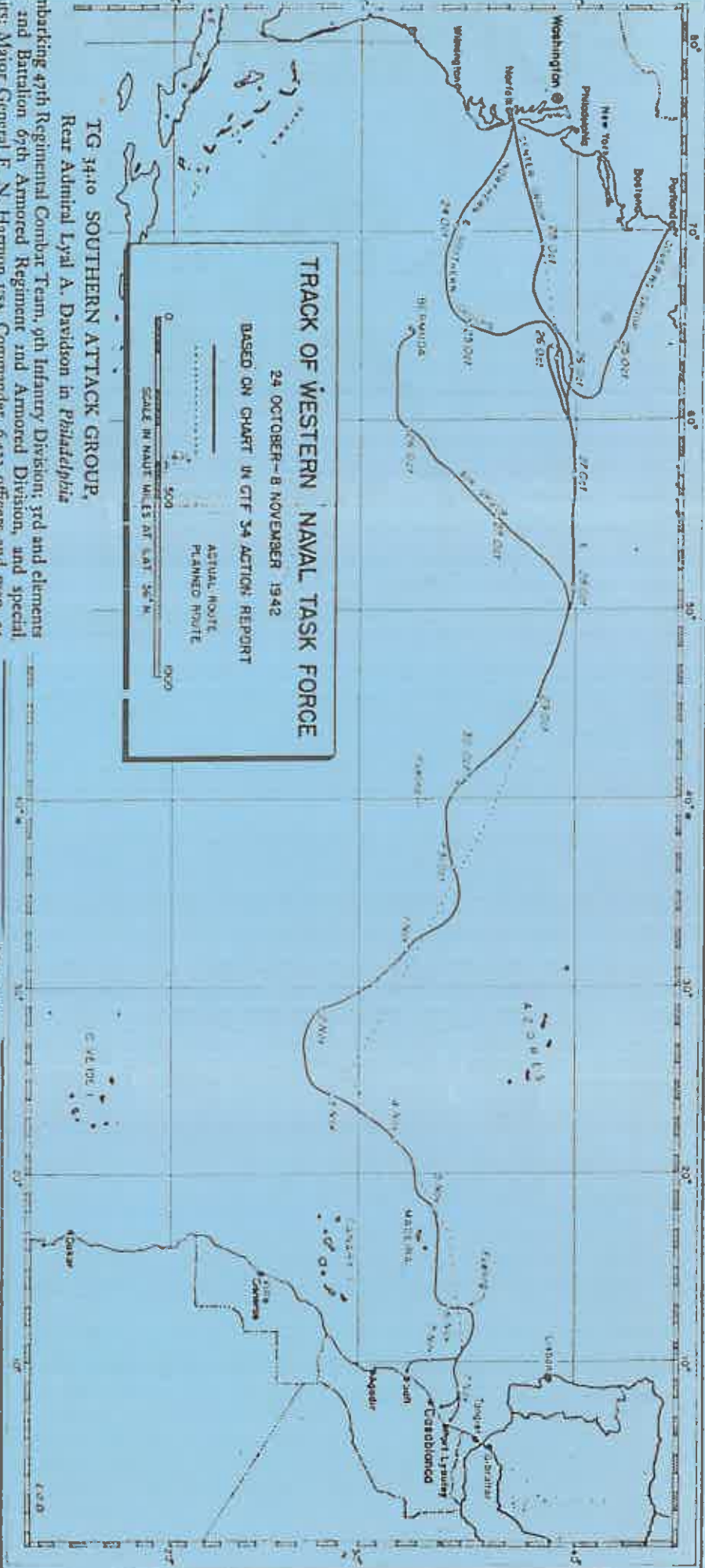
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ED. NOTE... The U.S.S. Calvert APA 32 was named in honor of George Calvert, First Lord Baltimore, and for Calvert County in Maryland. To preserve the memory of the ship and the men who served on her, and to provide a place where historical items about the Calvert can be preserved for all. The following recommendation was made at the Atlanta Reunion, July 10, 1981. It has moved that the Calvert Marine Museum was to be the final resting place for all Calvert related memorabilia. In correspondence I have had with Dr. Ralph E. Eshelman, Director and David Bohaska, Registrar, they have agreed to accept the material. I have sent them some duplicate papers and photos that I have received. I am sure they would welcome any material sent them. If you wish to receive a folder on the Calvert Marine Museum send a letter to them and enclose a 20¢ stamp as a gesture of good faith and I'm sure you will receive one in the return mail.....



# TASK FORCE 34

Rear Admiral H. Kent Hewitt, Commander, in *Augusta*  
 Western Naval Task Force,  
 Admiral Hewitt  
 Embarking Western Task Force United States Army,  
 Major General George S. Patton Jr. USA



## TRACK OF WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE

24 OCTOBER-8 NOVEMBER 1942

BASED ON CHART IN GTF 34 ACTION REPORT

ACTUAL ROUTE  
 PLANNED ROUTE

SCALE IN NAUT. MILES AT LAT. 36° N.

### TG 14.10 SOUTHERN ATTACK GROUP.

Rear Admiral Loyal A. Davidson in *Philadelphia*

Embarking 47th Regimental Combat Team, 9th Infantry Division, 3rd and elements  
 and Battalion 6th Armored Regiment and Armored Division, and special  
 units; Major General E. N. Harmon USA, Commander, 6,423 officers and men, 54  
 tanks and 54 medium tanks.

B 34 NEW YORK Capt. Scott Umsted  
 L 41 PHILADELPHIA Capt. Paul Hendren

CM 9  
 DMS 7  
 DMS 18

*Affinecraft*  
 MOHAWCK (ex-Catfish)  
 HOWARD  
 HAMILTON

Cdr. F. O. Goldsmith  
 Lt. Cdr. G. J. Zondyack  
 Lt. Cdr. R. R. Simpson

D 486 MERRINE Lt. Cdr. S. D. Williamson  
 D 633 ENIGHT Lt. Cdr. R. B. Levin  
 D 640 BEATY Lt. Cdr. F. C. Seeler Jr.

*Tankers*  
 HOUSTONIC (ex-Lavo Albany)  
 MERRIMACK (ex-Caddo)

Cdr. A. R. Reilein  
 Capt. W. E. Hilbert

Southern Attack Group Transports, Captain Wallace B. Phillips

P 8 HAAMS (ex-President Grant) Capt. O. M. Foster  
 P 65 CAVER (ex-Delaware) Capt. J. W. Whitfield  
 K 55 TITANIA (ex-Harry Campbell) Cdr. V. C. Harringer Jr.  
 P 67 DOBOTHIA L. (ex-Exxon) Cdr. L. B. Scholten  
 P 71 LYON (ex-Mormon) Capt. M. J. Gillan Jr.  
 P 49 LAKHURST (ex-Saratoga New Jersey) Cdr. H. J. McNulty

*Beacon Submarine*  
 NAAR

Lt. Cdr. J. R. Waterman

*Air Group*

ACV 29  
 VGF-19: 14 F4F-4, Lt. Cdr. J. T. Blackburn  
 VGS-19: 8 TBF-9 SBD (Douglas), Lt. Cdr. J. A. Ruddy Jr.

*Air Group Screen*

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BODMAN  
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# FORMER SHIPMATES!



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

Thursday Sept. 15,  
Early arrivals tour to Reno-Tahoe area by bus.  
Leaves approx. 3 am, returns at 11 pm.

Friday Sept. 16,  
All Day, registration in "hospitality" room.  
Free time for sightseeing.  
Time to renew old friendships.

7:30 pm No Host Get Acquainted party  
Hot and Cold Snacks  
Cash Bar.

Saturday Sept. 17,  
Morning meeting of District Associates.  
Afternoon, tours etc.  
Evening, Banquet Cash bar.



Our reunion starts on Thursday Sept. 15 with a trip to the south shore of Lake Tahoe-Leno area, for a day of fun, gambling or what ever.... The cost is 18.00 per person, and this must accompany your advance registration fee. It is a first come first served tour. Of the 18.00 you will get back about 13.00 in food and drink tickets so total cost is about 5.00 if we fill 46 seats on the bus. This is a Super Trip and it will make your reunion something to remember. Arrival time should be Wednesday as this trip leaves early in the morning. There are day tours, Jimmy tours, etc. that can be set up if enough people want to go.

All parties who are attending the reunion are responsible for making their own room reservations well in advance of the reunion date to insure getting a room. There are only so many saved for us. Meals and side trips not schedule are your own cost.



# REUNION CONFIRMATION FORM

## SAN FRANCISCO REUNION SEPTEMBER 1983



### USCA

group reservation code: **ED O'BRIEN**

I NEED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE OF ROOM: SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_; DOUBLE \_\_\_\_\_;  
TWIN \_\_\_\_\_; OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF  
(\$20.00 FOR EACH ROOM) AS  
A DEPOSIT TO GUARANTEE ROOM RESERVATIONS.

\*48 hour cancellation notice required for refund

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO:  
(415) 673-6672  
MARINES' MEMORIAL CLUB  
HOTEL RESERVATIONS  
609 SUTTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

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#### REGISTRATION FORM:

Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

25.00 ADVANCE REGISTRATION PER PERSON

18.00 TAHOE - RENO TOUR PER PERSON

Enclosed is: \_\_\_\_\_



Please return this registration form to:

Mr. Edward F. O'Brien  
Leisure Lake Park  
300 Stoney Point Road #240  
Petaluma, California 94952

Anyone wishing to donate door prizes should contact the Association



NOW HEAR THIS.....

**'up-date' report:  
Correction  
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