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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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EXECUTIVE LETTER

The reunion in San Francisco is coming up fast. We are trying to get all our plans made for the trip. We have had our plane tickets since March. Sure hope we have a good turn out. I have not been back to S.F. since we brought troops in there as part of the "MAGIC CARPET" Fleet at the end of W.W.II. Before I went aboard the Calvert I served a short period as temporary shore patrol out of Treasure Island. We worked both S.F. & Oakland. Well John, I am really looking forward to seeing you, Obie, and all the other guys & gals. Bye for now. SARA & HOYT WORTHINGTON

Last Call Last Call



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COMMENTS

. . . . from the

Commander

Its not that I'm getting excited about going to San Francisco but I got the suitcases from the attic and dusted them off so I have one less thing to do. Lila and I are really looking forward to the trip. When we met with O'B and Mary in Vegas this spring we were set to go then. It should be a great time for all. For those of you that have made other Calvert Reunions you know what I mean. If this will be your first Reunion I'm sure you will have a great time. Dont forget to take the Mrs. or your girl friend or both as they are more than welcomed. There are things that the Ladies can do too. Over the years I have found out that its easyier to take them along than try to tell them where I been. I have been trying to get in touch with O'B to get a list of people who have sent in their registration forms. After his trailer reunion in July he took of to go fishing, which I dont blame hin one bit. Ill save space at the bottom of the page for names of people going if I get ahold of O'B before the newsletter goes to the printer. My wife Lila has had a lot of trouble with the typwriter, as the margin has not been holdind just right. So if you see some mistakes please disregard them as they are not put there on purpose unless you think they belong there. Ofcourse my spelling needs a little touching up too.... I have tried to include some things in the letter that people have sent me. I dont always send thank yous but I really appricate anything I get. Please continue to send anything you want and if I have room it will get in. Im still looking for more new Calvert Men for our Association. If you have any address of old buddies that served on the "C" please send them to me. Even if you think I have an address send it anyway and Ill sort it out.

j.l.cole

The following is a list of some of the people who are coming to the Reunion.

Ed O'Brien	Frank Danca	Dick Cannon	Sandy Slessor
John Cole	James Hart	Eugene Szolga	
Hoyt Worthington	Monty Crowdes	Marshal Lee	
Vincent Simon	Rex Crowdes	Roy Holmes	
Lee Strahm	Charles Clauss	George Mackey	
Al Bradbury	Guy Wine	Charles Skillman	
John Fiandaca	Francis Shemonski	Paul Elliot	
R.W.Glasco	William Hobrat	Roland Rogers	
Billy Trout	Stephen Schuster	Bayard Maxwell	
M.A.Couvillion	Reader	Charles Simpson	

There are also about (8) Eight seats left on the buss to Lake Tahoe that are on the first come first served basis. If you wish to go contact Ed right away.

Also Door Prises are still needed so keep that in mind. Time is short. See you in San Francisco.....



mail call

Dear John,

My letter to you has several purposes-- I was reading through all my accumulated Calversions last night & I came up with number 10 missing. Is it possible you may have one laying around you could send me? If you have any of the Calvert patches left I would appreciate receiving two. I have now been forced into full retirement & I am fortunate that I stayed in the service for 22 years. Some time within the last year I had a heart attack. The exact time is not known & the doctor said I had a silent heart attack, he also said this was not uncommon. The way I found out about it was because I took an employment physical. It was quite a shock to be told I could no longer resume the active life I was accustomed too. The wife & I are both hoping that my present trouble will not interfere with the planned reunion this year. We haven't registered as yet but are plans are to attend. We started to attend in Georgia but got discouraged by the heat. We were visiting out daughter in Arizona with the intention of continuing on but decided, after watching the weather forecasts, to forego it for another year. Western Washington weather is cool & comfortable in comparison with the other States. A temperature of 90° is considered sweltering here. I'm not much at writing letters & what do you write about - weather, family & gossip = the same thing. I'll save it for Frisco. Appreciate any response you are able to give to my requests & Hopefully I'll meet you in Frisco. BOY DYER



I'm writing for more information on the U.S.S. Calvert. I served six years on the Calvert and helped put her out of Commission in 1966. I am working for Atlas Van Lines am on the road quite a lot. I hope to be in Calif. in Sept. If so I would like to attend the reunion. Please send me more information on this event. JAMES T. BROWN

This is regarding the U.S.S. Calvert (APA-32) reunion I happened to notice in the Naval Affairs magazine this month. I was a crew member during WWII (Sept. 1943 to Jan. 1946). I am a retired Chief, I retired in 1968, and am living and working here in Phoenix since retirement. I am interested in attending the reunion in S.F. and would appreciate any information you could furnish. I am sure it would be very nice after all this time to get together with the old crew again. I would greatly appreciate any information you could furnish. DON READER

A short note on the latest happenings--- I found this clipping in a recent newspaper, and I thought it might be interesting enough to insert in the next issue of 'Calversion', for information. You be the judge of its merits.... On the "Bright side", Bev and I are getting excited about Frisco '83! All of our reservations are in, including our plane tickets, purchased. We will be leaving Chicago O'Hare on Pan-Am at 9:30 A.M. Sept. 14th. (Be the Good Lord willing!) We are looking forward to seeing you and all the others in September. Along that line, I'm writing to as many as I can, to generate interest and to boost attendance. It should be another "great happening"! Take care. GEORGE & BEVERLY MACKEY

Vets can now be checked for radiation

Veterans who attribute medical problems to nuclear radiation now have more access to Veterans Administration medical care.

VA administrator Harry N. Walters said radiation victims will be given the same consideration Vietnam veterans suspected of suffering from Agent Orange disabilities might be accorded.

Government research into Agent Orange actually cleared the way for radiation victims to also be considered, Walters said. The government didn't want to favor one group suffering disabilities from chemicals to be favored over another.

The new guidelines say that each veteran who participated in the testing of nuclear weapons, or who helped occupy Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan, shortly after atomic bombs were dropped there -- between Sept. 11, 1945 and July 1, 1946 -- will be provided a physical examination upon request.

Where the findings reveal a condition requiring treatment, a doctor will try to determine whether or not it was caused by radiation.

The same policy holds true for Agent Orange victims, Walters said.

WEST COAST REUNION

Be Sure to Come!

Your newsletter of the men on the U.S.S. Calvert. A.P.A. 32, arrived this week announcing the Sept. 83 reunion in S.F. In case you did not see the notice of his death in "The Retired Officer", my husband Leonard Freiburghouse died of cancer last year, in May. He had command of the Calvert in 1952 out of San Diego during the Korean War. He loved the ship and the men with whom he served. I thought it best to inform you in order to save the work and expense of sending any further correspondence. But, do wish to thank you and those who worked with you in the past keeping him informed on the Calvert activities. I surely wish he was here with me so he could express his appreciation, and possibly add some items of interest in reference to duty on the Calvert. Wishing you all a very successful and happy reunion, I am... ELIZABETH C. FREIBURGHOUSE

Received the paper yesterday and was very glad to hear from you again. Am writing to tell you of quite an unusual thing, on page our of your news letter, there is a letter from the late Charlie Schooler which mentions that he called Chief Claxton, on the Calvert so I jumped up and called the info operator in San Diego Calif. and she gave me his number. Talked with Chief Claxton for a spell, he is doing Ok and knew nothing of the efforts to reach members of the Calvert for the reunion, I told him all about the reunions and am going to send him all the info I have. Chief Claxton was the Chief Radioman aboard the Harry Lee and transferred to the Calvert in 1942 and remained until 1945, he and his wife live in El Cajon, Calif. and they are doing very well, thought you might be interested in this. Things are going ok here and am looking forward to seeing all the group in S.F. Best of luck.
BARNEY D. PARKER

I got quite a surprise the other day when I picked up my V.F.W. magazine and saw the name U.S.S. Calvert listed in it. Old memories came flooding back.. I was not only a passenger on your ship. I made my first beach head from it, and also helped build it in Sparrows Pt. Md. before I enlisted in the Marine Corps. I went aboard your ship Christmas Day 1943 in San Diego. I was one of the Marines of the 3rd. Battalion Landing Team 23rd. Regimental Combat Team, 4th. Marine Division. We were to sail to and land on Roi-namur Islands of the Marshall Islands. on Feb. 1, 1944. We landed and captured Roi-Is. After three days we reembarked and set sail for Maui Hawaii. I was assigned to no. 1 hold and if you remember one of the boys fired a round into a salt water pipe and almost flooded the compartment. After we landed on Maui I never saw the Calvert again. I would love to know what happened to her after that. My outfit later hit Saipan then Tinian, then on to Iwo Jima. I was lucky and was not wounded until the Iwo landing. I was sent back to San Diego and the hospital there. After leaving the hospital in July I reported to N.O.B. Norfolk. I was discharged from there in Nov. If you have the time and feel like it I would appreciate an answer to this letter, describing what happened to you and the Calvert after I last saw her. Also, if you would happen to have a picture of the ship I would love to have a copy. If or when you get your ship mates to a reunion give them my thanks for a job well done. M.P. (Mac) McIntyre

I'm just writing a few lines to say, we were counting on the trip to "San Frisco," but as of now Louis is going for a micro scopic surgery, for a "pinched nerve in his spine". We are waiting for the hospital to call for an entry date, and he won't be able to travel or work for awhile. We will miss the reunion very much, Lou always looks forward to seeing all his shipmates, but we will keep you all in mind on those days, and will be looking forward to your "Calversion News" to see what a good time everybody had. "Best Wishes to All". LOUIS P. KINA & JEAN

Saw your notice in V.F.W Magazine Feb. '83 issue. I would like to attend a reunion of the U.S.S. Calvert A.P.A. 32. I served aboard the Calvert in 1957 & 1958 when in the Far East. I retired from the Navy in 1965. I was in the 1st & 2nd Division on the Calvert. Hoping to hear from you soon. MORRIS "A" GOLDBERG

See San Francisco's Scenic Sights

I am sorry to say that Lou & I will not be able to attend the reunion in Sept. Lou had a stroke 2 months ago today and is in New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn, Ma. He is paralyzed on the left side. His speech has returned, he has some motion in his left leg, and hopes to be walking with a cane in a few weeks, his arm is slower, but we have hope for that also. When he can walk with a cane he can come home and go for therapy on an out patient basis. It is a slow process. We know you will have a great reunion and we will miss it and be thinking of you all. THERESA & LOUIS ZAMPELL

Have noted your notice of reunion for the U.S.S. Calvert in the Retired Officer. While I was not a crew member of that beautiful ship I still feel impelled to write and wish you the happiest of reunions. My unit was Co. B, 152nd Engr (C) Bn, your Shore Party for the Gilbert Islands' operation. Some of the most pleasant memories I have of my three-year sojourn in the Pacific to back to your ship and crew. If there is anyone on your roster living in hailing distance of my address I would appreciate your telling me of them or asking them to get in touch with me. My phone number is 215-586-9516. Again, may the happiest of reunions accrue to the finest ship and crew my unit and I were to know throughout the war. WILLIAM J. CURDY

Talked to one of my old shipmates from the Calvert and he is very much interested in the reunion. He needs to receive the proper forms to fill out so he can make reservations etc. He is one of my old buddies from the war years and an ex-radio operator like myself. This was my first conversation with him in 39 years. He was unaware of the past re-unions and would like very much to make this one. His name is Charles Gravatt. All our plans to attend are complete including airplane tickets. Will arrive in S.F. around 12 noon Sept. 14th. Will write to him tonight and ask him to check on another ex-radio operator who lives in the Big Apple. They both are genuine ex Calvert crew members. See you in S.F. M.A.COUVILLION

Thanks for the news letter. I'll never forget working my butt off loading stores from the Harry Lee onto the Calvert and the voyage to Safi. At my age now I can say I wish those events were ahead instead of behind me. Thanks again and may God Bless You. JACK SIMPSON

I saw your notice of an impending reunion of shipmates for U.S.S. Calvert APA-32 in a recent Navy Times. I served as First Lieutenant in Calvert from 1958 to 1960 and would like to attend the Reunion in San Francisco in September if it doesn't conflict with U.S.S. Haven's reunion here in San Diego on 9, 10 & 11 September. Win lose or draw I am interested in information about the "Calvert Association." While Haven was my first ship Calvert was my second and I have fond memories of that interesting period. I retired as Captain USN in 1978 after 25 years of service and married a Commander Navy Nurse, (also retired) who is not averse to attending reunions herself. Looking forward to meeting you and a host of old shipmates from Calvert. Recognizing that organizing these affairs is an expensive proposition I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope to facilitate your reply. FRANK SHEMANSKI

I had duty on the U.S.S. Calvert from 1961 to 1965. She was a fine ship with a great crew. Would you please send me more details about the reunion you are planning for Sept. in S.F. I'll certainly try to work it in if at all possible. Thank you & good luck. ROBERT E. LEA

Just a note to say we have finally finalized our plans for San Francisco. We're sure looking forward to seeing everyone again plus possibly some new faces. See you both in S.F. MARIETTA & ROY C. HOLMES





The following is a list of Calvert Men who at one time received the Calversion newsletter, but because they have moved or died their newsletters were returned to me. I will list the name and the town where they lived last. If you know if they have moved or know of the new address please let me know. Thank You...

William G. Hook MD 43-46
Fredericksburg, Texas

James Chapman SN 53-55
Safty Harbor, Fla.

Terry G. Heers BT2 59-60
Holts Summit, Mo.

James (Bill) Minnix BM2 43-46
Lubbock, Texas

James S May LT.COL. 64-66
San Diego, Calif.

Bill Naiser
Lake Mills, Iowa

Charles Wynperle
Newport, R.I.

Robert D. Brown QM 62-65
Sparta, Wis.

Bob Miller RM2 51-55
Dexter, Mo.

LeRoy Dutch Folconer CHMach.
Garden Grove, Calif.

John Conkling LT. 55-57
Beatrice Neb.

Ramon D. O'Hara CDR. 64-66
Waltham, Ma.

Here are a couple of items that Dave Cullen sent me.

Came across a short poem written by an "Elizabeth Clark" which seemed to be quite appropriate as a sentiment for all our shipmates that have gone on before us----

"Sometime at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,
A few who watched me sail away,
Will miss my craft from the busy pay;
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
Some friendly souls that my heart held dear,
In silent sorrow will shed a tear,
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale,
And greeted the friends who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore."



I have turned over a number of the Calvert short histories from the American fighting ships publication that I had and I turned over some of the complete histories I had to John Fiandaca to photostat, but I think that anyone interested in getting the full story can write direct to the

Department of the Navy
Navy Historical Center
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20374

Attention: Richard T. Speer, Ships' Histories Branch



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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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9 May 1949

From: The Chief of Naval Personnel

Subject: Navy Unit Commendation Awarded the U.S.S. CALVERT.

1. The Secretary of the Navy has awarded the U.S.S. CALVERT the Navy Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service in action against enemy aircraft shore batteries, mines and submarines in both the European and Pacific Campaigns during the following operations:

The North African Occupation - November 8 to 11 1942;
The Sicilian Occupation - July 9 to 15, 1943;
The Gilbert Islands Operation - November 20 to December 2, 1943;
The Marshall Islands Operations - January 31 to February 8, 1944;
The Capture and Occupation of Saipan and Tinian - June 15 to July 28, 1944;
The Leyte Landings - October 20, 1944; November 18, 1944;
The Lingayen Gulf Landing - January 9, 1945.

2. By virtue of your service in the U.S.S. CALVERT during one or more of the periods cited, you are hereby authorized to wear as a part of your uniform, the appropriate Navy Unit Commendation insignia.

J. L. Young
J.L. YOUNG,
By direction.

There are many people in the U.S.S. Calvert who fly the U.S. flag everyday, or if not everyday, they fly the flag on the weekends. I would like to pass on to you for the next newsletter for anybody that might want to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you write to your U.S. Senator for your state, you can request a flag that has been flown over the Capitol. There are about 20,000 flags a year that has been done this way, so you can see it is a privilege to get one.

The procedure to get one would be to write your request to the U.S. Senator for your state in Washington, D.C. Send a check made payable to "Keeper of the Stationery", the cost of which is \$7.27 for a 3' x 5' nylon flag. This price is so low, I was wondering if they made them in Taiwan.

At any event, it is a nice thing to pass down to your children and grandchildren.

William J. Eisemann



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.

730 pm No Host Get Acquainted party
Hot and Cold Snacks
Cash Bar.

Saturday Sept. 17,

Morning meeting of Silver 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-Reno 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, winery 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

U. S. S. Calvert

REGISTRATION FORM:

(APA-32)

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

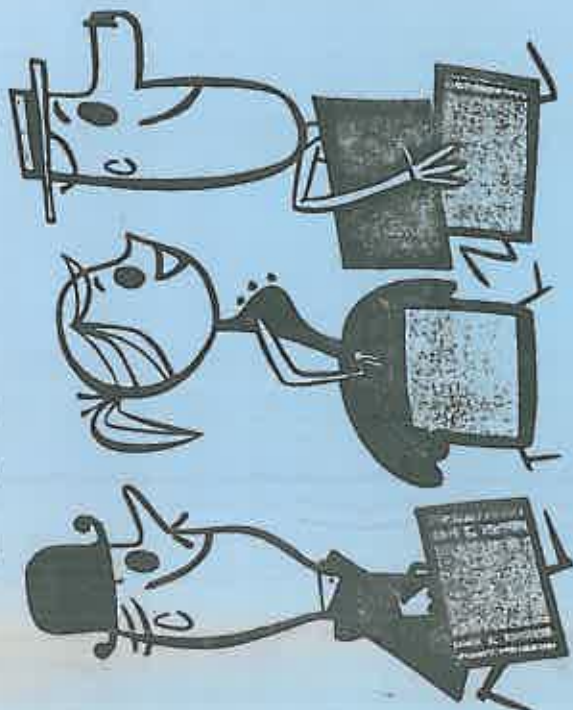
Enclosed is: _____



Please return this registration form to: **Mr. Edward F. O'Brien**
Leisure Lake Park
300 Stony Point Road #240
Petaluma, California 94952

Anyone wishing to donate door prizes should contact the Association

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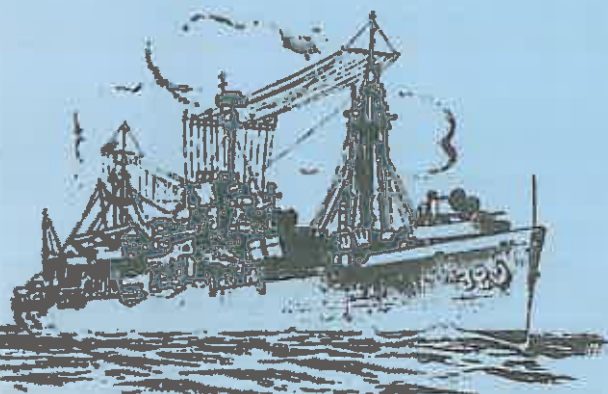
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Sterling S. Funck
208 N. Enola Dr.
Enola, Penna. 17025

Many Thanks

To the following persons who are
helping with newsletter expences.
Thank you very much.....

Richard Schulthies	20.00
Month Crowdes	10.00
Billy Trout	5.00
V.H. Stewert	10.00
Al Bradbury	25.00
James A. Hart	25.00
Louis Zampell	20.00
Roy Holmes	20.00
Robert Dyer	20.00

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

Raymond P. Rankus BM2
July 10, 1983

Leonard F. Freiburghouse Capt.
May 1982
Commanding Officer U.S.S. Calvert
10/13/52 - 08/04/53