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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"



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COMMENTS

. . . . from the

Commander

From time to time I receive letters from guys that put out newsletters or who have hosted reunions. Like M.G. Wamsley who was on the Bayfield APA 33. He runs a bed and breakfast in San Francisco. He also stopped by our Frisco Reunion to say Hi... Another is George Howlett of the U.S.S. Wharton who sends me a newsletter he puts out. George was originally on the Harry Lee AP10 but was transferred to the Wharton in 1941.... I also receive a newsletter from Hilton Dana of the Monrovia APA 31. He puts out quite a newsletter on his computer. The Monrovia and the Calvert were of the Delta class and had the "Duck" stern..... Got a couple of cards from M.A. Couvillian about his trip west. They stopped by Petaluma and visited Ed and Mary O'Brien. It's nice when friends that have so much in common get together..... Sandy Slessor retired for the second time and moved to Michigan and cold weather. If you need his address, write me..... Porky and Norma Strahm finally moved back home so they said on a card that I got, but they forgot to send me their address. Need your help.... I got many xmas cards from you guys and I think that I answered all of them. Got one from Hunky Habrat who is a cannon collector like I am. I owe him one which I plan to give him at Boston..... Bob Huber was fortunate in arranging to have the History of the USS Calvert placed in the collection of ship histories at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Thanks Bob..... Ever since our first reunion in Rochester, I have met so many nice people. It's hard to say how many Lila and I have met for the first time but we really enjoy our new friends that come to reunion after reunion. One lady, Louise Blank has attended, I think, has attended all of them. Her husband Roy passed away before the first reunion and Louise told me that she knew that he wanted her to go in his place, which she did. She was one fun lady. I got a letter from Chuck Skillman just before Thanksgiving that Louise had passed away. She had gone to have additional heart by-pass surgery and succumbed on the operating table. While at the mini reunion in Norfolk, Louise had visited with a lady that Roy and her had lived with when Norfolk was home port to the Calvert. She will be missed..... As you can see it's time for another National Reunion. John has been working hard to make this a gala affair. He has a letter in the Dear John page..... Keep me posted on address changes. Keep them cards and letters coming. Lila and I will see you all in Boston...

j.l.cole

APA 32



mail call

Dear John,

LETTERS

ALL HANDS planning to attend the 1989 REUNION in the Boston/Newton area of Mass. can be a big help in making our 6th Biennial Reunion as big a success as our previous 5 reunions. All that is needed is everyone's participation, co-operation and adherence to the following suggestions and recommendations.

1. Please use the Hotel Room Reservation Form that is located on page 9 of this newsletter. Everyone will have to make their own room reservations at the Boston/Newton Marriott Hotel. You will note that the Room Rates on the Reservation Form are \$65.00 for one to four persons in a room, plus the room tax. Everyone will have the following options:

(a) You can check-in prior to Thursday, July 20th and

(b) You can also check-out after Sunday, July 23rd

2. If you decide to check-in before the 20th or decide to check-out after the 23rd, the Management of the Boston/Marriott will honor the Special Room Rate of \$65.00 per night for whatever days you may decide to stay (that is if your stay isn't permanent).

3. (a) Please fill out the ACTIVITY FORM for the Functions you plan to attend.

(b) Total up the amount of monies due on the ACTIVITY FORM, Make out a Check or a Money Order for the monies due, (PLEASE NO CASH) to the 1989 USS CALVERT REUNION.

(c) Then please mail your ACTIVITY FORM And CHECK or MONEY ORDER to:

*****John C. Fiandaca - 36 Johnson Street - Leominster, Ma. 01453*****

(d) If you have any questions write of JOHN F. or call him at (407-582-4815 from 1/3/89 until 3/31/89, where he will be staying. From 4-5-89 until Reunion Time you can reach John F. at 503-534-3784.

4. We need you co-operation in this area. So we are asking all those who can, please mail in your monies as soon as possible. Reason being is that we are committed to make a DEPOSIT of \$500 on or about Feb. 1, 1989. The DEPOSIT will be applied towards the cost of our DINNERS on Saturday, July 22nd. If it isn't possible to send in all monies due, please send in monies due for the Dinners you have chosen. An ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT of another \$500 will be due on or about May 1, 1989. JOHN FIANDACA

About a month ago I was going through a Steelworker's publication and noticed that a reunion of the U.S.S. Calvert, APA32, was scheduled. Now to let you know what my U.S.S. Calvert interests are. I boarded the ship in Pearl Harbor as a radioman in 1944 and said goodbye in Guam in 1946. I have many fond memories of my tours and I wouldn't trade them for any amount of money. During this time we engaged in the battles of Saipan, Tinian, Leytto and Luzon. We spent a great deal of time crusing the South Pacific and we were in dry dock in Bremerton, Wa. being converted to a communication ship. After my discharge in April, 1946, I returned to Pueblo, Colorado. Spent the summer rehabing and then enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder in the fall, & received my BS degree in Electrical Engineering in 1950 and migrated to Southern Ca., In 1953 I married my wife Phyllis, a Highmore, S.D. girl. We have two grown children. MANUEL CID

This past Summer I received the phone call of a life time, a former shipmate gave me a call after 35 years, Charley Lenkh 2nd class Damage Controlman. We were aboard the Calvert from 1951 through 1953. Charly called to rekindle old times and to inform my wife Darlene and I that he & Barbara were traveling north in Oct. '88, and on their return we invited them to our ranch in Oakdale. Needless to say the old pictures and quotable stories were hot and heavy during this visit. We met again at L.A. International Airport during a three hour lay over on our return trip from Boja, Ca. What a happy time in our life to meet again good people and friends for life. WM. ROY BANDUCCI

Dave & Helen hosted an excellent reunion in Norfolk - it was fun & as always, totally different from the previous reunions. They, too, put in a lot of hard work to make Norfolk the success it was. Honestly, these reunions seem to get better & better as the years go by. We are the same-just plugging along in good health & enjoying life-hope you both are healthy & staying in shape for Boston - Looking forward to seeing you there - MARY NELL & RAY GLASCO

A report on the Mini-reunion at Norfolk, Virginia on the 46th Anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. CALVERT.....

Following is a list of the 68 people who attended the dinner held on October 1st.....

Helen and Pete Berry
Audrey and Joe Brady
Helen and Dave Cullen & David
Ann and John Fiandaca
Mary Nell and Ray Glasco
Joyce and Virgil Griggs
Pat and John Groff
Bill Habrat
Carolyn and Len Hanscom
Carl Hoffmann
Marietta and Roy Holmes
Scotty and Bob Huber
Beverly and George Mackey
Elsie and Joe Pribula
Jean and Steve Shuster
Grace and Vince Shwabby
Gloria and Lewis Smith
Charlotte and Robert Smith

Nina and Billie Trout
Louise and Tom Warden
Virginia and Guy Wine
Sara and Hoyt Worthington
Dan Tinney
Betty and Carl Allen
Jay Ralph and Joan
Ruth and O.R. Gordon
Doris and Neil Feaster
Catherine and Jim McFetridge
Mary and Vince Hannigan
Esther and John Zdanowicz
Henrietta and Ray Rybarczyk
Mildred Levett
Harvey Sargent
Paul Elliott, Paul B. and Mollie
Pat and Tom Glickman
Louise Blank

The weather cooperated perfectly so that we were able to enjoy the tours of the Harbor and the Naval Base to the fullest. Everyone praised the dinner served up by the caterers.....

In addition to that we were presented with a Proclamation of the City of Norfolk designating September 29 through October 2, 1988 as "U.S.S. CALVERT DAYS".

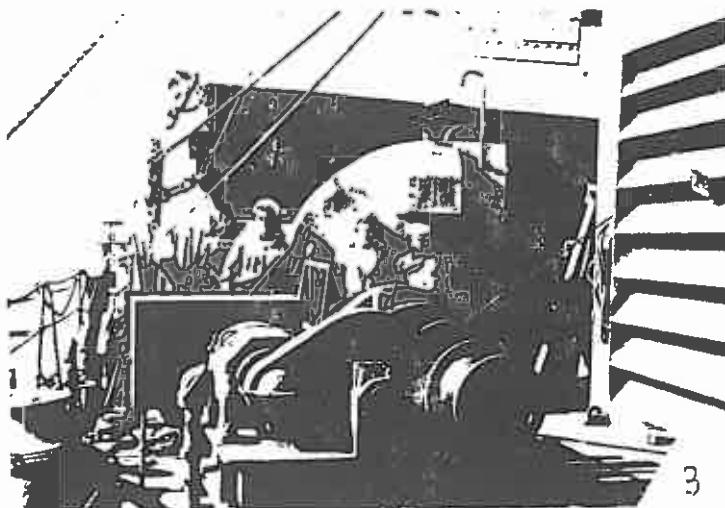
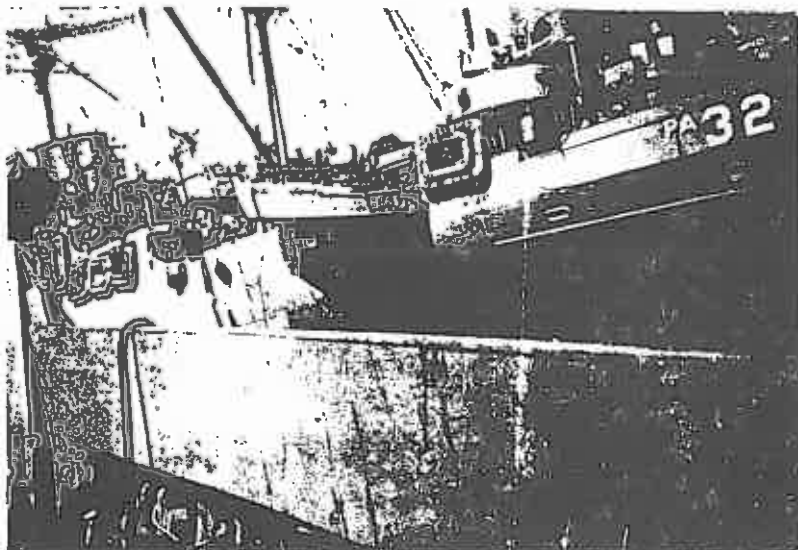
Another contributing factor to the success was the cooperation of the Clemson University football team which cancelled their October 1st game enabling Pete Berry and his new bride, Helen, to celebrate their "union" at our Reunion.

And NOW.....on to the Boston 89-er!!

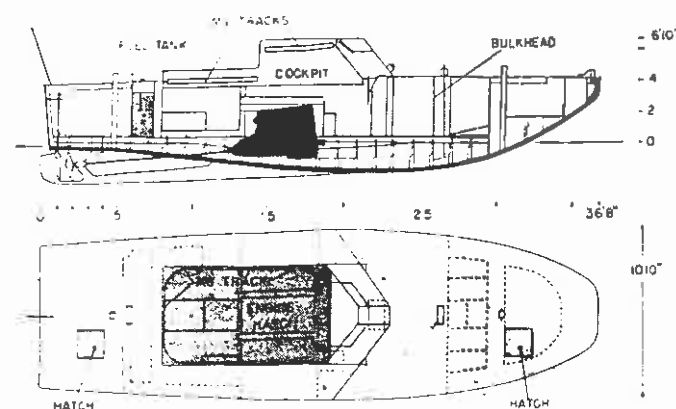
Dave

David B. Cullen, Jr.
5530 Eagle's Nest Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

P.S. We look forward with much anticipation to all the pictures that Sara and Hoyt Worthington took of the group on the tours and at the Best Western Inn.....we certainly owe them a debt of gratitude for their sterling work at this function as well as all the others.....



LCS (S)(I) LANDING CRAFT, SUPPORT (SMALL) (MARK 1)



Operational use To render close supporting automatic and rocket fire to assault waves, may furnish base of fire to facilitate initial maneuver of troops in a beach area. It is capable of beaching.

Description Small wooden motorboat greatly resembling the LCC. Usually transported on the deck of APA's or AKA's, sometimes on davits.

Capacity 3-4 men plus crew and gunners.

Endurance 115 miles (full speed) Speed, 12 kts.

Dimensions Length, 36'8" o.a. Beam, 10'10".

Displacement Light, 20,000 lb. Draft, 3'6".
22,000 lb. (standard).

Armament Two .50-cal. or three .30-cal. or one .50-cal. and two .30-cal. M.G.; 2 barrage rocket projectors carried on some units, 8 Mk. III smoke pots. When rockets are fitted, some guns are usually removed.

Armor 1/4" plating to bridge. Crew, 6 Fuel, 180 gallons

Propulsion 1 Hall-Scott 250-hp. gas engine.

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Photos Show Mark 1 With and Without Armament. Note Stern Smoke Pots.



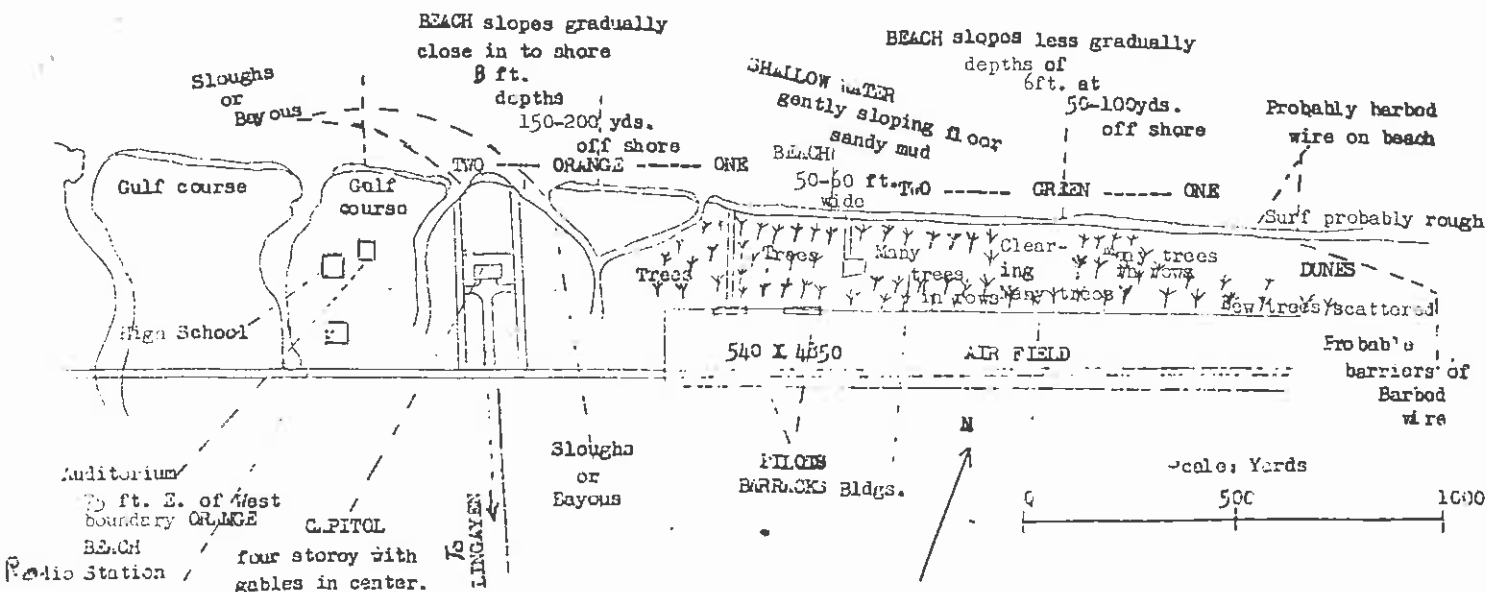
Back in 1982 Vol. #9, I did a story on the LCS(S) in which most of the material came from William J. Eiseman. Bill was in charge of these craft at the time they were around the Calvert. He didnt have any pictures of the craft so with the story I included some info that I got from the Naval Historical Center. To make a long story short, about a year ago I got a Catalog on Military Books which had more books than I thought there were. From this catalog I got a book called Allied Landing Craft of WW2. In this book were all the different types of craft used. The above artical on the LCS(S) came from the book. I dont usually recomend business that send me things, but if you are looking for some Military Book, send a letter to Carl Walsh P.O.Box 147, Buffalo, New York 14240

Many Thanks

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

Jack Luck.....15.00
M.G. Wamsley.....20.00
U.S.S. Bayfield APA33
C.J. Mitchell.....25.00
Charles Lenkh.....10.00
Paul Dozier.....10.00
George Mackey.....20.00
Ray Glasco.....25.00

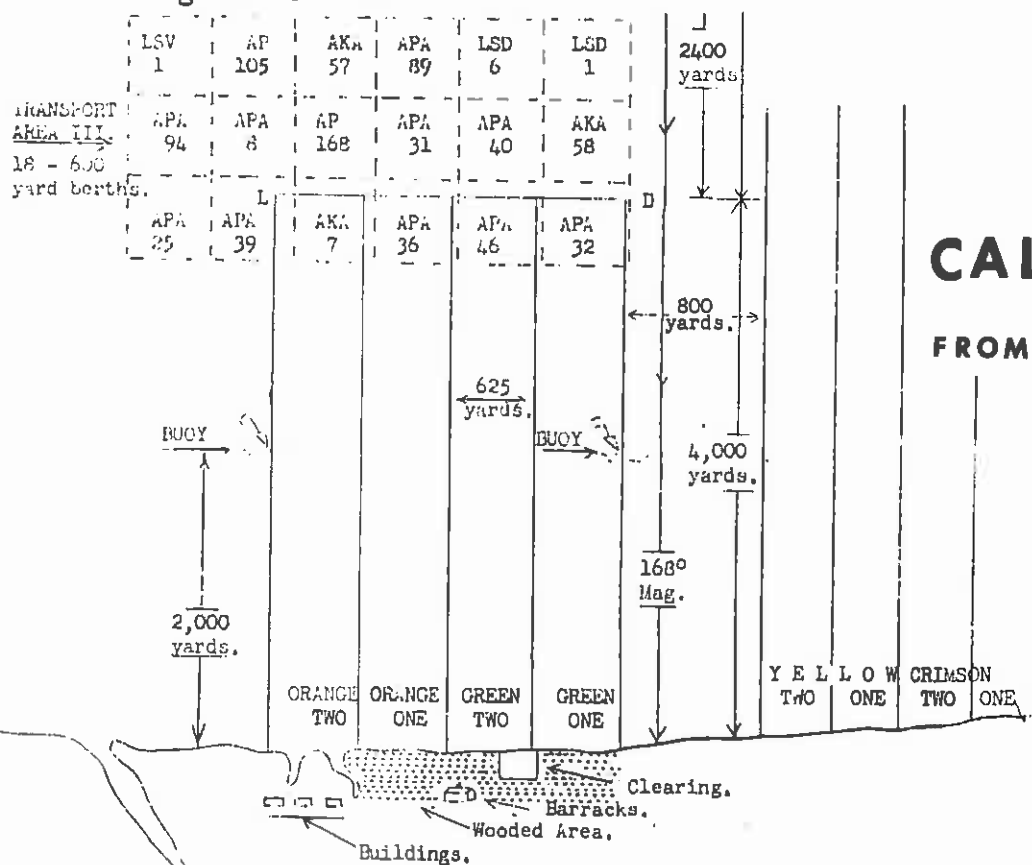
John H. Sheein.....20.00
Mike Moschella.....20.00
Robert Huber.....5.00
Oscar Woody.....3.00
Marion Simpson.....10.00
Homer Taulbee.....10.00
Charles Skillman...10.00
William Habrat....25.00



At 0730, 9 January, CALVERT commenced boating operations, which were briefly interrupted 18 minutes later by an air attack. The 1st Battalion of the 160th Regiment was scheduled to be landed on GREEN TWO Beach in Waves FOUR, FIVE AND SIX, which was accomplished on time.

About noon, CALVERT moved in closer to the beach and commenced general offloading. At 1625 CALVERT was completely offloaded, all troops (1,117) and 527 tons of cargo. Time to unload the ship: 8 hours, 35 minutes, including time required to shift berths.

That evening under smoke screen and air attacks, CALVERT and the other empty transports withdrew from Lingayen and set course for Leyte. During the landing at Lingayen, the CALVERT's gunners repelled three separate air attacks. Two personnel casualties were experienced by the CALVERT. They were Melvin A. MOSHER, GM3c, USNR and Otis D. McNAULTY, SN, USNR, who received chest wounds when the sight of their gun, mount 21, was hit by a stray 20MM projectile from another ship during the air attack.



CALVERT FACT'S

FROM THE PAST

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NOW HEAR THIS

GANGWAY FOR THE



89 REUNION

DATES: July 20th to July 23rd

PLACE: BOSTON / NEWTON

MARRIOTT HOTEL on Route 30

AT JUNCTIONS OF ROUTES 128/95 & MASS. Turnpike (90)
READ FOLLOWING DETAILS, WEIGH YOUR ANCHORS,
SET YOUR COURSE and SAIL FULL SPEED
AHEAD for the BOSTON/NEWTON AREA IN MASS.

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 1989

Now Hear This!!



CHECK-IN TIME: 1600 Hours

However anyone who may arrive early may be able to get room assignments if they have been cleaned and are available at the time you arrive. If rooms are not available at the time of arrival, you may check your luggage in the Lobby Area, then check the Lobby Bulletin Board to get the number to the Hospitality Room where you will be able to REGISTER for the REUNION.

1900 HOURS: NEW ENGLAND CLAMBAKE DINNER

Dinner will be served at the AMERICAN LEGION POST #440, on California St. Newton, about 10 minutes from the MARRIOTT. If you require transportation to the Legion Post and you plan to attend, please indicate on your ACTIVITY FORM whether or not you will need transportation.

NOTE: We will need at least 100 persons to furnish this part of the program.

MENU will include:

Steamed Clams	Calm Chowder	Roasted Chicken
Roasted Potatoes	Cole Slaw	Corn on the Cob
Rolls & Butter	Watermelon	Punch and/or Coffee

All items on the menu will be served Family Style except for the Roasted Chicken which will be served on a one chicken to one person basis.

PRICE of CLAMBAKE \$12.00 per person.

FRIDAY, JULY 21st, 1989 Boston Inner Harbor Tour, Quincy Market Area and Visit to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

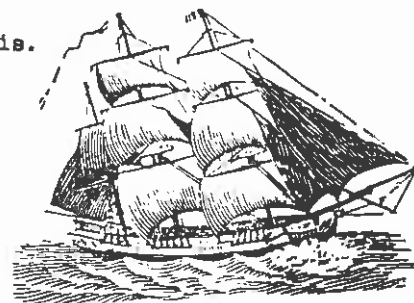
Busses will depart the Hotel at 0845 Hrs. Cruise Ship will depart at 0930 Hrs. We will go ashore at the Charleston Navy Yard to view "Old Ironsides" the USS Constitution, then complete tour of the Inner Harbor, the Group will then proceed to the Quincy Market area for Lunch (Dutch Treat) Should also have time to Shop and Browse. 1400 Hrs. we will depart for the JFK Library and then return to the Hotel at about 1600 Hrs.

PRICE \$16.00 Per Person Includes Cruise Tour & Admission to JFK Library
1900 HOURS COCKTAIL Hour Cash Bar & Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres from
 USS CALVERT ASSOCIATES

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 1989 Association Meeting followed by TOUR of Boston's FREEDOM TRAIL and a second visit to the Quincy Market Area.

0800 HOURS: USS CALVERT ASSOCIATION MEETING. Meeting Room and location to be listed in Reunion Program Booklet.

0900 HOURS Buses will depart Hotel for FREEDOM TRAIL TOUR which will include visits to the Paul Revere House, the Old North Church, the Boston Tea Party Museum and travel past the Oldest Church and Cemetery along the Trail by the State House, the Boston Commons and Boston Gardens. A return visit to Quincy Market for Dutch Treat Lunch and more sightseeing that time did not permit for on Friday. Return to Hotel by 1600 hours.
PRICE: \$21.00 per person includes admissions to the Paul Revere House and the Boston Tea Party Museum.



1830 HOURS MEMORIAL SERVICES, Location to be announced at either POOL Side or Riverside Side. Location will be listed in Hospitality Room.

1900 HOURS DINNER & DANCE (20000 Hrs. to Midnite)

Everyone will have a choice of Dinner Entree which will be either Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken or Broiled Schrod

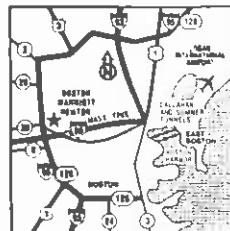
DINNER PRICE: \$19.00 per person. Price includes Tax & Tip.

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1989

CHECK OUT by 1300 HOURS. Anyone needing a later Check Out time may make arrangements for a reasonable extension with the Management at the Hotel.

WELCOME
ABOARD

Boston
Marriott
Newton
Newton, Massachusetts



Boston Marriott Newton is 15 minutes from downtown at the intersection of Route 128/95 and the Massachusetts Turnpike on Commonwealth Avenue (Route 301). It is close to the offices of Raytheon, Honeywell, General Electric, Polaroid, IBM, GTE, Sylvania, Digital, Wang, Prime, Nixdorf, and Cullinet. Commercial limousine service is available to and from Logan International Airport.

DIRECTIONS: Exit 24 on Rt. 95 (formerly Exit 15 off Route 128). Heading East, take Exit 14 off Massachusetts Turnpike. Heading West, take Exit 15 off Turnpike. Hotel is overlooking the Charles River, 15 minutes from downtown Boston, 25 minutes from Logan International Airport.

TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL: Commercial limousine service to and from Logan International Airport. Taxi and rental cars also available.

TURN TO!

DON'T MISS THE
ORDERS OF
OUR REUNION
DAYS
'89



1989 USS CALVERT REUNION ACTIVITY FORM

DATE:	PRICE P/PER.	No. of PERSONS	SUB TOTALS
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Thursday, July 20,

CLAMBAKE \$12.00

Do you need Transportation YES _____ NO _____

Friday, July 21,

HARBOR CRUISE, Etc. \$16.00

Saturday, July 22,

FREEDOM TRAIL TOUR \$21.00

DINNER/DANCE \$19.00

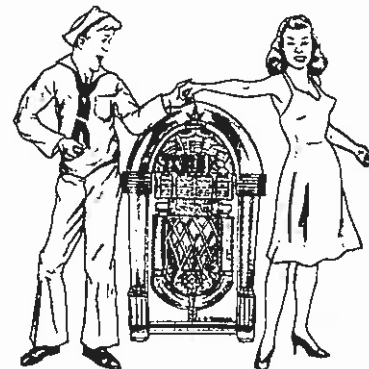
Please indicate your choice for Dinner

Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken _____ or Broiled Schrod _____

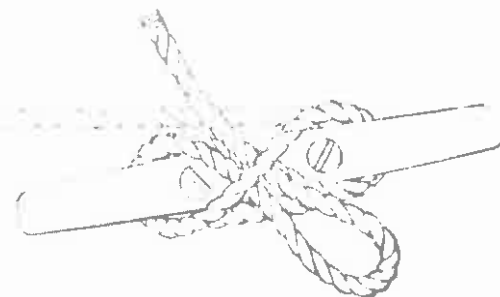
Signature _____ Date _____ Total Reunion Check _____

REMINDER: Please make out Checks or Money Orders to: 1 989 USS CALVERT REUNION

then MAIL TO: JOHN C. FIANDACA
36 Johnson St.
Leominster, Ma. 01453



ROOM RESERVATION FORM FOR 1989 USS CALVERT REUNION



USS CALVERT (APA 32)

JULY 20 - 23, 1989

Boston
Marriott Hotel
Newton

Commonwealth Avenue at Route 128
and Massachusetts Turnpike
Newton, Massachusetts 02166

(617) 969-1000

Group Rate:

Name(s) _____
(Please print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve _____ (rooms) for _____ persons.

I will arrive on _____ Day/DATE Depart on _____ Day/DATE

Single \$65
Double .. \$65
Triple \$65
Quad \$65

*Rates based on a per night basis, plus
9.7% Mass. Tax.

NOTE: Reservations must be received no later than
21 days prior to your arrival. Checkout time 1 p.m.
Checkin time 4 p.m. They will be held until 6 p.m.,
local time unless guaranteed by a one night deposit.

*430 Deluxe Guest Rooms
*Color TV and Hi-Fi Radio
*Over 800 Parking Spaces
*Indoor & Outdoor Pool
*Hydrotherapy Pool

*Beauty and Barber Shops
*Exercise Room & Sauna
*Ice and Soda Machines
*Table Tennis, Pocket Billiards
*In-House Movies

*Gift Shop
*Car Rental Available
*Limousine Service
*Convention & Banquet Facilities
for Groups of 10 to 700

*Fairfield Inn Restaurant & Lounge
*The S & S Livestock Co.
*Windjammer Cocktail Lounge
*Room Service

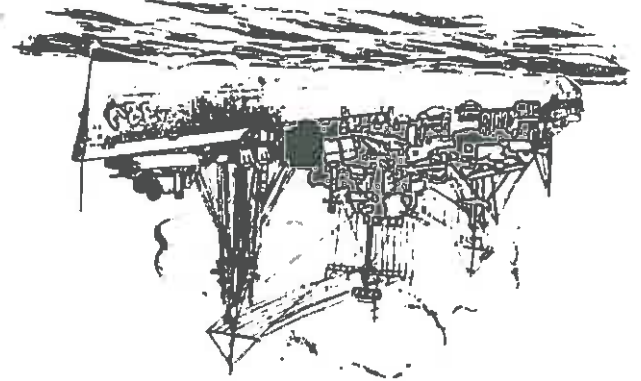
Louise H. Blank November 10, 1953

Fred H. McCaulow A2/C 43 April 1955

MEMBERS PASSED AWAY Deepest Sympathy

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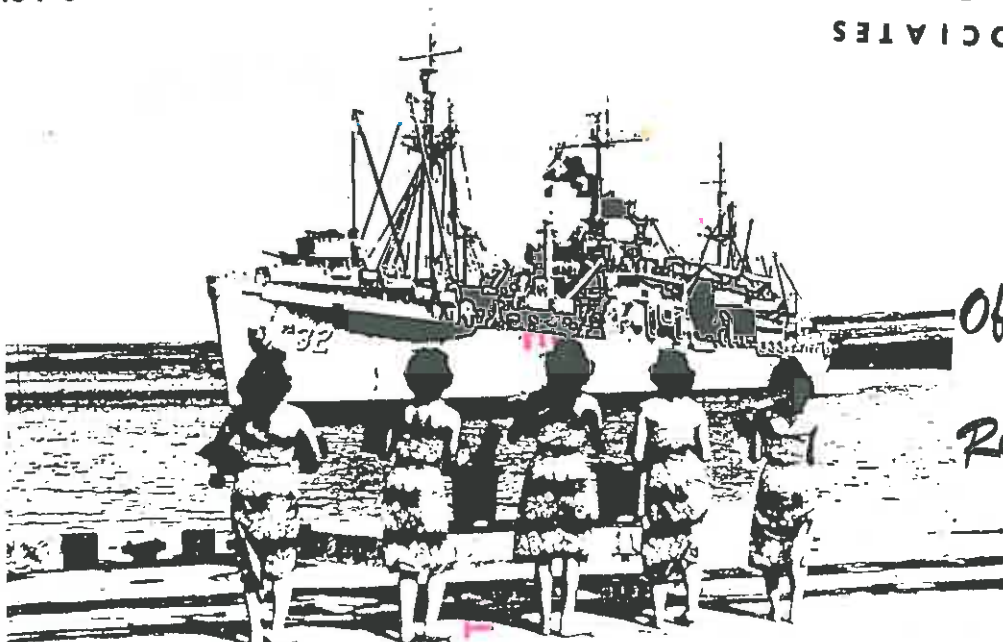
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CALVERT ASSOCIATES
KENYON, MN. 55946

3rd CLASS
PERMIT NO. 10



*Official Meeting
Notice and
Reservation Request
— IN THIS ISSUE!*

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