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Comments from the Commander

MY how time flys. In a couple months it will be time to have another reunion. Lila and I have made (we think) some great plans for your enjoyment in Springfield. I want to stress that you don't have to come all three days if you chose not to. Come one or two days. Also if you live close you don't have to stay at the hotel if you chose not to. We try to make it so everyone can come. Many people have dropped in for a day and really had a good time. Just let us know that you are coming so you won't be left out.....I have had some phone calls with Patrick Smith of the Harry Lee group and we are talking of having a joint reunion with them. I have talked with my Executive Officer Hoyt Worthing and he thought it might work so we will bring it up at the Springfield business meeting. The Harry Lee transferred men to the Calvert during WW2. I think its something we should have done years ago.....I just received a book from Lou Anthony wife Beatrice. She gave it to me in memory of Lou. The title is "Invasion of North Africa, 1942" and I will bring it to the reunion so you can see it. Its a great book.....I have also talked to our storekeeper Bud Ruth and he has ordered more hats and Blue Shirts that will be ready for Springfield. We ran out of the Calvert red patch so they are in the process of getting made. There is still a couple of white shirts left that will be at the next reunion.....Since nobody has offered to host a reunion in 2005 we still need someone to make an offer. Its a lot of fun planning and great pleasure is received knowing that everybody had a great time after its over. If you have some thoughts give me a call and we will talk. I give great support to any person that has one. I really don't want to be the Host every year so give me a call and "We'll Talk".....This newsletter is coming out a bit early as I have some dates that are critical with numbers of people coming to Shows. So make your plans early and be guaranteed that you will see a show. I still send out over 650 newsletters. The bulk rate for postage has increased but its still cheaper than 37¢. I have received about 18 new people since January. If you correspond with a old Calvert buddy and he isn't on the list please send me his address. It doesn't cost any more to send 651 than 650.....Well thats it. My wife and Kids (Yes they are coming) hope to see you all in Springfield for the 2004 reunion, till then.....j.l.cole



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Just a short note to let you know I really appreciate the good job you're on the Calvert newsletter. I have been able to contact some of my buddies from it. I am going to do my best to attend the reunion in Springfield this year. I've only attended one, the one in Oklahoma City. Elbert E. Brown

On page 5, Volume 49, you have a picture of the Calvert. I suspect it was taken on arrival in Portland in December of 1945 or early 1946. She is loaded with troops coming home from the Pacific. Note the battered paint and especially the stove in 40MM tub on the bow. I joined Calvert in early January in Portland. When I reported aboard as a LTJG she was looking just like that picture. She had come back across the north Pacific and had rough passage that crushed the front of the gun tub. So I suspect these two pictures were taken on arrival as part of the "Magic Carpet" program to bring the boys home when WW2 ended. I stayed on her for about six months, bringing her back through the Panama Canal for Decommissioning in Norfolk, where I left her. Great Memories.. S. Allen Henninger

Many thanks to Bill McGregor for the form letter to send for the Korean Service Medal. Bill was a signalman striker when I served on the Calvert as a signalman third class. I think he made 3rd about the time I was released from active duty. Jim Morrow

I would like to correspond with anyone who served on the Calvert from 1959 to December of 1962. Please send me your name Address and phone No.
Joe Fountain 22520 Eight Ave. Florala, Ala. 36442

Lou and I were married in 1940 and on December 2 of '40 he was called to serve one year in active duty aboard the USS Harry Lee before his transfer to the Calvert. As you know one year turned into five years never forgotten. My Apologies for not writing before of Lou's passing. I think I postponed it, because each newsletter I looked for a name from the past. It gave me some comfort. I was pleased to hear from you and I certainly would be happy to continue to receive the "Calversion". Thanks for honoring his memory at the reunion. You know the old adage, "then they through away the mold". This definitely fits Lou to a tee. I shall look forward to your newsletter. Would you accept a book that I picked up at an antique shop for Lou? I just can't seem to throw it away and I thought you might enjoy it. It's titled "Invasion of North Africa, 1942." A complete history with about 150 unseen pictured (at that time). Let me know and I will gladly send it to you. Thanks for sending the Calversion all these years. I've enjoyed it.
Beatrice Anthony 8 Churchill St. Saugus, Ma. 01906

Sure would like to make the Springfield reunion since both my wife and I were born just north of there. Both of us have trouble walking and standing in airport lines which wouldn't be the best for us. Still we are thinking of the idea, will let you know which way we will jump. Did Hal Winter ever finish his writings about the Calvert? Wrote him a time or two long ago but have never heard of any works he may have done. Would like to know.
William R. Marsh

I served aboard the Calvert from May 1956 (FPFA) to September 1959 (FP2). I went on to Conversion school to electronics and retired January 1979 (ETCS). My wife Mildred and I would be interested in more information on the upcoming reunion in Springfield.
Francis (Frank) Pachel

I am a long time and close friend of Harold Olson (ET2 60-63) and served aboard the USS Calvert on my first tour of duty out of college. I was responsible for moving "Ole" across the country in 1964 to New Hampshire, where he lived with a cousin of mine and completed college. He liked it there and stayed. Ole forwarded me copies of Calversion last year, and it has taken this much time for me to get around to writing and subscribing to same, primarily due to a move to Ireland. I also was prompted by an e-mail from Bill Vicars (QM2 60-63) who lives in Montana and was writing to tell me about this year's Calvert reunion, which I will not be able to make as I am currently living and working in Ireland.

I reported aboard during the summer of 1961 as a shiny and naïve Ensign, and reported to "Red" Richardson as Asst Boat Group Cdr. There was a great gang of enlisted on Calvert, and I gained some long term friendships with some of them. I lived in "Boystown" with Ens Jim Foley (address below), Ens Jim Tuohy, Ens Barry Thompson, and eventually Ens Erl Swanson (who I'm still in contact with also). There were another couple of guys there, but 40 years does a job on the memory! We all made JG about the same time, and I eventually transferred to an LST in Bremerton, WA, which was being put back in commission for the Cuban Crisis. We sailed the old tub through Underway Training in San Diego, and around through the Panama Canal in late 1963, after which I returned to civilian life. I stayed in the Naval Reserve for about 12 more years, making LCDR and having command of a reserve minesweeper, The USS Hummingbird (MSCO56).

Rick Considine

I am writing to inform you that my father, Anthony F. Cauley Jr., who was a devoted reader of your Calvert newsletter, passed away last year on October 23, 2003.

Dad really enjoyed reading your newsletter. He had served on the Calvert during the Second World War and your newsletter brought back many memories for him. He loved telling stories to me about a time in his life that was long past but still seemed very alive to him.

I think your newsletter helped to keep these memories fresh.

Because of the Calvert newsletter he was also able to apply for Service medals that he didn't even know he was eligible to receive. In addition he was able to purchase Calvert related materials, such as auto plates, that he was proud to use.

Gail Cauley

Thanks again, on his behalf.

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Holyoke, MA 01040-1324

My husband, Delmer, was on the USS Calvert in the Pacific from 1943-1946. He passed away 10/22/02. He had in his collection a picture of the Calvert with many sailors posing on the top of the ship. Delmer was in this picture. I cannot locate it and am hoping you might be able to find this picture or refer me to someone who would have the picture or was in his unit.

I would be willing to pay for the picture and postage to send it to me. I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Doris Carlin

1121 Townline Rd. Unit 152
Bryan, OH 43506

I boarded the Calvert as an Ensign in June, 1961 and departed as a LTJG in May, 1963. After Calvert, I served at the Great Lakes NTC for 1½ years.

The highlight of my tour of duty on Calvert was a WestPac cruise June 11, 1962-Dec. 10, 1962. Among our ports were Hawaii, Japan (Yokosuka, Sasebo, Kobe, Beppu), Korea (Inchon, Seoul), Phillipines (Manila, Olongapo), Hong Kong, and Okinawa (White Beach, Naha).

Our captains were John Renfro and David Merrill, Captain Merrill relieving Captain Renfro while we were on the WestPac cruise.

When we arrived in Hong Kong Aug. 30, 1962 liberty was immediately cancelled as Typhoon Wanda was about to hit Hong Kong. We remained moored to typhoon buoys for three days through winds of more than 100 miles an hour. We were only US ship to remain. After typhoon passed other ships returned and all sent working parties ashore to help several smaller villages struck by tidal waves.

I was the First Division officer on Calvert and during that typhoon we had to keep an eye on the anchor chains as we kept the ships engines going to prevent too much strain on the anchor chain.

Jim Foley

Received your news letter this past Friday, and was glad to here that you are feeling okay again. I just recently had a CARDIOVERTER/DEFIBRILLATOR, implanted. Now I am out of the hospital and doing very well.

I was glad to hear that the reunion went over so good. I was thinking that maybe I would try making this years reunion in Springfield, but I can only go so many places. I have a daughter and her family that live in Illinois, and a stepson up around Kansas City, Mo that I have to go visit this year if everything goes okay.

One of these years I will get to go to one of the reunions I hope. I have another Calvert shipmate here in the area, and will get his address for you within the next week or so. At this time I would like to place and order for two (2) of the blue hats and a license frame. Will enclose a check with this letter.

Once again am happy to hear that you are feeling well and are going to be around for a few more years.

Edwin T. Workman, USN (RET)

I will always remember the days I served on the *Calvert*, good and bad, fair weather and foul. I am glad that I found this group of fellow sailors that are fond of the Proud Old Lady of the sea. What ever happened to her. Was anybody able to rescue the statue of Lord Calvert from the quarter deck. Did any one ever mention, in 1964 off Hawaii while enroute to Japan we were torpedoed by the U.S. Navy Silent Service ("This is Not a Drill - Torpedo Port Side"). The damage was minor, only because it hit a frame. Otherwise it would have been sitting in the engine room next to the pumps.

In these days of strife around the world, too many of our young men in the services are exposed to the dangers of combat. Conventional and unconventional. But as in the past, these young men & women have performed their duty. The last year will bear witness to their sacrifices. God bless all serving and those who have served.

Stephen Straka Jr



The articles shown below were sent by Jane Gaugh. They were taken from the San Diego Union newspaper of September 9, 1951. The article about the 40th is incomplete and if any one has a copy of the complete story please send me a copy and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Thank Yoy, Ed.

40th GIs Find Old Schoolmates at Sea

By Julian Hartt

(Los Angeles Examiner star reporter and veteran war correspondent assigned to the 40th Division for on the spot coverage of the Division's activities overseas. Hartt will report especially on the Los Angeles and Southern California officers and men. He is the only staff representative of a Los Angeles newspaper actually with the Division.)

ABOARD USS CALVERT, AT SEA—"D-Day Minus 4"—(Delayed) — Southern California's young men of the 160th Regiment and 143rd Field Artillery Battalion aboard this fleet are in good hands—the hands of other young Southern Californians.

There are plenty of dungaree-clad sailors from the "home grounds" aboard this ship, and today there was virtually a reunion of Los Angeles City Col-



JULIAN HARTT

Legion Welcomes Vessels From Korea

Four navy ships from Korea were welcomed in San Diego harbor yesterday by American Legionnaires with screaming whistles, and by band music and brief speeches.

The ships were the attack transport Calvert and the patrol craft, PCEC 882, that tied up at Navy Pier, and the attack transport Magoffin and the high-speed transport Begor, that docked at North Island.

The Legionnaires at the welcoming were members of the Forty and Eight, fun-loving organization, here to attend the 33rd annual convention of the California Department of the American Legion.

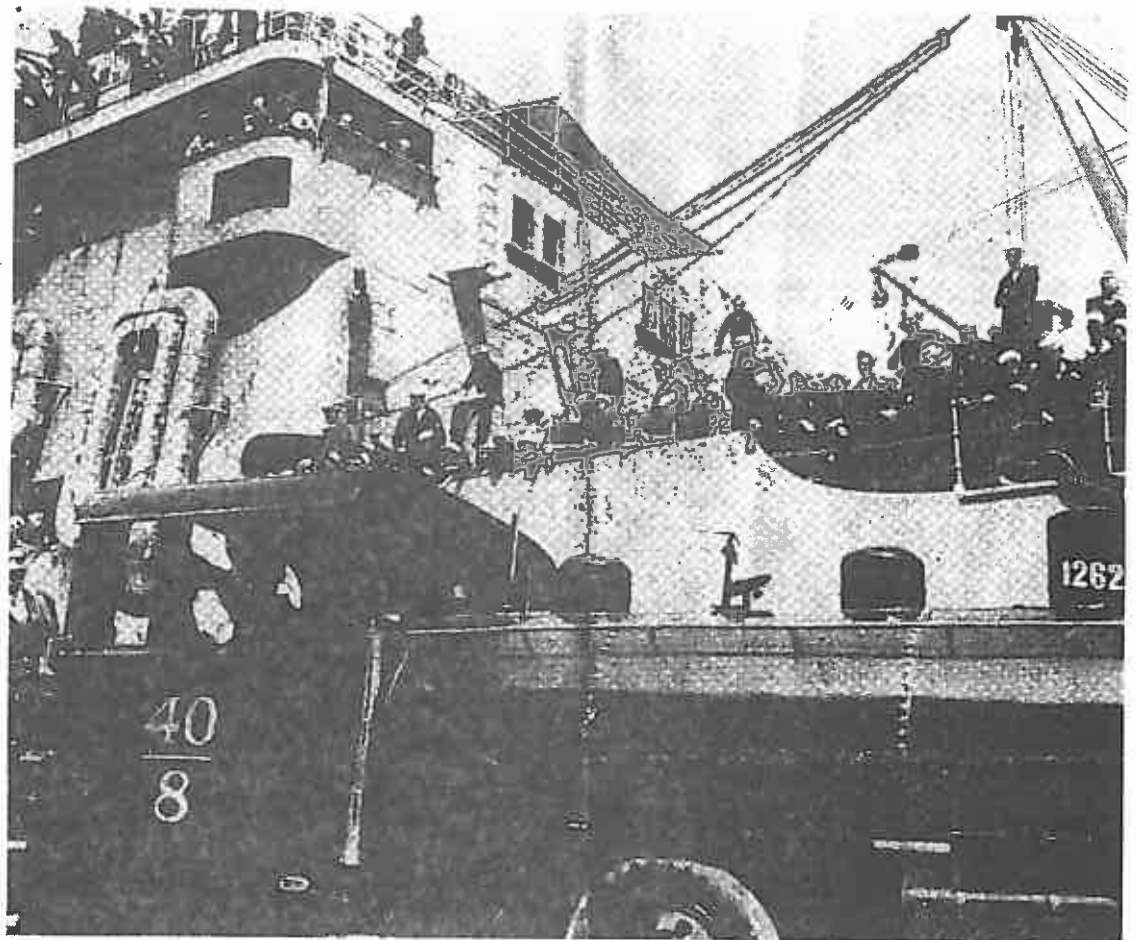
They arrived at Navy Pier in

five gasoline-powered locomotives, with whistles screaming.

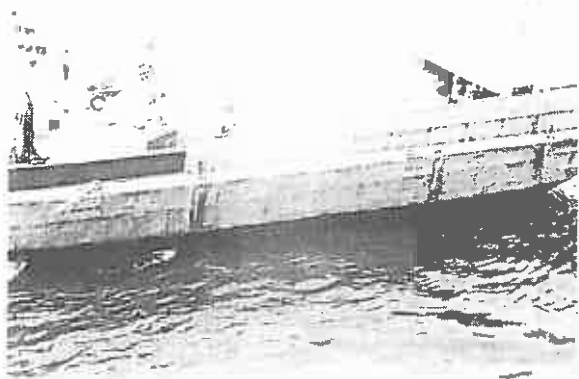
F. Carl Sherwood, of Voiture 732, San Diego Forty and Eight, welcomed the returning navy men in a brief speech. Marlyn Slauth, Miss San Diego of 1951, sang several songs. There was band music and then the welcoming by the families.

At the Naval Air Station on North Island, there were other welcoming events for the men aboard the Magoffin and the Begor.

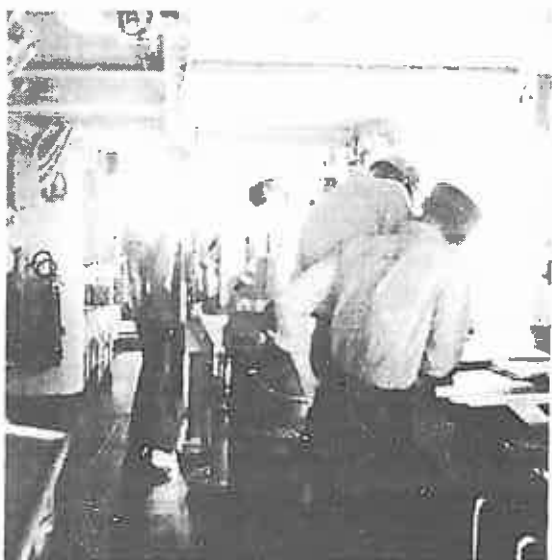
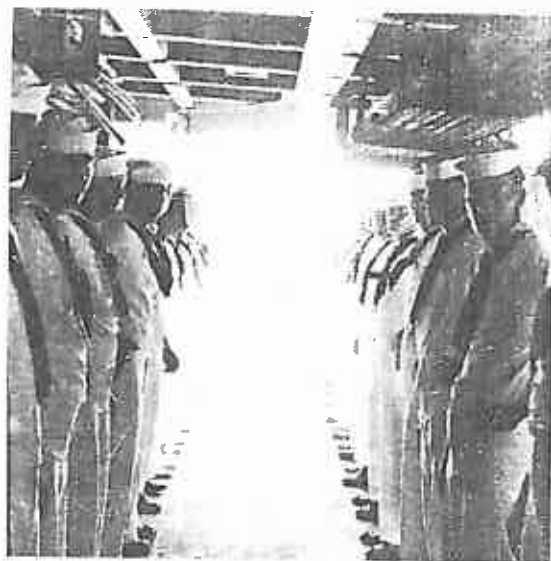
Members of Underwater Demolition Team 3, the staff of Landing Ship Squadron 3, and crews of three utility landing ships returned aboard the Magoffin and Calvert.



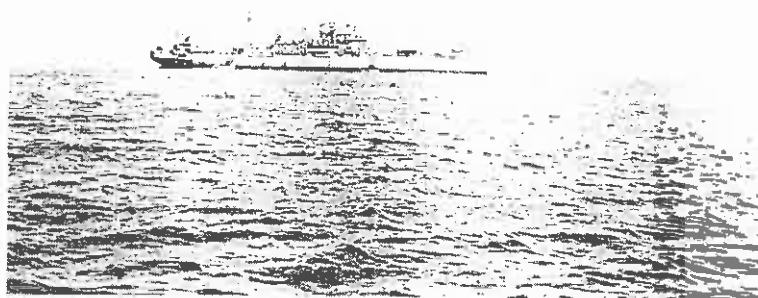
Navy veterans of the Korean conflict who returned yesterday aboard attack transport Calvert got warm welcome at Nave Pier from Legionnaires of San Diego Voiture 40 and 8. Picture shows crowded decks.



M boat with band and carrying girl in kimono.



Calvert bridge



U.S.S. Calvert off Hachinohe, Japan. 50's



These pictures were sent to me from Jane Gaugh who's husband Rex was a Lt. aboard in the 1950's. She found these while going through some of his old papers. If you know what the unmarked ones are please make a copy of this page and send the info back to me. Also if you have any pictures or related "stuff" I am always intrested in getting anything. If you would like it returned make copys of what you plan to send, that way it won't get lost in the mail. Editor.

Calvert Reunion, Springfield Mo. 2004

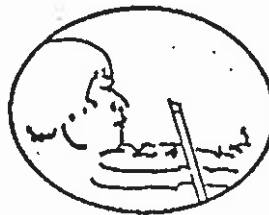
September 9, 2004

Ride bus to Branson to see Pierce Arrow at 3 P.M. having dinner on your own at the Imax Complex which features McFarlain's Family Restaurant. Then on to see Shoji Tabuchi at 7:30 P.M. After show bus returns to Springfield.



Pierce Arrow Theater

The Pierce Arrow Theater features the quartet Pierce Arrow & Branson's funniest new comedian, Jarrett Dougherty. If you love smooth harmonies, great country music, rock-the-house Gospel, amazing patriotic medleys, hilarious comedy and scintillating humor, you'll love Branson's Hottest Show!



The Shoji Tabuchi Show

The Shoji Tabuchi Show! Consistently rated Branson's #1 family show! Shoji, master violinist, plays country, Cajun, western swing and even Mozart! His beautiful wife Dorothy, director and producer, creates her fabulous production numbers of renown. Daughter Christina, delightfully talented show stopper, adds to the show that's the talk of the town!

September 10, 2004

Ride bus to Branson to see the Buck Trent Show which includes a breakfast. This is a early show and bus will leave before 7 A.M. Then on to the Cruise on the lake in the Branson Belle. This is a dinner show. After 2 hour cruise board bus for return trip to Springfield.



Wake your groups up to live country music mornings with Buck Trent and his all-star cast. Powerful pickin' and favorite country sounds! See open'n, hand-clap'n, fun! Your groups enjoy a sit-down family style breakfast and a fast-paced, country music variety show with two-time CMA Instrumentalist of the Year, Buck Trent! The best way to start your groups' day!

Showboat Branson Belle

Take a romantic cruise aboard this 1890's paddlewheel riverboat. Experience a 2-hour cruise on beautiful Table Rock Lake, an elegant meal and world-class show all in one! Cruises feature Steppin' Out at Noon, 4:00pm and 8:00pm - named Branson's Best Dinner Show for three consecutive years! Join the Steppin' Out cast in a musical salute to Great American Cities, and don't miss our amazing Russian Adagio team. Noon cruises feature the hilarious comedy antics of Price & McCoy.

3:30 P.M. Calvert Business Meeting in Hospitality Room

6 P.M. Get-to-gether Party, Hawthorn Room. Food and Beverage provided.

September 11, 2004

9 A.M. City of Springfield tour, which includes a drive through the Civil War Battlefield at Wilson Creek. Lunch on your own at Lamberts "Home of the Thrown Rolls"

5:30 P.M. Memorial Service Poolside.

6 P.M. Picture taking and Banquet. Two entree Buffet, Program and Cash Bar.

Note: All events are casual except the Banquet which is semi-formal. We want you to look nice when you have your picture taken. Use order form and mark events you wish to attend. Reservations are on a first come basis. The shows have a limited number, the Banquet and Get-to-gether-Party do not. Make your reservation soon.

U.S.S. CALVERT

National Crew Reunion

in Springfield, Missouri

Group Name: USS Calvert

Arrival Date: Wednesday September 8, 2004

Departure Date: Sunday September 12, 2004

Rate: \$64.00 plus tax (Rate includes a voucher for our breakfast buffet)

Please return by: August 9, 2004

Please reserve the following accommodations:

____ Room(s) with two Double Beds for ____ people

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____ Non-Smoking

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Call Toll Free: 800-223-0092

email: jmccallum@springfieldmosheraton.com

Arrival Date: _____

Number of Nights: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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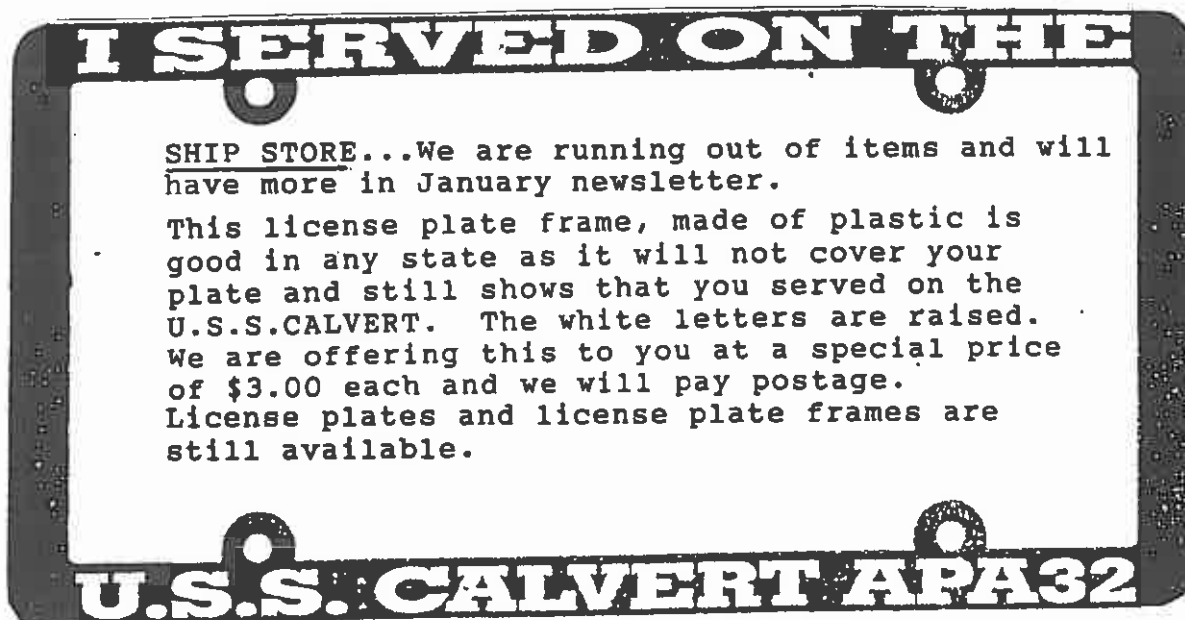
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card or a first night deposit. Total with tax per night \$71.44 (tax rate is 11.620%)

Credit Card# _____ Expiration: _____

Please place this form in envelope and return to:

Jennifer McCallum
Sheraton Hawthorn Park Hotel
2431 N. Glenstone Avenue
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U.S.S. Calvert Reunion Reservation Form
Springfield Missouri September 9-11, 2004

Please Print

Names of Persons attending. _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____


When you expect to arrive, (Day) _____ (Time) _____

Thursday, Sept. 9-Branson Show trip	\$75.00	X	
Friday, Sept. 10-Branson Show Trip	\$75.00	X	
Friday Sept. 10- Get-to Gether Party	\$15.00	X	
Saturday Sept. 11-4 Hr. City Tour	\$25.00	X	
Saturday, Sept. 11- Banquet.	\$30.00	X	

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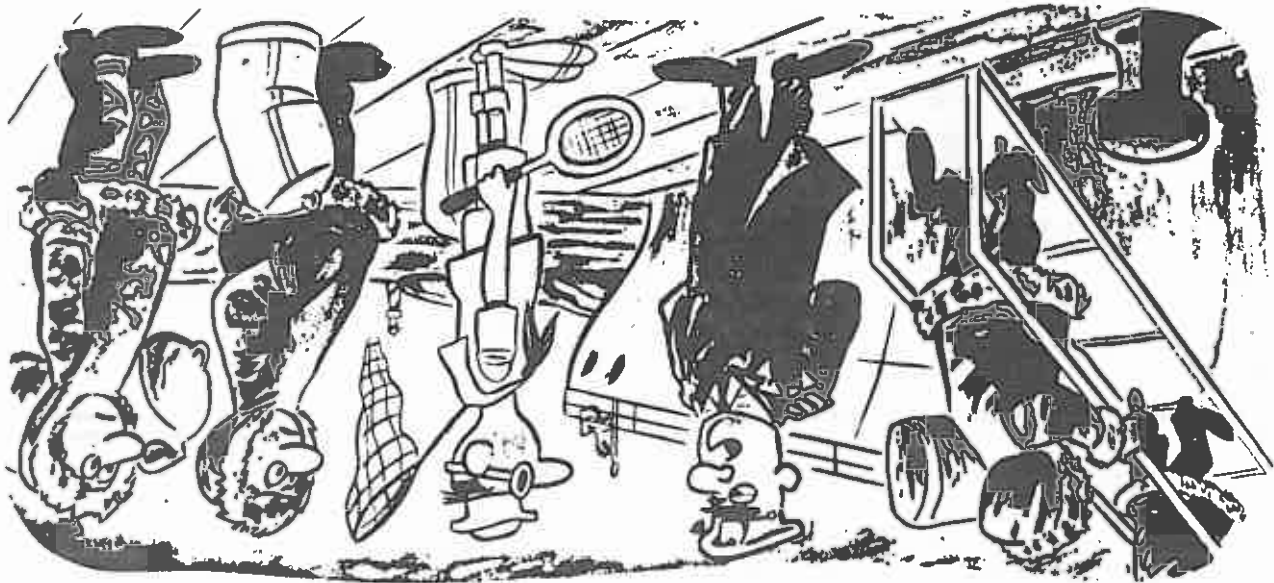
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"HOLD IT, SAILOR!—LET'S SEE YOUR ORDERS!"



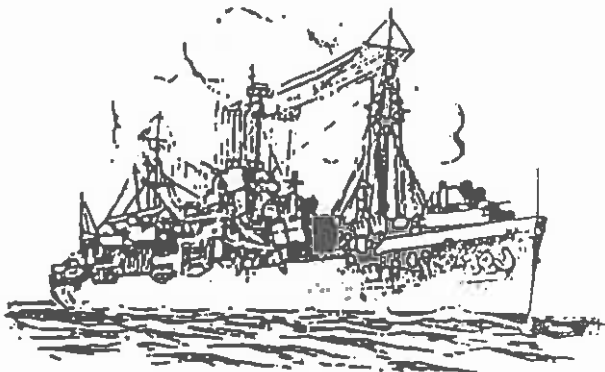
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