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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

I don't know how it happened but I didn't put the name of Ivan Vail in the last newsletter as a reunion attendee. He came all the way from Alaska and I forgot him. Sorry for that error.....Joe Fountain, C.J. Pairis and Pat Gribben had a nice article in the Florala (Alabama) news. These former shipmates finally got together and made the local paper. Glad to get the article, it was a great story.....Hurricane Katrina had some effect on a couple of Calvert men that I know of. the last newsletters came back from Herman O. McKenny of Franklinton, La. and Marion Couvillion of Baton Rouge La. marked unknown. I wrote the city Hall of these towns asking if they knew the whereabouts of these people. Somebody must have a record of where they are. I was in Florida in January and FEMA still has mobilehome towns there.....While in Florida the wife and I stopped to see Bud and Barb Ruth. Remember that they got caught in three hurricanes a couple years ago and around there town (Limestone, Fl.) there still is damage. I guess that most of us don't realize how lucky we are.....I don't like to be the bearer of bad news but the Calvert mascot Calvin (the Pig) has passed away. Sam McCoy was Calvin's maker. Sam always said that everytime he did something wrong that Calvin would "squeal" on him. Sam will be missed.....Also the wife of one of our reunion hosts from Missouri, David "big Wally" Wallace's has left us. Mary was a neat lady at every reunion she attended. At one she spent the whole time in the hospital. I feel like every reunion attendee is family. When you see folks year after year they get that way. Over the years Lila and I have met some really nice people. Each year the new folks get added to that list.....Hal Winter has been cleaning out some stuff and sent me some great things. Some I can even use in the newsletter. Remember if you have anything from the Calvert please don't throw it away, send it to me. I'll find a place for it.....Reading back through what I wrote I did make a mistake. Calvin didn't die, Sam did. I make notes of what I want to include in my letter and what comes out is right out of my head. Some times if it doesn't make any sense remember I'm getting old too!!! It takes me about two weeks to put the letter together. I have spell check but my hearing is so bad I don't hear the bell. I don't have a computer, Cell phone or carry a bottle of water and its going to stay that way.....Hope to see many of you in Mesa Az. for our next reunion. Lila and I will be there, till then, best to all of you.....j.l.cole



mail call



U. S. S. CALVERT (APA-32)
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



I am writing you to request a favor. I was a BM3 aboard the USS Calvert. I need help from any crew member who served aboard ship at anytime between March 1963 and June 1966 and went on any of the West Pacific Cruises. I have been diagnosis with prostate cancer. I have filed a claim with the V.A. to be compensated for the misfortune because I believe I was exposed to Herbicide of some chemicals while visiting Viet Nam area aboard the Calvert. My claim was denied because I couldn't prove that any of the crew ever put a foot on land during our drop off of troops and equipment. My DAV counselor said that the records showed that the ship was tied up in DaNang harbor during my tour of duty between March 1963 and June 1966 but didn't mention the crew went on the pier or liberty. I am not sure of the dates. We were there but I think we went on liberty at least twice in DaNang and some other ports along the coast. My DAV counselor said that if I could get several letters from crew members witnessing that the crew set foot on land, he would re-open my case. I would be delighted to hear from any one. Please start the letter with, " To Whom Conserved:. Your help is appricated. Thanks

Emanuel Dunn BM3
7902 Shorewood Dr.
San Diego, Ca 92114
Ph. 619-698-2635

Keep up the good word on the Calversion. I served on seven different ships during my 20 years. My service aboard the Calvert was in 1955 for several years. Anyway, I had a very good crew in the fireroom. I still contact Jack Ferris at Christmas time. Have lost track of Phillip "Gene" Bullins. Ferris and Bullins have visited me since I retired in 1960. John please help me find Phillip "Gene" Bullins. Yes, at 84 3/4 years old I'm still doing fine. I belong to five organizations and attend lots of meetings. Night driving is limited though. Carl L. Talbert Retired USN BTCS

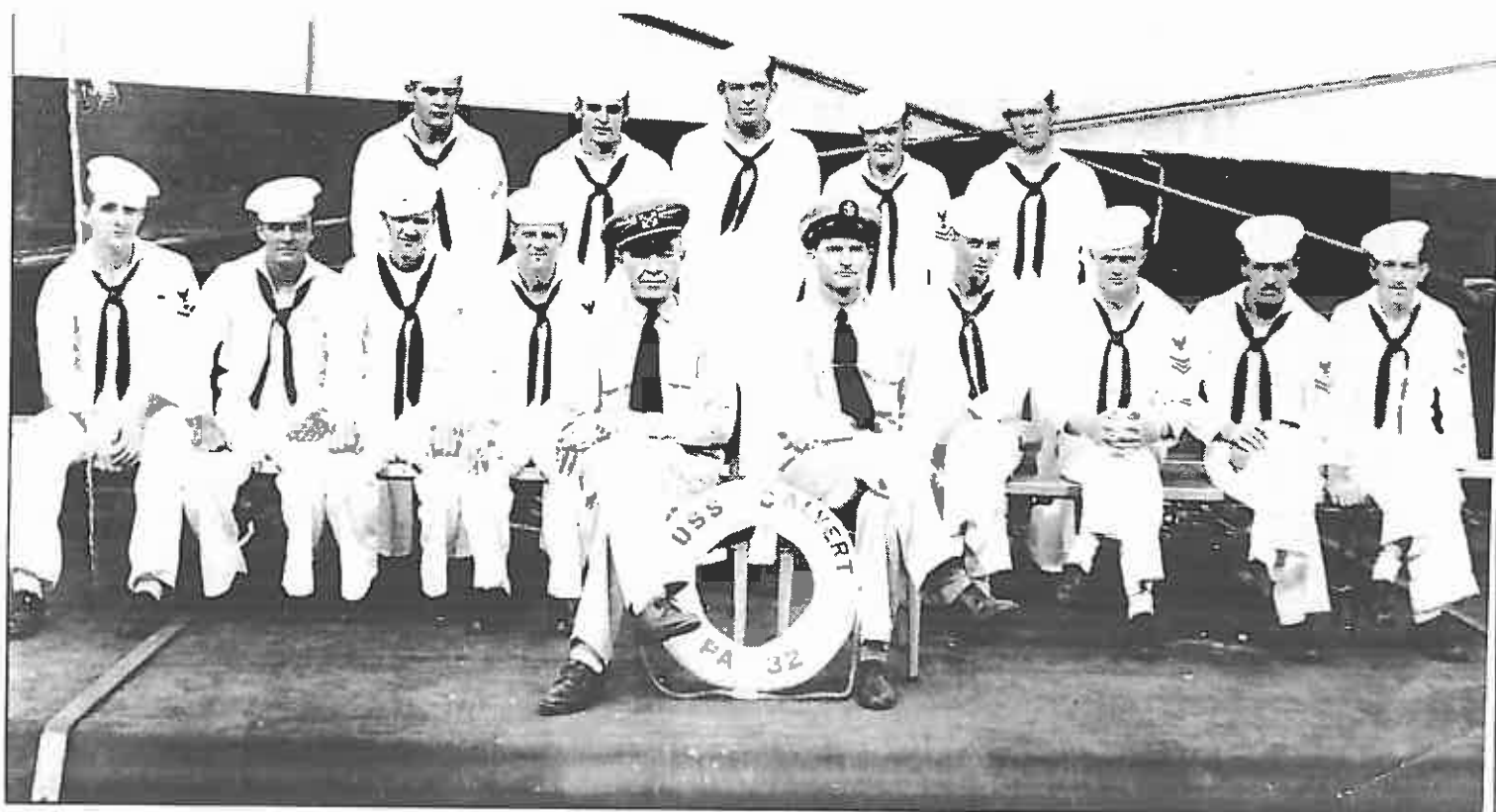
Taken care
of J.L.C.

As you requested in the newsletter, I have been rummaging through my archives: books, papers, journals, diaries, etc. and came up with the enclosed cartoons by Milt Caniff, a well-known 1490s cartoonist. The enclosed came out of a book he called MALE CALL. A large percent of his drawings were aimed at the Army but once in a while he gave a nod to the Navy and Coast Guard. Maybe you could find room on one of the Calversion pages for a couple of these.

I discovered the advertisement below in a 1942 issue of *The New Yorker* magazine. This brings back memories of the short time I had in NYC before shipping out to Little Creek, Va.

The additional cartoons are by Helen Hokinson who was very productive in the "ladies club" genre from the 1930s to the 1950s. Can you imagine someone giving a lecture on how to amuse sailors?

Hal Winter



The B Division (boiler room) taken in front of a Calvert M boat in 1950. Front Row, _____, _____, Me, Knight, Lt. _____, Chief _____, Adams Janz, Claar, Feaster. Back Row, Brink, Ferris, Beckwith, _____, Stokes. My memory isn't as good as it should be after 50 some years. I think the second man on the left, front row is Howard Tilly but I'm not sure. I think some of the old black gang can help me out. Great group of guys.

In Memory Of....

Robert Walker 10.00 from his children
Harold O.Sparks 5.00 from Wilhelmina Sparks

Ray Brink.....	\$25.00
Beverly Taulbee.....	10.00
Bob Upton.....	50.00
Pat Gribbin.....	31.00
Stanley Edmonds.....	20.00
Boyd Arnot.....	20.00
Bill McGregor.....	25.00
Carl Munson.....	25.00
V.H.Stewart.....	20.00
Al Loehr.....	25.00
Charles Skillman.....	25.00
David Linstrom.....	25.00
Carl Talbert.....	25.00
Edward "Bud" Ruth.....	32.00
Norman Durr.....	25.00
Emanuel Dunn.....	20.00



the old crew

U. S. S. CALVERT (APA-32)



Some of the crew relaxing. Do you know anyone?



The side of the Calvert taken from a LCM probably 1953.



These are pictures from Roy Constant that he took during his time on the Calvert in 1952 to 1956. The ones of Otaru in northern Japan taken in 1953. Yes, thats snow on the ground.



Taken from the deck of a LCM during mail run. Inchon Korea.

SHIP STORE

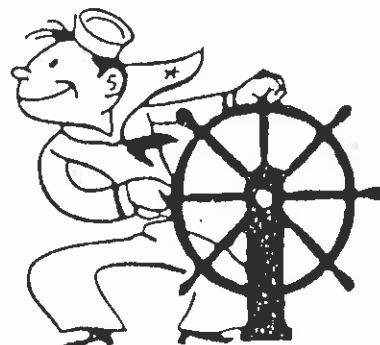
STORE ITEMS

Blue Caps.....\$8.00
embroidered logo
Blue Polo Shirts.....\$16.00
M_L_XL
embroidered logo
XXL.....\$18.00

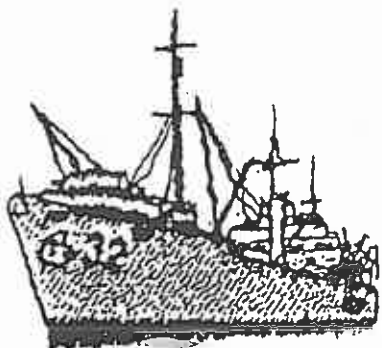
License Frames...(each)..\$2.00

AmSport Duffel Bag..(6)..\$15.00
22"-10"-10"
embroidered USS CALVERT

All items will be on sale
in Mesa,Az. at the reunion.



USS CALVERT



U.S.S. CALVERT
APA-32

Embroider on Polo Shirt



Logo on Hat



Red Calvert Patch
4 inches high
Red, Yellow and Black
\$4.00 each

Please make checks payable to; Calvert Ships Store.
Add \$3.00 postage to each order total.
Send orders to; John L. Cole
506 Red Wing ave.

Kenyon, Minnesota 55946



U.S.S. CALVERT

National Crew Reunion

Mesa, Az. Sept. 27th.-Sept 30th.

Holiday Inn
HOTEL & SUITES



MESA ARIZONA

Minutes from Phoenix and Scottsdale... Miles from Ordinary

RATE: \$80.00 INCLUSIVE OF TAX, FULL AMERICAN BREAKFAST BUFFET FOR 2PPL, AND AIRPORT SHUTTLE. GUESTS WILL RECEIVE BREAKFAST VOUCHERS AT CHECK-IN.

Please reserve the following accommodations:

_____ Room(s) with Two Double Beds for _____ people.
_____ Room(s) with King Size Bed for _____ people.
_____ Room(s) with Handicapped Features for _____ people.

_____ Non Smoking
_____ Smoking

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS CALL (480) 964-7000 & ASK FOR THE USS CALVERT REUNION BLOCK.

Arrival Date: _____ Number of Nights: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

All Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card or a first night deposit. Total with tax per night \$80.00. (Tax Rate 11.77% included with room rate)

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration: _____

The following airlines will give discounts .

American Airlines call 1-800-433-1790

Code number A 5196AE

United Airlines agent give them the following code number 538TG

When making your reservations.

**USS Calvert Association Reunion
Thursday, September 28th 2006**

Dinner and Western Show \$59.00/guest

**Welcome to the ROCKIN' R RANCH, Arizona's Wild West Town.
The Rockin' R Ranch is a real pioneer ranch with a history as intriguing as the West was Wild. A working cattle and horse ranch for generations, the old Rockin' R brand has played an important part in Arizona's history.**

Big Jim and Sweet Mary Robson are the owners of the Rockin' R today. Big Jim's great, great grandfather was Charles Innes Robson I, one of the original four pioneer families who founded the town of Mesa. Big Jim's great grandfather was Deputy Marshall Frank Robson, who in 1896 was killed in the line of duty by Black Jack Ketchum, one of the Old West's most notorious outlaws.

The wild and wooly West is just a colorful chapter in our history now, but the excitement and thrill of the Old West are still part of the action here at the Rockin' R Ranch. Tonight we will experience the spectacular scenery, the delicious BBQ beef and chicken dinners and the world-famous western stage shows that have drawn millions of people from all over the world to the Rockin' R Ranch - Arizona's Wild West Town.

This outing to the Rockin' R Ranch includes transportation from your hotel and a show with dinner.

Friday, September 29th 2006

Sedona Day Tour \$75.00/Guest

Today's tour will allow us to experience the beauty of the Sonoran desert and Sedona's Red Rock Country. Sedona's famous red sandstone formations have inspired and entertained guests from all over the world. The expert guides of Detours of Arizona will share this special place with you and explain the history and special secrets that make Sedona what it is.

Today includes a visit to Montezuma's Castle and its towering cliff dwellings on our way to Arizona's most photographed town. Montezuma's Castle is a 4 story cliff dwelling left behind for us by the Sinagua Indians, dating back to 300 A.D.

Once in Sedona your options range from the spiritual to the environmental. You can learn about the vortex, shop, lounge or get a psychic reading. Helicopter or jeep tours are available. Whether you are into art galleries, shopping, photography, or just sight seeing, Sedona is sure to satisfy.

Includes lunch, entry fees to Montezuma's Castle, and bottled water

Saturday, September 30th 2006

Phoenix Highlights City Tour \$45.00/guest

The Phoenix Highlights tour is a fully guided and narrated exploration of the many aspects of the Phoenix area. The Phoenix metro area is larger than London, Paris and Tokyo combined, let us show you the city's must see locations. We help you experience the best views, the historical and cultural centers of the valley and the guides bring the scenery to life with their stories and insights. Favorites on our city tour are South Mountain Park, with it's sonoran desert wilderness, the central corridor with the historic state capitol and modern sporting arenas. Other stops can include Old Town Scottsdale and Tempe Town Lake. To relax for lunch, we suggest The Farm at South Mountain. This farm dates back to the 1920's and offers great home cooked and organic food in a picture perfect outdoor setting at the foot of South Mountain. This tour runs about 5 hours and

Includes lunch and bottled water along the way.

U.S.S. Calvert Reunion Reservation Form

Mesa, Az. Sept. 27th.-Sept 30th.

Please print

Name of person attending _____

Street Add. _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Teleph. Number, Area Code _____

When do you expect to arrive? Day _____ Time _____

Agenda

Thur. Sept 28th.

Rocking R Ranch Dinner and Show

NO. ATTENDING TOTAL

\$ 59.00	X	
\$ 75.00	X	
\$ 21.00	X	
\$ 45.00	X	
\$32.00	X	
Total amt.		

Fri Sept 29th.

Sedona Trip Lunch Included

Fri. Sept. 29th. P.M.

Get Acquainted Party

Sat. Sept. 30th.

**Phoenix Hi-Lite City Tour
Lunch Included**

Sat. Sept 30th. P.M

Banquet Buffet Style

**Check out our hospitality suite the Pent house on the 7th floor
FREE cold drinks beer, sodas, water, and a big screen t.v.**

Please make checks payable to U.S.S. Calvert Assoc. mail to

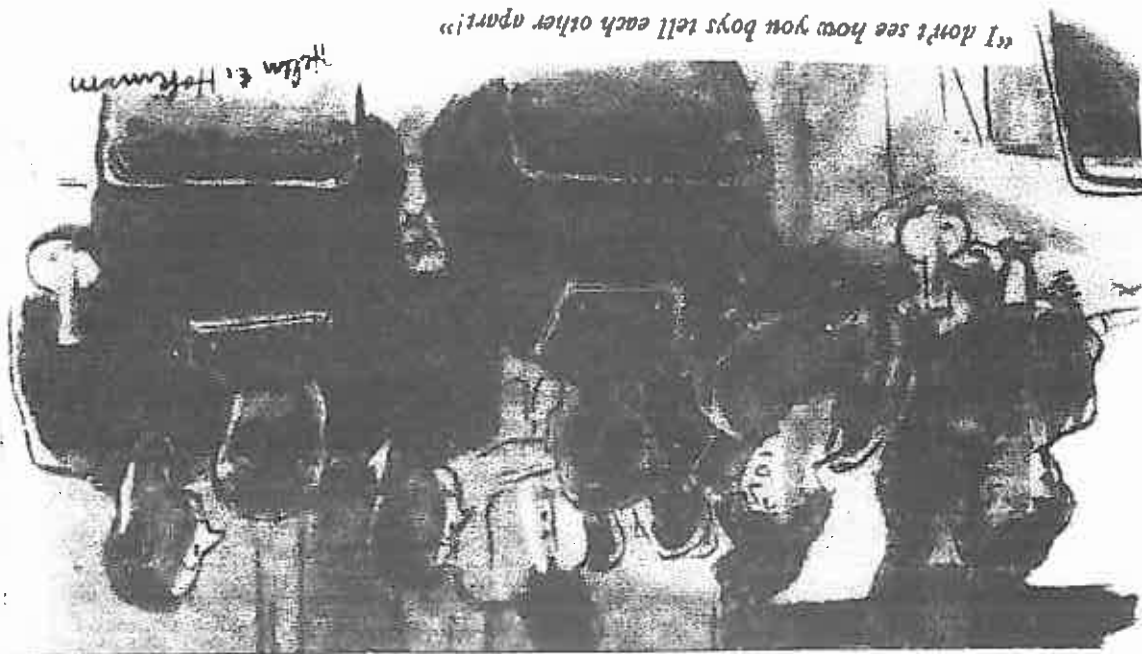
Jim Daniels

5547 E. Player Place

Mesa, Az. 85215 Ph.no, 480-325-4743

email add. soaring eagle1@cox.net

Reunion tour reservations must be made by Aug 31st. 2006

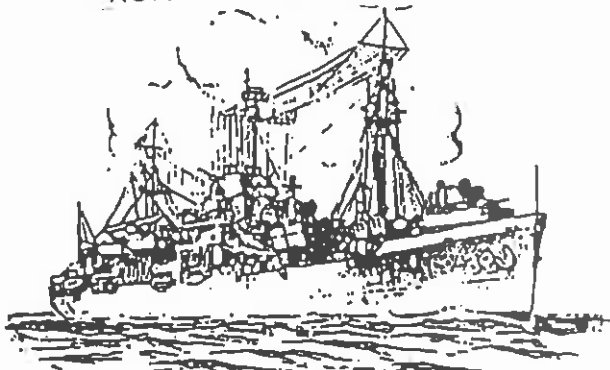


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William C. Frank Col. PhibRon 5, 61-62
11-5-05
Angelo Varalli EM2 42, 11-19-05
Earl L. Cheney SH2 49-52, 4-17-96
Lloyd Bledsoe PH 9-05
Westland Nolan S1/c 43, 3-08-06
Sam McCoy E1/c 3-20-06

