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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

Greetings to at a start of a New Year. I hope that 2007 brings all of you great happiness and health.....We drove to the reunion in Mesa, Az. I did 800 miles the first day and found out I'm not as I used to be. From then on I did about 600 miles or less each day. Jim and Lola Daniels did a fine job of hosting a reunion. We also got two bids on places to go next year (Charlston S.C.) and to Oklahoma the next. I have listed all the attendees elsewhere. At the Banquet we had a group, at least 18 perform for us. They ranged in age from 4 years to 80. They Sang and Danced for almost one hour. They were really great. They got paid by passing the hat and we got a nice letter stating that we gave them the most in almost 300 performances. I think thats really great. There were some new attendees and I think they had a great time too. Maybe you should try it some day soon.....Hal Winter has been doing some house cleaning. He has sent me a couple packages of Calvert items and also some just Navy things that he had saved over the years. I really appricate every thing that I receive. I have also received a lot of pictures from you guys. I can't put them all in the newsletter but I do some. the rest I put your name on them and file them away for the time being. Please remember me at house cleaning time.....Our next reunion host is Bob Upton. We have been in contact and things look very good for our next reunion in Charleston S.C. I have seen some of the things we can see and the one that ixcites me the most is the Hunley tour. It was the Confederate Submarine that sunk a Union ship during the Civil War and then sunk itself. It lay on the bottom till 2000 when it was found and raised. Fort Sumter was where the War started. Plans are not compleated as of yet, but there is a reservation form for the hotel we plan to use inside the newsletter. Start making plans to attend as this should be a great time for all.....And last, Lila and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Till we meet again soon.....j.l.cole



mail call



U. S. S. CALVERT (APA-32)
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Waters & Kraus (www.waterskraus.com) represents the spouse of Cornell Janes as a result of his asbestos-related cancer and death. It is our belief that he may have received significant asbestos exposure while working aboard the USS CALVERT.

Over the past 15 years, our firm has represented hundreds of retired Navy personnel from almost all fifty states, predominantly men who served below decks, and who had the misfortune of developing asbestos-related lung cancer and mesothelioma (a cancer of the lining of the lung). In our experience, shipmates are often in a position to recall the substantial asbestos exposure that often took place at or near the same time as our clients.

That evidence is extremely significant in terms of establishing that companies like Owens Corning Fiberglas, Johns Manville, and Pittsburgh Corning are responsible for our client's disease due to their failure to provide any warning or instructions that insulation products could cause cancer and death.

If you worked aboard the USS CALVERT prior to the mid-1970's, you may be in a position to provide important evidence concerning the working conditions, insulation products and equipment insulated with asbestos aboard the ship. I would appreciate it if you would call me at 1-800-226-9880 if you are in a position to provide assistance or any additional information.

Again, thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that we will hear from you.

Sincerely,
Tina Shuey
Assistant to Andy Waters
tshuey@waterskraus.com

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To: Jim Daniels & USS Calvert Veterans
From: Bill Clinton

I wanted to thank you for being so supportive towards the 'Swing Kids and also SO generous! Your donation of \$517.00 was tremendous!

I post all donors on our site www.swingkidsusa.com. Thank You so very much for helping these kids and Thank You for all you have done for this country!

We truly appreciate your donation!



The Arizona Swing Kids

Jim Foley sent the Calvert verse and a picture of the "62 West Pacific cruise book.

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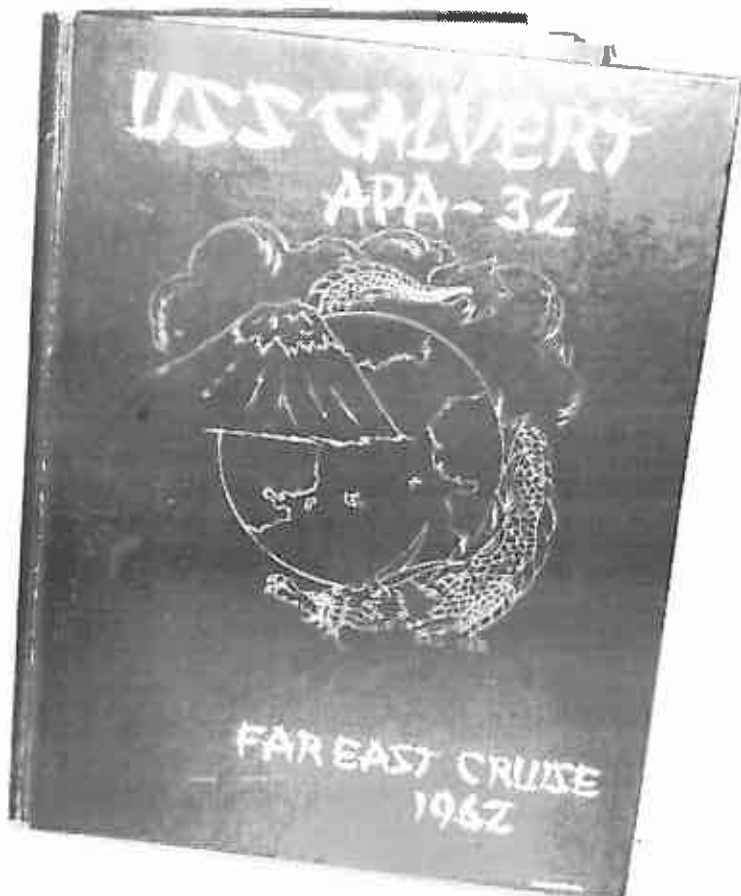
At Sparrow's Point She first took form, and then She went to sea.
To Africa in '42 to fight so gallantly.
In '43 to Sicily and Makin Island, too.
And later in the Philippines, Her fame and honor grew.

Her famous name is CALVERT, the greatest ship of all.
In her country's time of need, She's always there on call.

Now many year's have passed her by, Yet She still sails with pride,
Her low cut bow and clipper stern roam oceans far and wide.

The Unit Commendation is an honor that she's won,
Which proves that when in battle She is second place to none.

She's tried and true and ready, too,
So let's all give a cheer,
That we are aboard CALVERT instead of Paul Revere.



I am sorry for not writing sooner.
I did get your letter for my Dad. My
Dad passed away on Nov.15,2005 and my
Mother became ill and has since passed
away on May 5,2006. They lived a won-
derfull life together for 67 years.
Unfortunately they did not have the
unpleasant task of what to do with their
house and belongings. They did loose
everything in the hurricane. they had
water to the roof top. With their
health and age I moved them into my home.
We have not sold their house and every-
thing was lost.

Thank you for your concern and for
writing to him.

Gayle Lauson
Albert Weber's daughter.
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Madisonville,La. 70447

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Thank you for your kind note and positive remarks on Adventures Landing Craft
Coxswain. I am glad to hear that you are enjoying the work.

You mentioned the reunion held in Lancaster a few years back. My grandfather was able
to attend, and is very glad he had the opportunity to catch up with shipmates from the
Calvert. He also enjoys receiving the updated Calversion every so often. Although it
saddens him to know that many of his shipmates have passed on.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work in publishing the history and the
stories of the *Calvert* in the Calversion.



The following people attended the U.S.S. Calvert Reunion in Mesa, Arizona on September 27 to October 1, hosted by Jim and Lola Daniels.

Raymond-Rita Brink
 Willie-Judy Carillo
 John-Margaret Collier
 Lois Coy
 Jim-Lola Daniels
 Wesly-Janet Downing
 Joe Earsland
 Bill-Jacqueline Haggerty
 Paul-Mary Kloess
 Dorothy McCoy
 Ed-Barbara McElroy
 Bob-Barbara Metzger
 Frank-Mildred Pachel
 Gerald-Liz Rose
 Irv-Barbara Silvers
 Ivan-Janice Vail
 Dale Willhite
 Betty Moore
 Orville-Ruth Gordon
 James-Mona Chapman
 Charles-Helen Clauss
 Rex Crowdes
 Ken-BonnieLoo Knudson
 Philip Bullin

Urban-Margaret Butler
 John-Lila Cole
 Roy-Joan Constant
 Elfriede Zipprian
 Jim-Roaslie Dierkes
 Norm-Mary Durr
 Cecelia Puckett
 Willie-Alene Johnson
 Charles-Barbara Link
 Carol Hodlofski
 Dan-Betty Mercuri
 Richard-Glynna Morse
 Betty Rogers
 Edward-Barbara Ruth
 Robert-Doris Upton
 David Wallace
 Hoyt-Sue Worthington
 Lynn Wright
 David-Patrica Kline
 Carole Davidson
 John Regan
 Calvin Towler
 Charles-Anita Wilson



James Foley.....25.00
 Dale Willhite.....75.00
 Peter Beckett.....30.00
 Glen Hilton.....50.00
 Charles Wilson.....20.00
 John Lusk.....10.00
 Gerald Adair.....20.00
 Joe Ersland.....20.00
 Gerald Rose.....20.00
 Dale Willhite.....20.00
 James Chapman.....20.00
 Francis Pachel.....50.00
 Don Factor.....50.00
 Daniel Mercuri.....20.00
 Frank Shemanski.....20.00
 Norm Durr.....25.00
 Beverly Taulbee.....10.00
 Urban Butler.....20.00

The following are in Memory of

Wilhelmina Sparks IMO Harold Sparks, 50.00
 From His Family, IMO Sterling Wesp, 50.00
 From His Family, IMO Delmar Albers, 20.00
 Lois Coy, IMO Don Coy, 25.00
 Betty Rogers, IMO Carl Rogers, 20.00
 Orville Gordon, IMO John Cusick, 10.00

The Calvert Associates appreciates all the donations received as this is the way we keep the newsletter comming. We Thank you for your support.



San Diego Evening Tribune
February 12, 1954



MOVIE ACTRESS Joan Fontaine acknowledges to USS Calvert skipper the ship's polio drive check as she presents it to polio-victim Joan Bishop, who accepted the contribution on behalf of the March of Dimes. Miss Fontaine was a guest aboard the transport on Feb. 13.

March of Dimes Ends; Over \$13,000 Given

An LST took honors in the Amphibious Force March of Dimes drive which ended last month. USS LST 1122, whose crewmen gave the drive its first contribution, had the highest average donation per capita ever recorded by a Force ship in a charity drive.

When the LST returned from overseas, a check for \$2,002.50 was presented to a young polio victim for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This money was received in voluntary donations from men of the ship while it served in the Far East. Lt. J. R. Wilson is CO of the 1122.

USS Calvert (APA-32) closed the drive with equal enthusiasm when men of that ship gave the dimes drive a check for \$2,032. Hollywood star Joan Fontaine came aboard the transport to present the check to the San Diego Polio Chapter on behalf of the Calvert crewmen. Commanding Officer of the Calvert is Capt. O. A. Scherini.

PhibRon Five Returns USS Calvert To Lead 9 Ships Of Squadron to NavSta Docks; 5 LST'S To Arrive May 12th

A tour of WestPac duty ends at San Diego May 4 for nine ships of Amphibian Squadron Five which departed San Diego last August. Five more ships of the squadron will return to San Diego in mid-May.

Captain Alexander C. Veasey, in his flagship, the USS Calvert, is leading the company of ships which includes the USS Montrose, USS Skagit, USS Algol, USS Comstock, USS Oakhill, USS Diachenko, USS Weiss, USS Telfair and USS Magoffin. The USS Fort Marion is due to arrive May 7.

Beacon Hill Participation

The squadron's most recent operations include participation in the "Beacon Hill" exercise in the Philippine Islands which was termed the largest in that area since the end of World War II.

Completing its third tour of WestPac duty, the squadron joined other units of the Seventh Fleet for "Beacon Hill" exercises.

Active Duty Tour

On its most recent tour the squadron maintained a full operating schedule, participating in Convoy Exercise 57B through NavMarLEX 1-57 at Iwo Jima, NavMarLEX 2-57 at Okinawa,

PACTRAX 57L and Convoy Exercise 57Q. Other units of the squadron participated in four additional Battalion Landing Exercises.

Thailand Operations

Operation TEAMWORK, a bilateral amphibious training period and reconnaissance landing demonstration in the Gulf of Thailand-Bangkok area was conducted last October with Captain Veasey in command of U. S. Task Force 78.

Marines of Landing Force Training Unit also participated in the demonstration landings.

LST's Return in Mid-May

Five LST's of the squadron are scheduled to arrive at San Diego May 12. They are: USS Sumner County, USS Hampden County, USS Rice County, USS Kent County and USS Lawrence County.

of the exercise will be the landing of the Marines at Dingalan Bay, at the border of Nueva Ecija and Kuezon provinces.

THE OPERATIONS will include the entire force of Maj. Gen. Alan Shapley's 3rd Mar. Div. and "substantial elements of the Pacific Fleet operating under the U.S. Seventh Fleet," the announcement said.

Discussions on the operation were started in secret Jan. 3 when Shapley conferred with Defense Secretary Eulogio Balao and Lt. Gen. Alfonso Arellano, Philippine chief of staff, the statement said.

High American and Philippine military and government officials will observe the exercises at various levels of command.

THE EXERCISE will be the first major landing by American forces since the liberation of the Philippines twelve years ago.

The 3rd Mar. Div. is based on Okinawa.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said the operation is an "exclusively unilateral action by American forces under the United States-Philippine mutual assistance defense pact."

He said the exercise will be conducted in an almost inaccessible area approachable only by sea.

P.I. Landing To Test Marine, Navy Power

MANILA, P.I. (AP)—Combined air, sea and land units of the U.S. 3rd Mar. Div. and the Pacific Fleet will stage a large-scale landing exercise off the Philippines' east coast of Luzon Island in early April, the Foreign Office announced Saturday.

The operation, involving some 20,000 men, will be held to test the striking power and mobility of the Pacific Fleet in the event of an attack on the Philippines. The U.S. is bound to come to the aid of the Philippines under their mutual defense assistance pact.

The maneuvers are scheduled to last a week, the Foreign Office announcement said. Main feature

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MANILA, AUG 15(UP)-----

A UNITED STATES NAVY "MERCY" FLEET BEGAN CONVERGING ON INDO-CHINA SUNDAY TO TAKE PART IN THE MASS EVACUATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FLEEING COMMUNIST-RULED NORTHERN VIETNAM.

REAR ADMIRAL L.S. SABIN, COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP WESTERN PACIFIC, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO A REQUEST BY THE FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION--"ONE OF THE LARGEST MASS CIVILIAN SEA EVACUATIONS IN HISTORY."

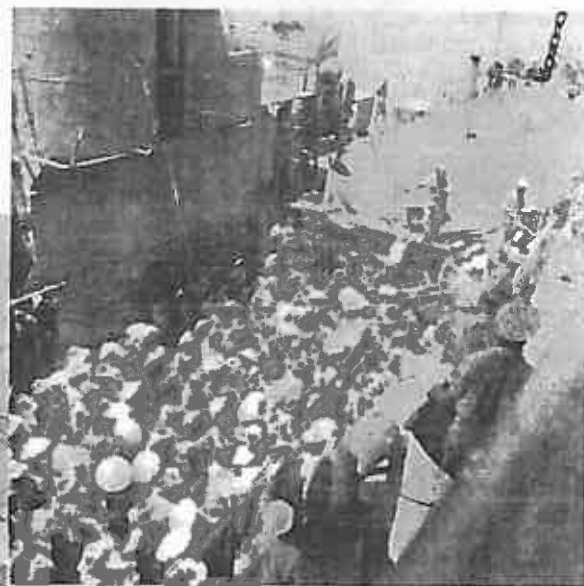
SABIN ESTIMATED THE NUMBER OF EVACUEES AT "UPWARDS OF 100,000 TO A QUARTER MILLION OR MORE."

HE SAID TRANSPORTS, CARGO SHIPS AND AMPHIBIOUS CRAFT WILL BE SENT TO THE HAIPHONG AREA TO PICK UP THE REFUGEES AND EVACUATE THE SOUTH TO SAIGON. HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF VESSELS PUT INTO THE OPERATION.

"WE'LL DO THE JOB AS FAST AS WE CAN AND AS EFFECTIVELY," SABIN TOLD NEWSMEN. "THIS WILL NOT BE A PLUSH JOB. WE'LL HAVE MANY, MANY PEOPLE AND WE'LL HAVE TO GET OUT AS MANY AS FAST AS WE CAN. WE'LL LOAD THEM WITH DUE REGARD FOR SANITATION AND AS ORDERLY AND COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES."

ASKED WHETHER U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT WILL COVER THE OPERATIONS, SABIN REPLIED: "I HOPE WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES IF ANYTHING HAPPENS. I DON'T ANTICIPATE IT."

SABIN SAID, "REGARDLESS OF WHAT ELSE WE MAY THINK OF THE COMMUNISTS, I AM SURE THEY MUST REALIZE THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT





Photos taken during the 1964 Backpac Deployment,
by John Houch.

I want to thank each and every one who responded to my request for help in establishing my claim with the V.A. My claim had been denied in 2006 because the ship log didn't mention that the ships crew was granted liberty during our combat visit to Vietnam in the mid 1960's. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2003 and filed a claim for compensation. Is there anyone else that was on the Calvert in Da-Nang, please call me or send me a confirmation letter. I need all the help that I can get. Phone # 619-698-2635

Emanuel Dunn
7902 Shorewood Dr.
San Diego Ca. 92114



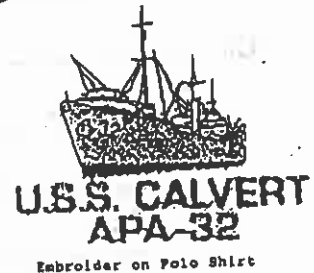
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embroidered logo
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M-L-XL
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- License Frames..(each).....\$2.00
(I served on USS Calvert)

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USS Calvert APA-32 Reunion

September 20-23, 2007

Hotel Reservation Form for
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Charleston, SC 29407
Phone: (800) 334-8660 Facsimile: (843) 766-9444

Group Room Rate: **\$85.00** plus 12.5% tax per room per day.
A Cash Deposit for first night's room and tax or a Credit Card Number is required to guarantee this reservation. For those paying with cash, the required deposit is **\$95.63**.
Room Rate is available three days before and after group-blocked dates.

Your Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ # Rooms: _____

Roommate Name(s): _____

Room Type Preferred: _____ King/Smoking _____ King/Non-Smoking
_____ Double Queen/Smoking _____ Double Queen/Non-Smoking

Suite & Other Special Requests: _____

*Although we cannot guarantee special requests, every effort will be made to meet your request.
Group reservations are blocked several days prior to arrival. Although the Inn makes every effort to pre-block group reservations as close as possible, the Inn cannot guarantee the proximity of rooms due to numerous variables, including varying arrival dates and room types.

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Cardholder Signature Authorizing Hotel's Use of Credit Card: _____

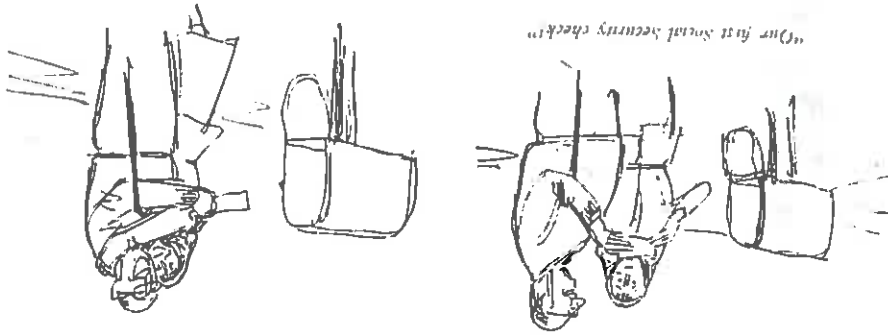
***(PLEASE NOTE:** Those guests sending a cash deposit should be aware that a credit card imprint and valid, state-issued ID will be necessary upon check in. Should you wish to pay for your stay with cash, a credit card imprint and valid ID will still be required upon arrival to secure your accommodations.)
All cash payments are accepted upon departure.

Check-in Time: 3:00pm

Check-out Time: 12:00pm

Group Code CA3232

To confirm accommodations, please return form to the Hotel or call by August 27, 2007.
We look forward to seeing you in September!



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