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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

I never thought spring would get here and all of a sudden there it was. Before to long it will be fall and time to think about the reunion coming up in Charleston, S.C.. This newsletter has all the info. you need to know. If you need more info call me or Robert Upton at 770-483-3595.....It is with sadness that I have to report that two Engineering ^{officers} have passed away. Tom Knowlton 1950 to 1952 and Ross Hornbuckle 1952 to 1954. Both in the same year. We extend sympathy to their familys.....On the back cover is a picture of two Calvert LCVP. Carl Munson sent me it and I believe it came from a cover of a book called, "WW2 US Landing Craft in action". Thought it was a neat picture drawn by Don Green who might have served on the Calvert at one time. Who knows?.....You may have noticed that the newsletter has a new format. Some new postal regulations came out and it will make it more easy for me. In stead of folding it twice I only fold it once. I used to staple it shut and now I have to tape it. The fold has to be on the bottom and two pieces of tape close the top not more than one inch from the end. Since I MAIL THE NEWSLETTER WITH A PERMIT I save about \$120.00 in postage. 600 cyps at .41 is \$246.00 times two makes it \$492 a year. Under bulk I pay .164 times 600 equals \$98.40 twice a year. The bulk permit has a base charge of \$175.00 every January first. Any savings is a saving.....I notice that I hit the cap button on my typewriter. I also make some spelling mistakes as I do not hear the spelcheck bell. My wife says its selective hearing but I don't think so. I don't really want to make mistakes. By the way, I DON'T have a computer, cell phone or a bottle of water. I like the fact that when I tell the wife that I'm going for the day, I don't have to check in till I get home. I did learn early in my married life that it was easier to take them along than tell them where I was.....Ship stores have been asked to handle small sizes. Bud Ruth, the storekeeper and I talked it over and we decided to not order any small sizes. When we had them before we had a lot trouble getting rid of them. I think we gave them away at a reunion for door prizes. What I suggest is get a medium as kids like the big and baggy look.....I plan to fly to Charleston as it might be cheeper than buying gas. I drove to Mesa last year and did 700 miles the first day. I used to do that when I was younger but found out its to much. I also found out that if I stopped at a Indian casino, Lila didn't think the trip was to long. Funny how much we learn as we get older.....

j.l.cole



mail call



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



We want to send you a special thanks for all the wonderful reunions you arranged and organized for the men of the USS Calvert. Steve and I certainly enjoyed every one we were able to attend. You hooked Steve up with old shipmates and provided me the opportunity to meet them and their wonderful ladies. Plus your reunions took us to many places we might never have visited. Thank you for having the "DRIVE" to make it all happen. We are sending a check in memory of all Calvert shipmates and their wives, both departed and those still with us. Love and blessings, We do miss coming to reunions.
Steve and Jean Schuster

Thank you for sending me the note from Dave Cullen. It was a real treat to hear from someone who served with my father.

Dad and I always talked about his time on the Calvert. Right up to the day he died we talked about the Calvert, the men he served with and the places it went.

Upon dad's death he left me most of the articles, pictures and letters from that time of his life. Many of the pictures and information on the Calvert hang on my wall in my office.

I always asked both of my parents to tell me as much about the time of WW2 as possible. They did, and many of their stories are in writing. I hope someday to put a collection together for our County Historical Society.

Dad lived here in Anoka, Mn. for most of his life. Was married for 59½ years and had six children. He worked at Federal Cartridge for over 30 years. He had a good life.

Brian T. Wesp
15580 Yakima Ct. NW
Ramsey, Mn. 55303-4254

I served in many ships and stations during my 25 years in the Navy and have attended a number of reunions. I have come to the conclusion that nobody does it better than the Calvert, due to your continuing efforts and devotion.

I know you must be older than I am and your stamina and enthusiasm never seem to wear out. Whatever you have, I wish you could bottle it. The same goes for that master photographer, Hoyt Worthington. My wife and I cherish the pictures taken of us over the years. We get older but the pictures do not.
Frank B. Shemanski

Thanks John for keeping the Calversion coming. Sorry for missing all reunions. Mostly due to health reasons, myself and other family members. I have three sons and four grandchildren. Would like to hear from some of the old crew. I was barber from 1951 to 1955.

C.R. "Pete" Greenwood SH2
1107 Atkinson Dr.
Fairfield, IL 62837

I've been meaning to send you some pictures from the 1952-1956 crew since the Norfolk trip and something always came up. I don't remember all the men but listed the ones I knew and where they were from at that time. If you are not able to use them just add them to your collection.
Roy Constant

Editors note, I like getting pictures, some I can use and others not.

Greetings from St. Pete Bch, just got your news letter and was interested in where the next reunion was going to be held but wondered do you ever have anyone coming to the reunions that were with us when they rechristened the Calvert in Norfolk back the beginning of the Korean War.

I have been on contact with Dorie Knowlton, widow of Tom and perhaps you didn't hear that he died this past July out in California., she and I lived together both in Norfolk and Ca. While the guys were overseas and have remained friends all these years and we thought maybe we might attend, however if there aren't any we wouldn't know anyone, not that we would recognize anyone after all these years but a thought anyway for us widows.

Mrs. Jane Gaugh
427 39th Ave
St. Pete Bch, Fla. 33706

Keep up the good work and always glad to hear from you.

I served as a staff member of CTD 13 on the U.S.S. Calvert during 1953~1954. Bill Bridgeford sent me a copy of Calversion which I found it interesting since many of the events described in the publication occurred during the time I served onboard the ship. Another staff officer, Rod McNall is anxious to be added in your mailing list and I have sent him a copy of this letter. You do an excellent job and it is a pleasure receiving a copy of your newsletter!

Daniel R. Kaplan

I certainly do appreciate your efforts in bringing Calversion to past crew members of a fine ship. I was sent straight from "boot camp" to Little Creek and then to the Calvert in Portsmouth, VA. OH, good old East Main in Norfolk. My LCVP was in davit on starboard side. After Korea and Japan operations the good Captain sailed to Hong Kong for R&R. Drew all monies off the books and had a ball. No money for leave when returned to San Diego.

After I broached my landing craft at Coronado, I was transferred the very next day to a 220 ft. minesweeper. Whole new world with two more tours in Korea. Enclosing photo of "L" division made on number #1 hatch in Hong Kong harbor. I ran liberty boats for the frigate that remained in Hong Kong all year and tried to no avail to get a swap. No deal. That is me on back row top left (1st sailor) Ted Olsen, buddy from Detroit is in 2nd row third sailor). Pat Kerrigan from Philly is first SN1 on front row.

Hope some of these crew members receive Calversion and maybe contact me.

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Enclosed you will find a final copy of Adventures of a Landing Craft Coxswain. This is the story of my grandfather's time aboard the *USS Harry Lee* and the *USS Calvert* during World War II. He served on the *USS Calvert* from October 1942 through August 1944. He also served aboard the Captain's Gig, first as bowhook, then as coxswain, and landed at Safi, Scoglitti, Makin, Roi-Namur, Saipan, and Tinian.

The document is 107 pages in length, and contains maps, charts, and photographs. Black and white copies are available for anyone interested for a cost of \$30.00. This covers the cost for printing on 24lb acid-free paper, binding, and postal charges. Anyone interested in a copy contact me at the mailing address or email address below.

Color copies of the document may also be downloaded for free from my web site on the Internet at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~cfunck/Adventures-Of-A-Landing-Craft-Coxswain.html>

Chris Funck
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My name is Eric W. Hook, and I am the grandson of William G. Hook. William Hook served aboard the *USS Calvert* as a medical officer during World War II, from 1943 - 1946.

I am an active duty Major in the Air Force, a C-130 navigator. I am currently attending the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, a year-long assignment. A portion of the curriculum this year has included a heavy emphasis on military history. We have studied WWII extensively, and this has peaked my interest and desire to learn more of my grandfather's service aboard the *Calvert* during WWII. I got your name and address off of a website that Chris Funck has put together during research he has done for his family. I also have a copy of one of my grandfather's newsletters, '*The Calversion*', from 1979.

Unfortunately, my grandfather passed away in 1990, and my grandmother in 2002. I wish I could have learned more about his service from him, while he was still with us. I'm writing to find out if it would be possible to obtain copies of the *Calversion* newsletter that you have been producing, and also get on your mailing list. These newsletters are full of extremely interesting information, and I would desperately like to obtain copies. I would be more than happy to pay you for copy charges, postage, or whatever you think would be fair. I would also be grateful for anything else you might be able to provide, in the way of materials dealing with the *USS Calvert* in WWII that might help me learn more about the service and sacrifice of the crew of the *Calvert*.

Maj Eric W. Hook
1321 Holman St
Leavenworth, KS 66048

The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance with my ship patch research and verification. I am a navy veteran with a large navy patch collection trying to verify if the *USS CALVERT* APA-32 ever had a jacket patch.

Do you, or other *CALVERT* sailors, know if a patch existed between February 1, 1943 - February 26, 1947 and October 18, 1950 - June 30, 1968, and what did the patch look like?

If a patch existed, I would appreciate the chance to purchase an authentic jacket patch from any crewman.

Frank A. Jackson, Jr.
139 Circuit Ave.
Weymouth, MA 02188

Thank you for taking the time to read this request.

I NOTICED IN THE LAST "CALVERSION" THAT AN OLD FRIEND HAS LEFT US BEHIND. I'M REFERRING TO THE NOTE THAT STERLING WESP PASSED AWAY ON 2-7-06.

STERLING AND I HAD ONLY RECENTLY FOUND EACH OTHER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS SINCE WE SERVED TOGETHER ON THE CALVERT. WE HAD WRITTEN A FEW TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. I HAD COME ACROSS HIS PICTURE IN SOME OLD PHOTOS OF MY TIME ON THE CALVERT AND HAD SENT THE ENCLOSED PICTURE TO HIM. HE RESPONDED AND WE SHARED A FEW THOUGHTS OF OUR TIME ON THE SHIP. HE WAS REALLY SURPRISED THAT I REMEMBERED HIM SO WELL..

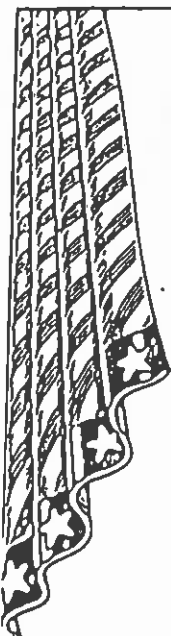
HE USED TO CUT MY HAIR, AS WELL AS QUITE A FEW OTHERS, WHEN THE NEED AROSE. HE WAS AMONG A FEW PEOPLE WHO GOT TOGETHER BECAUSE WE COULD DO SOMETHING FOR EACH OTHER. I COULD SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ANOTHER SHIP WHEN WE WERE IN PORT AND HAD A BIT OF QUIET TIME (I WAS A SIGNALMAN, AS YOU KNOW).

ANOTHER WAS A COOK, ANOTHER A BAKER, AND THERE WERE A FEW OF THE OTHERS WHO HAD A SPECIAL NEED WE SHARED.

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO - BUT PERHAPS THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE STILL ALIVE WHO REMEMBERED THEIR OLD BARBER!

I WAS PART OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY BUT WAS ATTACHED TO THE BEACH PARTY AND HAD TO MAKE THE LANDINGS WITH THE TROOPS. I DOUBT THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHERS LIKE THAT ALTHOUGH I HAD A FRIEND, JIM STEPHENS, ALSO A SIGNALMAN, WHO WAS LIKE THAT. HE CAME TO US AFTER THE LEXINGTON WENT DOWN.

WM. R. MARSH - SM2/C 43-45

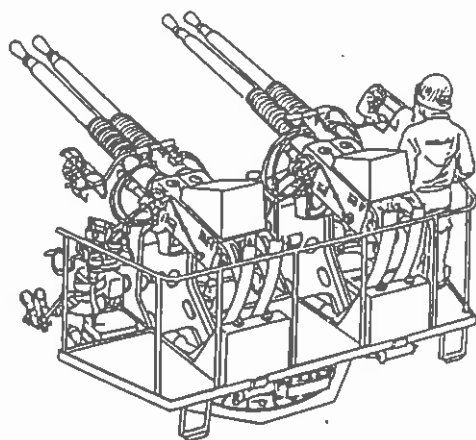


WE MOURN THE
PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

C.R. "Bud" Rupert LTCDR 50-52, 2-8-07
Ross Hornbuckle LTCDR 52-54, 1-06
Howard Gould 2-17-06
Donald Stevenson MM2 43-44, 94
Cornell Janes BM 63-65 3-17-05

the old crew

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



Elsie Pribula sent this picture of the #3-3"50 Caliber Gun Crew. Top row L to R, Neathammer S1/c, Thornton BM2/c Pribula Cox, Visbeck S1/c, Bruce LTJG, Bottom Row, McLaughlin GM2/c, White S1/c, Grocer BM2/c, Monaco S1/c.



Emanuel Dunn.....	20.00
William Weisman.....	20.00
Howard Lanyon.....	30.00
Steve Tometich.....	25.00
Robert Countryman...	25.00
Frank Shemanski.....	20.00
Robert McClusky.....	50.00
Robert Oliver.....	50.00
Jerry Collins.....	10.00
Hans Mautner.....	73.00
David Lindstrom.....	25.00
Almond Ohms.....	25.00
C.R.Greenwood, "Pete"	25.00
Robert Considine....	25.00
Daniel R. Kaplin....	30.00
Pete Beckett.....	50.00

The following are "In Memory Of"
 Dave Cullen, 25.00 IMO, Sterling Wesp
 Mary Rupert, 25.00 IMO, C.W.Rupert
 Steve Shuster, 100.00 IMO all Calvert
 men departed and those living.
 Brian Wesp, 25.00 IMO, Sterling Wesp

USS Calvert APA-32 Reunion

September 20-23, 2007

Itinerary

9/20/2007 Thursday

6:00 PM Depart Town & Country for Patriots Point
 6:30 PM Board Dinner Cruise
 7:00 PM SPIRIT OF CAROLINA DINNER CRUISE
 10:00 PM Dinner Cruise ends depart for Town & Country
 10:30 PM Arrive at Town & Country

\$76.00 per person

SPIRIT OF CAROLINA DINNER CRUISE

Cruise Charleston's beautiful harbor by moon light aboard the 100' luxury yacht, Spirit of Carolina. Enjoy the unique and beautiful sights of our harbor at night as well as a delicious dinner in a romantic atmosphere. Dance to the music of a live band. Entree choice may be made at the table. Alcoholic beverages and optional dessert menus are on your own. Includes round trip transfers to Patriots Point.

Dinner Menu - Charleston She Crab Soup, Spirit Signature Salad with assorted home made dressings, Choice of a Beef, Seafood, Chicken, and Pasta Entree. Chef's selection of potatoes, rice or pasta, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Freshly Baked Breads with Sweet Cream Butter, House Dessert, Coffee, Tea, or Decaffeinated Coffee

6:15 PM - 10:30 PM

Choice of Four Entrees at the Table

Itinerary

9/21/2007 Friday

10:30 AM THE CIVIL WAR IN CHARLESTON FEATURING THE
 CONFEDERATE SUBMARINE, THE HUNLEY
 12:30 PM Free time in Old City Market (lunch on your own, shopping and browsing)
 2:30 PM Depart Charleston for Warren Lasch Conservatory
 3:00 PM Hunley Tour Group #1
 3:20 PM Hunley Tour Group #2
 3:40 PM Hunley Tour Group #3
 4:00 PM Depart the Warren Lasch Conservatory for the Town & Country
 4:30 PM Arrive back at the Town & Country

\$55.00 per person

THE CIVIL WAR IN CHARLESTON FEATURING THE CONFEDERATE SUBMARINE, THE HUNLEY

Begin your morning/afternoon with a tour of Charleston historic district which is rich in Civil War History. As you travel her streets filled with beautiful old homes and magnificent churches and public buildings your guide will bring to life Charleston's role in the War Between the States. During the course of your tour you will see the Battery which was fortified during the war, St. Michael's church where they painted the steeple black to escape the union bombardment, the site of the building where the Ordinance of Secession was signed, the Confederate Museum which houses artifacts from the war and the Old Citadel. After touring the city continue on to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center to see the Confederate Submarine, H.L. Hunley. On February 17, 1864 the Confederate Submarine, H. L. Hunley successfully sank the Union warship, the Housatonic in Charleston Harbor by ramming it. After this successful foray she also sank with all of her crew to the bottom of the Atlantic where she remained until August 8, 2000. On this auspicious day after months of planning and work by archeologists from the state and National Park Service, divers and marine engineers, she was successfully raised and taken to a special tank at the Warren Lasch Laboratory in North Charleston. Today we will have the opportunity to view this 19th century marvel as the archeologists continue their research and stabilize the boat.

Duration: 3 ½ - 3 Hours.

Itinerary

9/22/2007 Saturday

9:00 AM PATRIOTS POINT AND FORT SUMTER TOUR

11:55 AM Group to meet under the American Flag on the Hangar deck of the Yorktown

12:00 PM Lunch in the CPO Mess on the Yorktown

1:15 PM Group to be at the boat dock at Patriots Point

1:30 PM FORT SUMTER TOUR

3:45 PM Tour ends depart for your hotel

4:15 PM Arrive back at Town & Country

\$75.00 per person

PATRIOTS POINT AND FORT SUMTER

Tour Patriots Point, the world's largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFLEY, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Enjoy a delicious hot lunch in the CPO Mess aboard the Yorktown before boarding the General Beaugard for your Fort Sumter Tour. . As you cruise through Charleston's beautiful harbor, you will view the beautiful homes along the Battery and watch the sea gulls and the dolphins play in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you tour this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. Includes Round Trip Transportation to Patriots Point

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 9-29	Spirit of Carolina Dinner Cruise	\$76.00		
Friday 9-21	Charleston tour and Hunley	\$55.00		
Friday 9-21	Get-to-gether Party, 7pm Sandwich Buffet	\$15.00		
Saturday 9-22	Patriots Point and Fort Sumter tour.	\$75.00		
Saturday 9-22	Reunion Banquet Low Country Buffet	#30.00		
Date	Tours or events	Price per Person	Number Attending	Total Price Amount Due

Complete the above form, total the amount due, send form and check to;

Robert Upton, 3093 Salem Road, Conyers, Ga. 30013. Phone # 678-343-8870

Money should be received at least one month prior to reunion, Thanks.

USS Calvert APA-32 Reunion

September 20-23, 2007

Hotel Reservation Form for
The Town & Country Inn & Conference Center
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407
Phone: (800) 334-6660 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.

Deposit Enclosed: _____ Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

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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