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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

We had a very small crowd at the Oklahoma Reunion but we had a very good time. It was nice to see everybody. The Stoker girls showed up and we had a nice talk. Their dad hosted the last reunion in Oklahoma City. In fact we stayed at the same hotel but it was under another name. When Lila and I drove in I felt that I had been there before, and I had. C.G. and Helen Clauss were there but turned right around because C.G. got sick. The tour of the Federal Building site is really something. I wrote about it elsewhere in the newsletter. Dale Willhite did a super job. Thanks Dale..... Next year we are going to Kansas City with Richard and Glynna Morse. The dates are set and the hotel reservation is in the newsletter. Mark it on your calendar.....In 2010 we will return to Denver Colorado with Willie and Judy Carrillo. Last time I was there with the Calvert we landed at the Stapelton airport in town. Now their new airport is 25 miles out in the country. I mean far out. It will be nice to have a fresh Coor's Beer. Last time we toured the brewery. That never gets old.....When I send out all the reunion notices to service magazines I get the one I send to the Fleet Reserve AssociationSM. If some one would give me their membership number I could put it in for FREE instead of paying \$27.50. I don't pay that but I would like to get into the magazine. I can only get into these publications only once a year.....Got a nice letter from Norm and Mary Durr. Not that I don't get nice letters from other people, I do. The Durs could not make it this year. They haven't missed many reunions. He said he had called Ed Hunt and he said his health wasn't very good and that his wife Lois had just passed away. Ed was the Commanding officer of the Calvert from 1963-1964. I met Ed at the San Diego reunion. Real nice guy.....Ship Store is having a reduction SALE this issue. We have a few items, Tee Shirts and Polo Shirts in small numbers we would like to get rid of. Its a first come first served basic. We have slashed prices. Be sure to include the \$3.00 for postage. That dosen't cover the cost of shipping as it cost more to ship to California than Iowa, but it helps. Bud Ruth, the storekeeper is going to have some new things at the Kansas City reunion. Take advantage of this special. If we don't have it when you write we will send your money back.....Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope to see you all at the next reunion. Good Lord willing..... j.l.cole



mail call



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



Thank you for your recent letter. Helen and I did make it to the Oklahoma Reunion. I wanted to see as many of the Calvert people as possible but I got very sick. I believe it was some food I ate in a small Mexican town about half way between Dalis and Oklahoma City. I was so sick and was so for about the entire week. Will make every effort to make the meeting in Kansas City.

Charles G. Clauss
P.O.Box 92
Oakdale, La. 71463

I have a photo of the Calvert. It hasn't been hung for about eight years. I don't anticipate using it again soon as I have downsized my living space. I would gladly give this to anyone who would like it. Frame is 15 by 19 inches, picture 9 by 12½ inches. All I ask is they repay me for the postage.

Harold Olson ET2 60-63
126 Runford St.
Concord, NH 03301

You are a kind and dedicated "Navy" man. I know my husband appreciated all you did before he died. I'm too old to travel alone (81 years) but I enjoy your Calversion and the friends I met through your newsletter. God Bless.....

Henrietta Rybarczyk
551 Michigan City Rd. Apt 302
Calumet City IL. 60409-5145

John, I received your newsletter. You do a great job, but I don't know anyone, so there is no need to send me any more. I do find it interesting however. The Calvert did bring me safely home from Japan arriving on Thanksgiving day of 1946. One other man in my army unit came home the same day on one called the Collins. I went on a long furlough and didn't get discharged at Ft. McArthur until Jan 12 of 1946. I think you sent me a picture of the Calvert, and many thanks for that. I have a picture of the Army Transport I went over to Australia on, ATC "Republic". Pictures of several LSTs that I made landings from (and also helped build at Vancouver WA shipyard. One I don't have is the one that took me to New Guinea from Brisbane, the Dutch Ship "Schwarenhardt" which was so old it probably sunk by itself, and one that took me to LBA New Guinea. USNT Shawnee. So I have most of them including the LSM 160 that took us to Japan on 17 September 1945. I am rambling, so thank You for keeping in touch.

Larry Rickert, 3801 Hayes St. # 327,, Newberg, OR, 97132.

I recently received a Calversion that was originally sent to my father, Ronald (Red) Richardson and then forwarded to my mother, Blossom Richardson. I regret to inform you that my father passed away 22 April 2003 and that my mother recently moved to an assisted living facility in Albuquerque, NM.

Red retired in 1970 as an LCDR after 30 years of naval service. Dad served on Calvert in the early '60's as its 1st Lt and always had fond memories of that tour.

Dana Richardson
1356 Oak Glen Ct SE
Bolivia, NC 28422

I have enjoyed receiving Calversion for the past five years. Sincerely appreciate your effort and devotion in putting it out. Thank you very much.

Jim Foley LTJG 61-63
397 N. Post Oak Ln.
Houston, Tx. 77024-5903



Warrant
Officer



Chief Warrant
Officer

I thought I would drop you a quick note. I just had a conversation with David Cullen of Calverton, NY. David had corresponded with me a few times last year, based on the note you sent me.

After two or three letters I didn't hear from him any more and thought, he may have passed on. Last Tuesday as you know was veteran's day. My wife being a teacher thought it would be nice to bring in some of Sterling's things from his time in the Navy and WWII. As I was putting those things together, I ran across the letters David had sent me. So I looked up his name and number in NY and called him.

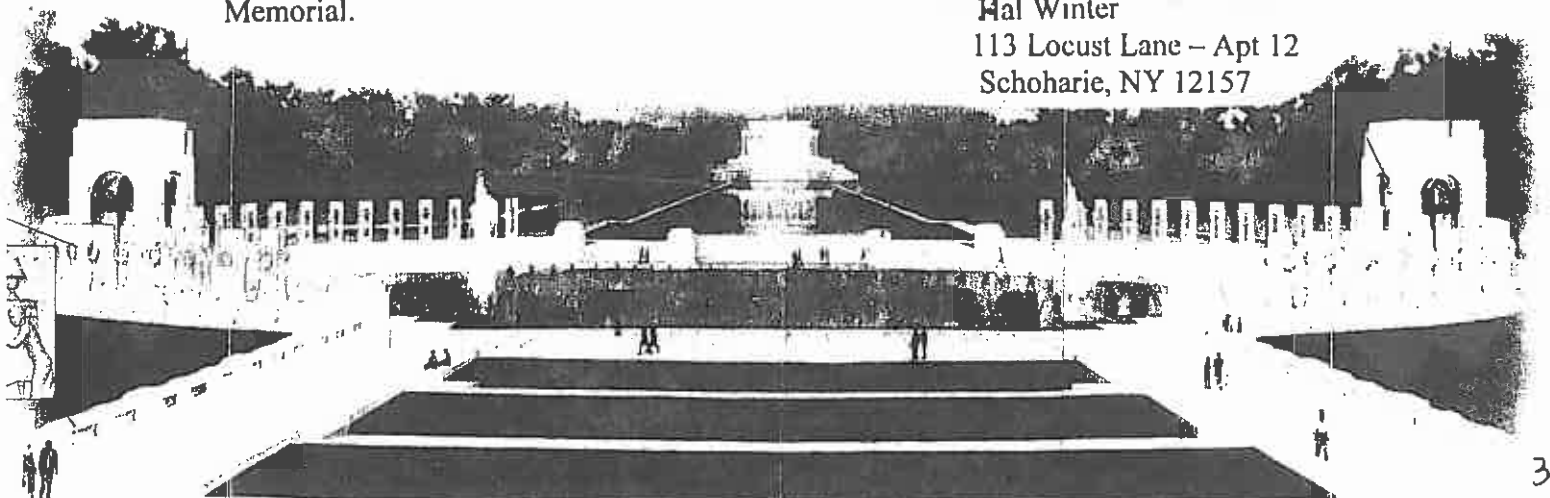
We had a very pleasant chat, he explained his wife was in the hospital after a fall she has had. That keeps him busy, and at 92 he seems to be in very good shape. We chatted about his time in the Navy and the Calvert, where he met my dad. He told me he got on the Calvert in the Philippines and enjoyed having his hair cut by Sterling. He said my dad had a gift of "gab", which sounds about right. David thought he got off the ship sometime in September of '45, shortly after the Japanese surrendered. He wanted to get home to NY and his family. He also said he had graduated from St. John's University in 1937, and joined the Navy before the war.

On a lighter note he told me he attended his first Major League Baseball game in 1922 (Brooklyn Dodgers), what fun. He also made note of the fact you were Mayor of Kenyon, MN. He thought that was pretty special. I personally was a City Councilman in Anoka for six years, what fun ah. I still truly enjoy receiving the Calverton when it is sent out, and I am putting together some of my dad's things (pictures) for you. If you want them, I would be happy to send them. Well enough for now, I hope you don't mind my ramblings, but I thought I should drop a line and let you know I had spoken with David. It's hard to think those brave guys who were so young and full of energy are slipping away so fast. In some little way I hope I can keep their memory alive.

Brian T. Wesp
15580 Yakima Ct NW
Anoka, MN 55303

A few weeks ago, about 20 veterans of WW II and I went to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial on the Mall. It was a moving experience for us all. It was a one-day round trip flight. We were given a wonderful box lunch on the way to the Memorial and then treated to dinner on the way back to Albany airport. We also visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and the Vietnam Memorial. I am enclosing a copy of the brochure, which contains a lot of interesting information concerning the WW II Memorial.

Hal Winter
113 Locust Lane - Apt 12
Schoharie, NY 12157



John, what a really wonderful experience to read your No. 57 Newsletter. If you have been doing this 57 times – Boy, my hat is off to you. It's really a great job. Off and on over the years, I have scanned "Reunion Notices," but was never able to pick up any on the USS CALVERT. Thanks for placing this year's reunion in the "The American Legion," magazine.

I am glad to see the 2008 Reunion is in Oklahoma City so I'll be able to attend. It's only up (north) on E-35 from Flower Mound, TX. We are about 25 miles north of Dallas, TX. So if my health holds out, I am planning to be there. Maybe I will be able to recognize some of the old shipmates.

In this regard, I went through some of my files and found three (3) pictures. Two are of the USS CALVERT returning to San Diego in Sep 1951 and the third is a picture of the 3rd Deck Division (that's the one that looked after the aft cargo hold and that portion of the ship). I am sitting next to the Division Chief, on his right – note white hat on the back of my head. The BM3/c on my right is Adam Chereami from Yonkers, NY. The 3rd Division Petty Officer was Robert Lois Swords, BM2/c. He is the second man on the left from our Division Officer – who I think was Mr. Small or Mr. Little. Some faces in the photo look familiar, but no names come up.

As we discussed in our telecom, I was one of the Reservists that were recalled to active duty. I first served a Minority Cruise in the Regular Navy from December 1942 to June 1946. Why, I don't know, but upon discharge, I signed into the Inactive Reserve Program. In December 1950 (between Christmas and New Years), I received orders to report to Treasure Island NS for ship assignment. That ship was the USS CALVERT. At this time I was married with three children (3-1/2, 2 & 3 mos). I was on leave of absence from my California State Park Ranger assignment to attend University of California, Berkeley. When the ship returned to San Diego in September 1951, I started action on a hardship discharge. It was granted in October 1951.

I spent 19 years with the California State Park system as Park Ranger, Park Superintendent, park planner and administrator. In 1967, I accepted a environmental planning position with the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers and retired from it in May 1985. I had assignments in the Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington, DC and Portland, OR. In 1972, I accepted a position as Natural Resources Planner for the Secretary of Defense and spent that year in the Pentagon. Boy, what an experience that was. I am widowed – my wife, Louise passed away on 8 Nov 2005, after losing her battle with Parkinson's Disease. We had 59-1/2 years of a wonderful marriage. My immediate family consists of 3 sons, 2 former daughter-in-laws, 1 daughter-in-law, 5 grand daughters, 1 grand son, 5 grand sons-in-law, 1 grand daughter-in-law, 2 great-grand daughters, 3 great-grand sons, and 2 Great-grand nephews. I am living with my oldest son and family. He and his family all live here in the North Texas area. The rest of my family live in southwest Washington and the Portland, Oregon areas.



Ensign



Lieutenant
Junior Grade



Lieutenant

Don Lawyer
2533 Russwood Drive
Flower Mound, TX 75028
(cell) 972-310-0062

I was assigned to Staff, TransDiv 13 (later became PhibRon 5) and joined the ship in San Diego in April 1953. We first did a small exercise in Hawaii and later a round trip to Japan/Korea, taking Marines over and bringing Army back from Korea. This trip got us the Korean War ribbon.

1954 took us to WestPac again for an interesting tour, especially Passage to Freedom in Viet Nam, something I'll never forget. I am lucky to have a copy of the great Cruise Book of our Far East Tour of 1954 – enclosed is a copy of the cover page and our Itinerary of that tour.

This book has pictures of every Division, almost the entire Ship's Company and Staff. If any of your readers would like a copy of their Division or group, have them drop me a line. I'll be glad to make a copy and send it to them.

Rod McNall
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The Calvert was my home until early 1955.



Attendees at Oklahoma Reunion

CARRILLO, Willie and Judy
CLARKE, Lynn Cole
CLAUSS, Charles and Helen
COLE, John and Lila
CONSTANT, Roy and Joan
DANIELS, Lola
DANIELS, Jay and Terry
DIERKES, Jim and Rosalie
HABRAT, William
HAGGARTY, William and Jacqueline
HICKOK, Richard and JoNell
KIRKLAND, John and Norma
KLOESS, Paul and Mary B
MERCURI, Dan and Betty
METZGER, Bob and Barb
MILLER, Judy
MOORE, Betty

MORSE, Richard and Glynna
PACHEL, Frank and Mildred
REGAN, John
ROGERS, Betty
ROWLAND, Gerald and Saretta
RUTH, Edward and Barbara
SEYE, Robert and Patricia
TROUT, Billie and Nina
UPTON, Bob and Doris
WALLACE, David and Coma
WEEKS, Chris and Kelli
WILLHITE, Dale
WILSON, Lawrence + 1
WORTHINGTON, Hoyt and Sue
WRIGHT, Lynn

Collier, John & Margaret
Lawyer, Don
Stoker, Cindy & Diane
Knudson, Ken & Bonnielou



Carl Monson.....50.00
David Linstrom.....25.00
Louis Kina.....50.00
Garlis McGhee.....40.00
Francis Pachel.....50.00
Romen Weber.....15.00
Stephen Schuster.....25.00
George Copas.....10.00
Carl Monson.....50.00
Rod McNall.....50.00
Donald Lawyer.....50.00
Charles Holland.....25.00
Charles Lenkh.....25.00
Jim Foley.....25.00
Henrietta Rybarczyk.....20.00
Harold Olson.....15.00
Norman Durr.....25.00
Gerald Kirkland.....20.00
Jim Dierkes.....40.00
John Collier.....25.00
John Seye.....20.00
Brian Wesp.....25.00
Harold Winter.....10.00

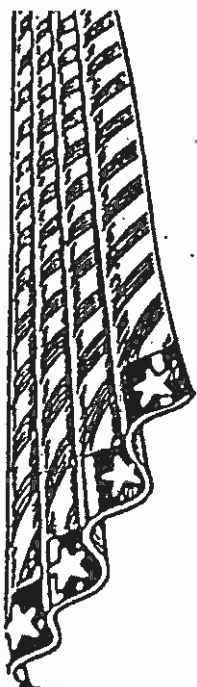
In Memory Of

Sylvia Weinberg, IMO A.Brian Weinberg.....100.00
Mary Anne Kenning, IMO Lloyd Kenning.....50.00
Hunky Hobrat, IMO Departed Shipmates.....50.00
Dave Cullen, IMO Mike Moshella.....50.00
Willie Corrillo, IMO Jim Daniels.....40.00
Also in Honor of Lola, Jay and Terry Daniels.

Money given for Memorial Flags.
Elsie Prubula.....100.00

Life itself can't give you joy
Unless you really will it.
Life just gives you time and space...
It's up to you to fill it!





WE MOURN THE
PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

Leslie Hale Johnson Fl/c 42-43, June 17, 2008
Robert Phillippi SA 64-65, 2008
Dave Melichers 54-58, 1980
Ronald "Red" Richardson 60, May 22, 2003
Robert D. Bowker PH 42-43, 2008
Glynn H. Raymond SH3 52-56, 2008
Joseph Burke MM2 44-45, November 1993
Donald Klassen TEL3 54-57, 2008
Joseph S. Bushell ARM2 43-44, 2008
Albinus Weigel Sl/c 45-46, April 8, 2008
Bill Burns Lt. 63-64, 2007
Jim Daniels 54-55, August 31, 2008
Mike Moschella CBM 42-45, August 3, 2008

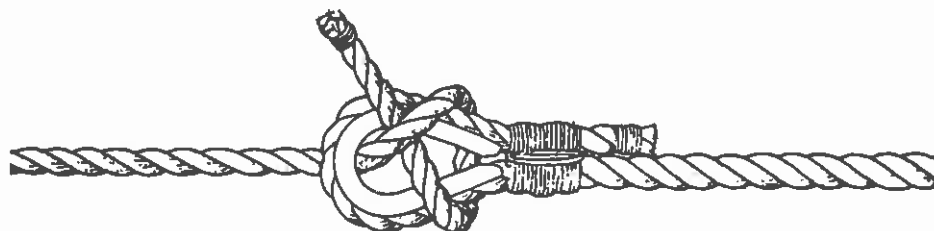
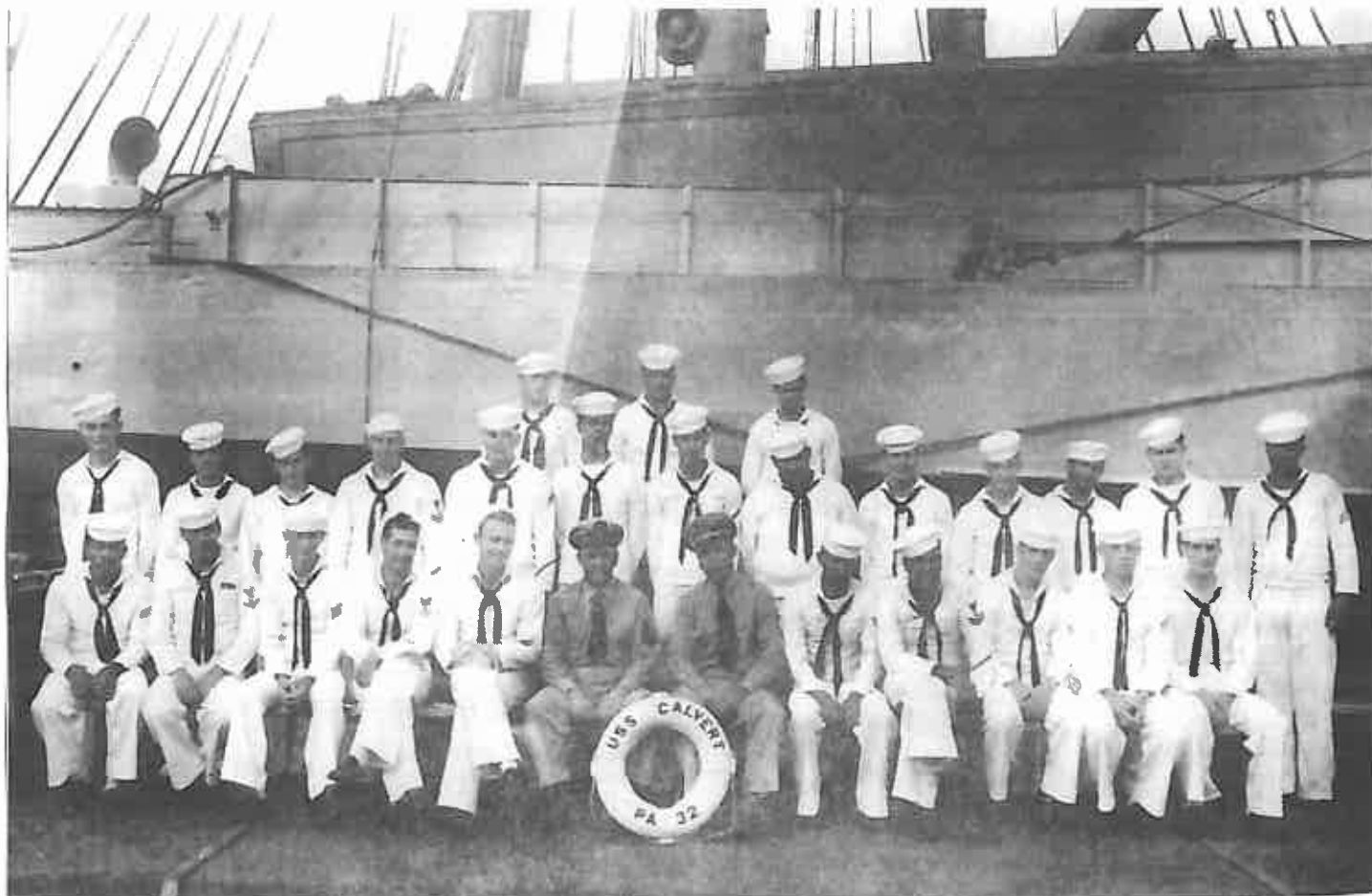


Photo below from Don Lawyer, 3rd. Deck Division, Feb.-Oct 1951

Support of Korean Police Action.



SHIP STORE

Store Items

Blue Caps.....\$12.00
embroidered logo front
ships name back

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

Inventory reduction on items listed below,

X White Tee Shirts
Calvert logo on front,
ship on rear.

3-med.....~~\$8.00~~ 5.⁰⁰
12-EL.....~~\$8.00~~ 5.⁰⁰
6-2X.....~~\$9.00~~ 6.⁰⁰
1-3X.....~~\$10.00~~ 7.⁰⁰
2-4X.....~~\$11.00~~ 8.⁰⁰

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X Blue Polo Shirts
embroidered logo front,

2-Sm.....~~\$16.00~~ 13.⁰⁰
4-Med.....~~\$16.00~~ 13.⁰⁰
1-L.....~~\$18.00~~ 13.⁰⁰
1-XL.....~~\$18.00~~ 15.⁰⁰

Embroider on Polo Shirt

Please make check payable to Calvert Ship Store.

Add \$3.00 postage to each order total.

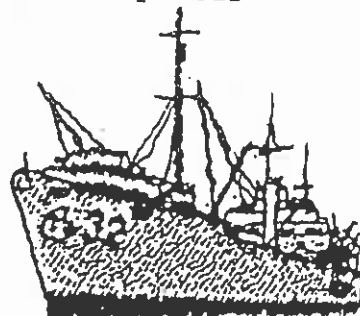
Send orders to; John L. Cole
506 Red Wing Ave.
Kenyon, Minnesota 55946



Cap front



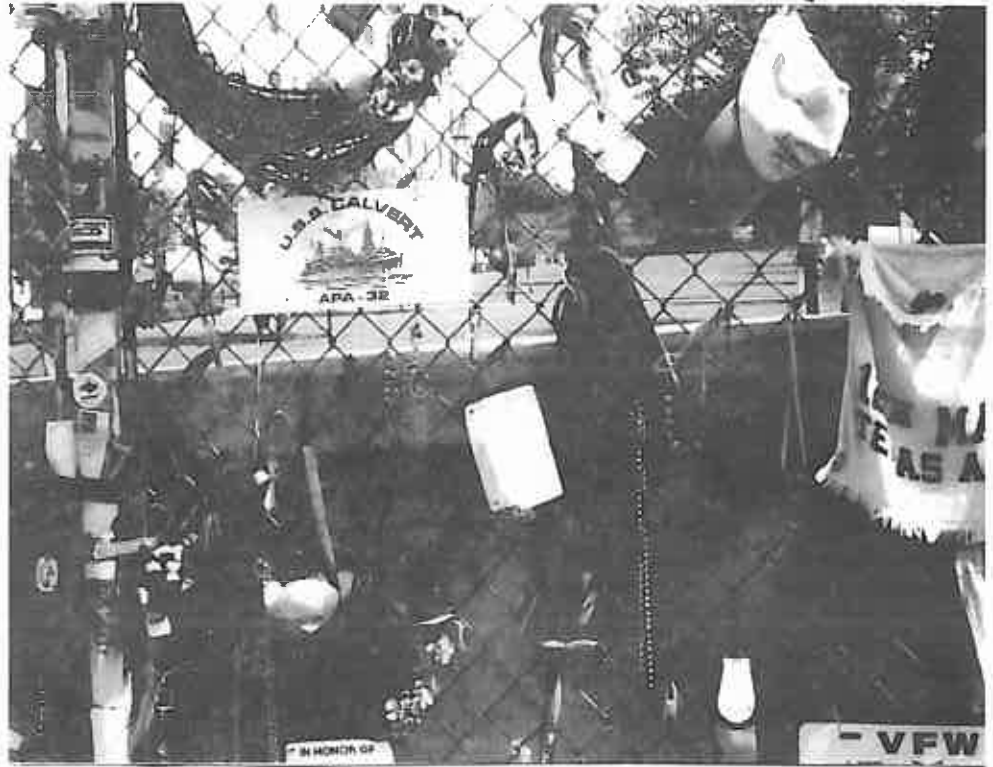
Cap rear



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When we were at the Oklahoma City Reunion we toured the National Memorial and Museum. It's dedicated to the Murrah Federal Building that was blown up in 1995. Our Reunion Host Dale Willhite got permission to hold our Memorial service at the Reflections Pool. The pool is one block long and about 100 feet wide. The pool looks deep but only has about three quarters of an inch of water. We had about 100 people watching us do our memorial service that were not with the Calvert group.



After the blast a fence was installed around the whole area to keep people from the site. Almost immediately people began to leave tokens of love and hope on the fence. Today only 200 feet of the original fence remains. After we had returned home, Dale, hung a Calvert license plate from the fence. Each month all items are collected and preserved in the museum Archives. Items now total over 60,000.

Quite a change since we were last there, one year after the blast. If you ever get to Oklahoma City be sure to stop and go through the Museum. It is really worth the trip.

j.l.cole



Gates of Time



Field of Empty Chairs



7301 NW Tiffany Springs Road
Kansas City, MO 64153
Phone: 816-268-1600 Fax: 816-268-1607

GROUP RESERVATION FORM

Mark your calendar

U.S.S. CALVERT REUNION- Kansas City, Missouri
September 17-19, 2009

\$65.00 SINGLE OR DOUBLE CORP RATE (rate
also available two days before and after reunion); cut-off date is August 31, 2009

**Fax: ATTN: Cyndi Smith @ 816-268-1607 or Email Reservation form to
csmith@kcihojo.com (or phone 816-268-1600 and ask for U.S.S. Calvert rate)**

Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Rooms: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Room Type Requested: King Double Double

Room Preference: Smoking Non Smoking

Credit Card Guarantee: Visa MC Discover Amex Diners Club

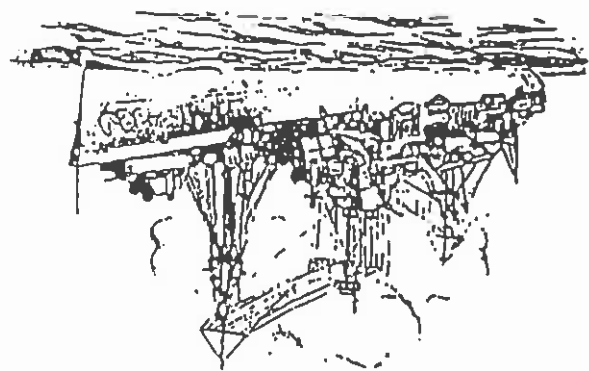
Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____

Confirmation: Call # _____ or Fax # _____

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