

# CALVERTSION

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MEN OF THE U.S.S. CALVERT APA 32

*"The Ship and Men of Distinction"*

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## Comments from the Commander

If you look in the back of this newsletter you will see that Judy and Willie have the Denver Reunion in great shape. The itinerary they have picked I think is very good. We were out there twenty five years ago and the only thing the same is the tour of the Coors brewery. But I could do that every day. Remember you don't have to do all the tours if you don't want to. Just pick the ones that interest you. Also if you can't make it for all three days then come one or two days. If you have never been to a reunion maybe this is the time to do so. Next year we will be going to Spokane, Wa. and that's a lot further than Denver. Reservations must be in by August 31. Be sure to make your room reservation too.....I got a call from "Porkey" Strahm wife and she said her husband is confined to a nursing home and can't make the reunions. He wanted to say "Hi" to his buddies and wish them well. We wish you well too Porkey.....You may not have noticed but my postal permit number is changed. The P.O. could not find my non-profit forms that I have had for 20 years so I had to get a different classification. This means I have to pay a little more for postage but it's not 44¢. It was so much work to fill out the forms the first time I said, "Then put me in something". They did.....I got some bad news last week. Rich Morse our Association Yoman and Memorial Service person passed away. Rich and Glynna hosted last year's reunion in Kansas City. Rich had been fighting cancer for many years and it finally got him. I had been calling him every week to see how he was and could tell he was going downhill. Rich put up a good fight. For over 60 years we have been friends and he missed very few reunions. The Association sent flowers from "the Crew" for his funeral. He died 6-14-2010. He will be missed.....Bud Ruth has picked up some new T-shirts for the reunion. They are quite different. I will have them for sale in our next newsletter. I don't want to sell them now as Bud would have to ship them to me and I then would have to get them to Denver and I'm flying. So after the reunion I will haul them back and then they will be available to all.....Two of my daughters and their husbands are coming with me to Denver. They know what a good time it is and they always see a lot and make new friends. Guests are always welcomed. I send out over 700 newsletters and if all of them came it might be a different story. Till that happens, bring a friend, wife, girl-friend or both. I can guarantee them a good time.....Will close for now.....j.l.cole



# mail call



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



To my late husbands shipmates,

I am writing to you with the hope that one of you will remember serving on the U S S CALVERT APA32 with John M. Bowker. Specifically during the time it was docked in Da Nang Christmas, 1965 off-loading war supplies. The U S S CALVERT APA 32 remained until Jan. 18, 1966 as station ship and served as a vital communications link between the Seventh Fleet and Da Nang. My husband was a Gunners Mate, and told me stories about taking soldiers up and down the rivers. I need to prove the Calvert was docked in Vietnam and that he served in Brown Water.

My sincere hope is that someone will contact me with information that would assist me with an Entitlement Claim. John died on Oct. 16, 2008 of Stage 4 Lung Cancer. If any of you have a disability claim that has been granted for service in Vietnam, aboard the U S S CALVERT APA32 during the time my husband served, please contact me. Or if you have proof the U S S CALVERT docked anywhere in Vietnam from Nov. 16, 1964 through May 16, 1966 please help me.

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Thank you and God Bless you all,  
Margaret Bowker  
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I want to thank you again for the time and effort you find to keep your CALVERSION going. I always look carefully at each edition to see names of shipmates from my era. I came aboard in Yokosuka in March of 1953 and served as Gunnery Officer and later Personnel Officer and Ship's Secretary for Capt. Hillies. Calvert will always be a fond memory as it was my first sea duty assignment.

Korean duty, towards the end of that conflict, and Operation Passage to Freedom in Vietnam were highlights of that tour timeframe which ended for me in mid summer of 1955. As a young Ensign, a first in my life occurred on Calvert that I will always remember, and that was casting my first Presidential Election vote while at sea out in the middle of the Pacific. I have often wondered whether our votes were actually counted, but the symbolism was what mattered!

I just turned 80 yesterday, which is cause for a little nostalgia, and so this part of my life came to mind and I hope some of you guys from the early 50's will read this and recall as well.

John W. Moeller  
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Alamo, CA 94507

I want to thank you so much for sending me the Calversion newsletter which gives me great pleasure to read. I served as a jr. officer aboard the Calvert from 1962 to 1965. I was very interested in the article by Richard Considine in vol. no. 61 -- 2010. Those guys taught me so much about how to be an effective O.D. on the bridge as well as how to relate to the men in the Division. It is a pleasure to see the laughter and smiles on their faces that has not changed in forty six years. It seems just like it was playing poker with them on a slow night at sea. I am sending you a table lighter with the engravings of the Calvert and her flags that was so beautifully done. It was given to me as a gift upon leaving the Calvert in 1965. There are probable a number of these around but if it can be used at the museum that would be great.

I also would like to tell you that I was born and raised on a farm in Minnesota and graduated from St Olaf College in 1958. I know Kenyon pretty well because it was close to Northfield and I played football there with a student by the name of Bob Kelass. Maybe some of the family is still around there but it is interesting to know that the publisher of the Calversion lives so close to where I went to school.

Loren Rindal  
4364 Arcadia Dr  
San Diego, Calif. 92103

I keep meaning to write you and tell you that my mother, Mrs. William M. Kaufman, died a number of years ago and that you can stop sending me the *Calversion*. I'm glad I had not gotten around to it. Tom Glickman's memories of my father were very touching and heart-warming. To think that my father did and said things that people remember fifty years after the fact makes me ever more proud to be his son.

He was exactly as Tom described him, intelligent, witty, and devoted to the men who served under him. I remember the tussle with Senator Smith. Though he wouldn't have said it, he was standing on principle. He thought that his, and others, sailors were being gouged and preyed upon by unscrupulous merchants who would then game the system to get the Navy to dun the men and punish them. He recognized that the men were not blameless but thought they had few options in a "navy town".

I don't think that he felt that the Smith incident was the reason he was passed over, however. He felt he had been labeled an "education" officer, not a seagoing type. Between the *Preble* and the *Pennsylvania*, at the height of WWII, the Navy sent him to Post-Graduate school. He later did a tour as an instructor at the Naval Academy and two tours at the War College, one as a student and one as an instructor. He thought this left him marked as not "warrior" enough.

He gave it a good run, however. He followed the *Calvert* with a stint as the Commodore of Desron 21 and a couple of years as Chief of Staff for the Seventh Fleet. He was told by people serving on a couple of selection boards that "If they could have made one more Admiral . . ."

In the long run he felt vindicated when the bank he went to work for on his retirement, a predecessor to Wells-Fargo, made him Vice-President.

Finally, as Tom said, he was a great teller of sea stories. He also was a teller of golf stories and, I am quite sure, he is up there chafing at the inability to tell one and all the story of his death. You see he didn't die once, but twice. He was playing the fourteenth hole at Moffat Field with three friends. He had a nice chip shot in from just off the green. It went in the hole. He walked up, bent over to pick up the ball, and fell over dead. One of the men playing with him had been a Fire Chief. He and another man instantly began CPR and the third ran for the ambulance.

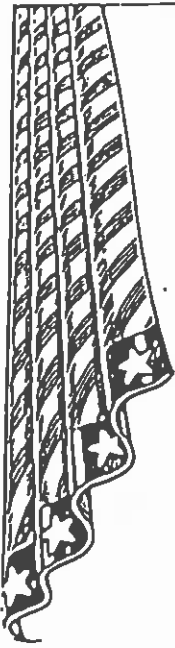
They took him to the local hospital and resuscitated him. The Docs never really figured out what went wrong. It wasn't a heart attack. They installed a pacemaker and he went on about his life. About two years later, the same four guys are playing Moffat. Dad had a nice chip shot up to the fourteenth. This time he didn't make the shot and they couldn't restart his heart. I'll bet St. Peter is sick of hearing the story.

Anyway, thanks to you and Tom for bringing his memory back to life even if for only a moment.

William H. Kaufman  
32 Salvador Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903

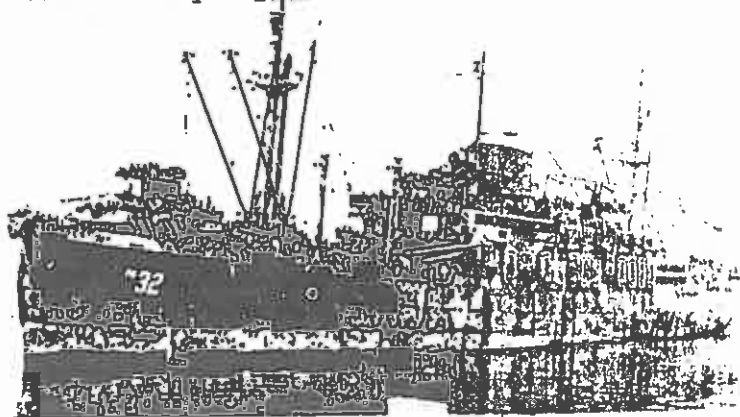
Enclosed is my check for \$25 to help your expenses. I always enjoy getting the *Calversion*. I am in contact with one of my shipmates (Will Johnson) and in reading the latest happened upon a page (the old crew) and there were pictured 3 of my fellow junior officers. I am currently trying to get in touch with Charley Richards who now lives about 30 minutes from where I live. Thanks again for keeping the old Gal in our memories. I relive many moments of excitement on the bridge riding out typhoons in Hong Kong, running from them during Korean Ops, steaming to WestPac in formation using merchant signal lights for maneuvers, etc., etc. In fact, I think that Charley stood some of those watches with me. All my best regards to all shipmates.

R. K. Cornelius  
1925 Keith Way  
Sacramento, CA 95815



WE MOURN THE  
PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

Gerald Rowland QM3 51-54 10-14-09  
C.L.Foley 10-09  
Theodore Herrick BM1 50-52 2009  
Perry G Potiris PH 45-46 3-4-10  
David Cullen LTJG 44-45 4-4-10  
Stephen Schuster LTJG 43-44 2-5-10  
Manley L. Danforth 44 9-22-08  
Richard R. Morse BT1 51-54 3-14-10  
Earl Marryman MM1, 2005. WW2 on Harry Lee



Yes, I sailed the PA-32.  
I was one of many in her crew.  
Who lived below her decks of steel.  
And, while living there, began to feel.  
That she had a soul and was really real.  
We could feel her pulse as she sailed along.  
And the screw, back aft, it sang a song.  
And never once did her power fail.  
Not even in the roughest gale.  
She would roll, and heel, and shudder.  
And still she would answer to the wheel and the rudder.  
And it seems she could weather most any storm.  
And still be a place that was dry and warm.

Now, where did they go, these young, tanned men?  
That took her out and brought her back again?  
Well, I thought I saw one just today.  
Looking back in a mirror, he seemed to say.  
"Boy, you've gotten old, and you're fat and gray."  
Now I wonder if they all turned out that way.

And now they tell me the Calvert's gone.  
That they've scrapped her out west on the coast.  
But in my mind, she still lives on.  
She is real and not a ghost.  
So go to your stations all the sea detail.  
For we have one more thing to do.  
We must tell the world of the mighty deeds  
Of the Calvert and her crew.  
Let the word go fourth from father to son.  
And from son to his son too.  
Then there can be no death  
For the Calvert and her crew.

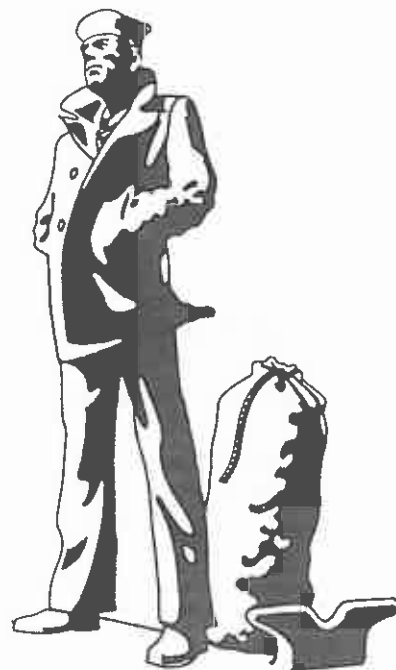
*By Billie F. Ward*

Thank You.....

John W. Moeller.....	25.00
John Tasohy.....	15.00
Henrietta Rybarszyk.....	25.00
William Weissman.....	15.00
John Stewart.....	50.00
Eugene Szolga.....	25.00
Loren Rindal.....	25.00
David Linstrom.....	25.00
Garlis McGhee.....	30.00
Robert Cornelias.....	25.00
Charles Johann.....	50.00
Bill Bridgford.....	25.00
Tom Warden.....	25.00
Paul Griffith.....	20.00
Sam Pressley.....	50.00
J.C. Houck.....	10.00
John Collier.....	50.00
Donald Lawyer.....	25.00

In Memory Of.....

Susan Danforth, IMO Manley Danforth,	100.00
Willis Mills, IMO Dave Cullen,	100.00
Billy, Nina Trout, IMO Mary Nell Glasco,	50.00
Stephen Schuster	
Dave Cullen	



Received these pictures from Pat Hobbins of the O division taken in the middle 1950's. Nice inside and outside shot.



# U.S.S. Calvert/U.S.S. Harry Lee Reunion Itinerary

Denver, Colorado – September 23rd-25th, 2010

Red Lion Hotel-Denver Central

4040 Quebec Street \*Hotel Phone: 1-800-733-5466

Denver CO. 80216 \*Hotel Fax Attn: Laura Nelson @ (303) 262-7713

Welcome to Denver and the Red Lion Inn. The itinerary below give's the events planned for September 23rd through the 25th. The Reunion Reservation Form for tours and meal functions is to be sent to Willie Carrillo by Tuesday, August 31.

If you have any questions about the tours or meals, please phone Willie or Judy at (970)867-6670.

## Wednesday, September 22—Check in

2:00p.m. Hospitality Room 107 opens for registration and welcome packet. (Complimentary cold drinks, beer, bottled water, and snacks.) Hours may be posted on Room 107's door during the reunion.

Meals on our own (in hotel or nearby restaurants, Country Buffet, fast food places) hotel has free shuttle for afternoon and evening hours.

10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room closes.

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## Thursday, September 23 Itinerary for Day

6:00-10:00 a.m. Complimentary full Breakfast Buffet each morning for hotel guests at Amberstone Grill.

8:00a.m. Hospitality Room 107 opens and registration (complimentary cold drinks, beer, bottled water, and snacks each day when open.)

Lunch: On your own (hotel or nearby places)

1:00p.m. Bus Departs for Red Rocks Amphitheatre, for viewing nature's beautiful rock formations that is popular for outdoor concerts, Easter Sunrise Services, etc. From the Amphitheatre, we travel to Golden.

2:30p.m. Tour Coors Brewery with time to enjoy Coors hospitality room and gift shop. Board bus @ 4:45

5:30p.m. Dinner at White Fence Farms- a popular one-of-a-kind "Premiers Family Restaurant" with live Entertainment, gift shops, farm animals, carriage rides, beautifully landscaped grounds and GREAT FOOD! Food is served family style. Dinner Includes: half a chicken, fried, mashed potatoes and gravy, several salads, corn fritters, coffee, tea or soft drinks.

7:30-8:00p.m. Return to Hotel Tour Price: \$50.00 includes transportation, tours, dinner and gratuities.

10:00p.m. Hospitality Room closes.

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## Friday, September 24 Itinerary for Day

6:00- 10:00 a.m. Hotel full Breakfast Buffet.

8:00a.m. Bus Departs to Colorado Springs to tour U.S. Air Force Academy with Academy tour guides pointing out parts of U.S.A.F. Academy, general Information and time for Questions and Answers. Tour guides will take us through the beautiful Chapel. We will stop at Visitors Center to view a film and shop.

## Reunion Itinerary, Continued:

**Lunch** Buffet luncheon at Falcon Club in Sunrise Room at the Academy. Buffet includes: Toss Salad, Sliced Roasted Strip Loin of Beef, Roasted Turkey Breast, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Cake or Mousse and beverage. After lunch, Board Bus to travel to Garden of the Gods, a registered National landmark. Stop at Trading Post, Colorado's oldest and largest gallery and gift shop built in early 1900's. The park is filled with the Wonders of Nature with Magnificent red sandstone rock formations that are world famous. Return to Hotel approximately around 4:00p.m. Tour Price: \$62.00 includes transportation, tours, luncheon and gratuities.

5:00p.m. Business Meeting for U.S.S. Calvert/ Harry Lee Associates.

6:30p.m. Get Acquainted Dinner, Keystone I and II. Deli Buffet: Arrangement of Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey, and Salami, assorted cheeses, several salads, veggies, Selection of Deli Bread/ assorted rolls, assorted Desserts and Coffee, iced tea, and water.

10:00p.m. Hospitality Room closes.

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## Saturday September 25 Itinerary for the Day

6:00-10:00a.m. Hotel full Breakfast Buffet

8:00a.m. Bus Departs for Rocky Mountain Tour destination Estes Park, a popular Mountain town. We will travel up from Loveland through the Big Thompson Canyon to Estes, were a Tour Guide will join us for 2 hours to point out and give History of areas while we drive by the historic Stanley Hotel, old McGregor's Ranch, still a working ranch since late 1800's, old museums, etc.

12:00p.m. Visitor Center—Park bus. Depart bus for Lunch on your own and free time for sight-seeing and shopping. The Autumn Gold Festival is scheduled in the park by The Visitor Center with live music, food and other vendors, beer tents, etc. which is free, plus many downtown restaurants.

1:30-2:00p.m. Bus Departs going through Lyons, a totally different route back to Denver for more sight-seeing of the Rockies. Bus arrives at hotel approximately 4:00p.m. Tour Price: \$55.00 includes transportation, Tour, Tour Guide for sight-seeing.

5:30p.m. Memorial Service by poolside.

6:30p.m. BANQUET DINNER-Keystone I and II Meal Price: \$30.00. Choice of two selections: Honey Orange Chicken with Rice Pilaf or Braised Beef Tips on a bed of Pasta, Dinner salad, fresh seasonal Vegetables, rolls and butter, dessert and beverages: coffee, tea and water.

BANQUET PROGRAM and Visiting. End of 2010 Reunion.

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## Sunday, September 26

6:00-10:00 a.m. Hotel full Breakfast Buffet.

Leave for Home—

**Old friends,  
new memories**

# U.S.S. Calvert/ U.S.S. Harry Lee Reunion Registration Form

Denver, Colorado- September 23rd-25th, 2010

(Reservations must be received by Tuesday, August 31, 2010)

(Please print)

Name of person(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Ship affiliation: U.S.S Calvert { } U.S.S. Harry Lee { }

When do you expect to arrive? Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Check how you plan to travel to Denver: automobile { } air { } Other { }

	Fee	No.	
Tours and Meal Events	Per Person	Attending	Total
(See U.S.S. Calvert/Harry Lee Itinerary for detailed tour & meal info)			
Thru. Sept. 23: Amphitheatre & Coors Tour	\$50.00		
& White Fence Farms Dinner			
Fri. Sept. 24: Colorado Springs: U.S. Air Force Academy	\$62.00		
Tour & Lunch at Falcon Club; Garden of the Gods			
Fri. Sept. 24: Get Aquatinted Party- Deluxe Deli Buffet	\$28.00		
Sat. Sept. 25: Estes Park: Rocky Mountain Tour;			
Autumn Gold festival; Lunch on Own.	\$55.00		
Sat. Sept. 25: BANQUET DINNER:			
* Select: Honey Orange Chicken { } or Braised Beef Tips { }	\$30.00		
Please make checks payable to Willie Carrillo & indicate "U.S.S. Calvert or Harry Lee" on lower left corner of check. (*Reservations must be received by <u>Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010</u> )			Total Amt.\$

Mail check to: Willie Carrillo, 14394 County Road 19, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 Phone: (970)867-6670

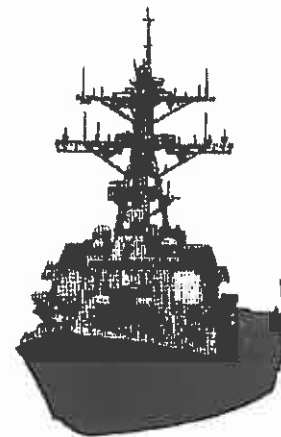
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DENVER CENTRAL

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Denver, CO 80216  
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**GROUP RESERVATION FORM**  
**U.S.S. CALVERT/HARRY LEE REUNION**  
**DENVER, COLORADO**  
**September 22-25, 2010**

\$70.00 single or double occupancy rate + 14.85% guestroom tax  
Rate is also available three days before and after the reunion  
Group cutoff date is August 31, 2010  
(Includes free Denver International Airport shuttle,  
parking and full buffet breakfast)

Fax: ATTN: Laura Nelson @ (303) 262-7713  
or  
call 1-800-733-5466 and ask for the USS 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    or a first night deposit

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

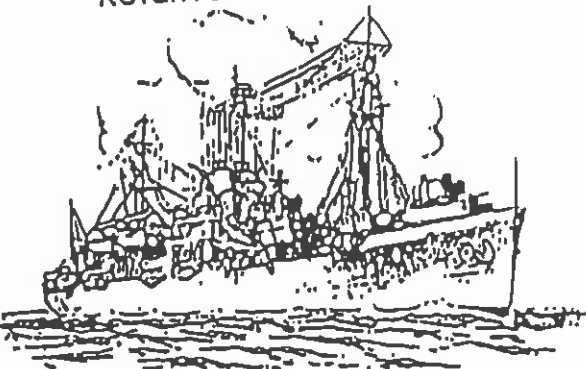
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# SPEAKING OF SALUTES...

