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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

Richmond Was Great!!!!I had not been in Norfolk since 1950 and it has changed. AT the naval base the piers are not wood but concrete. The barracks arn't wood either but brick. I didn't recognize anything. It's not the same base I knew. Also we took the tunnel from Hampton to Norfolk and that was something. I can remember waiting for the ferry. It had always just pulled out when ever I wanted to use it. The day trip to D.C was my first. We got to see all the memorials up close. It was a fun but tireing day as it involved quite a bit of walking. The tour of the city of Richmond included a reinactment of Patrick Henry speachat a church in town. You felt that you were there. Great time.....Jim Daniels has been working on the next reunion in Mesa, Arizona. In the back of the newsletter is the all the information need to get you there. Be sure to make your room reservations early.....I got a couple of news articles on former shipmates that appeared in their local newspapers. the first one was from Billie trout that appeared in the Daily News Journal. The other one was about Tom "Buddy" Warden that appeared in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. Both had early photos of them in uniform and they were both good looking kids. I think that each of us should do the same thing these guys did. Its good to keep the fact that we fought a war as the young people today tend to forget. I just did one on Veterans Day this past year.....One thing is that if you call me and I'm not home , talk fast as my answering machine is short. I get a lot of calls from NEW excalvert men who have to tell me when they were aboard and by the time it comes to give there phone number the time has run out. I can't call them back as most don't tell me where they are calling from. I made the machine time longer but that really didn't help. I just had to sit there and listen to nothing most of the time.....Well thats about it for this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who sent me material. Without it it would be a dull one. Also a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you. May 2006 be the best year yet.....j.l.cole



mail call



S. CALVERT (APA-32)
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



My experience fairly parallels that of Roman P. Weber which we discussed in great detail in your Calversion edition (Vol. No. 52 -2005). I was a YN3 in the USN (inactive reserve) and bureau manager of the Charlotte NC office of United Press Association. On Sept. 7, 1950 I was recalled to active duty for the Korean War. I was devastated (to say the least). I had a journalism degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and had not anticipated being called up in this conflict. I was sent to Charleston initially and within a few days was sent to Portsmouth, VA and assigned to the USS Calvert APA-32, which had just been taken out of mothballs. Meanwhile, I had made a request to have a rate change to Journalist. She was a real rusty bucket and our office was in shambles as was our crew quarters.

I was assigned to the Ship's Office and as it turned out – even as a third class – I was the senior petty officer and in charge until Ensign Bennett came on board. I was there when one of our officers – a LTJG whose name escapes me – wrote a letter to Calvert distilleries and suggested that they donate a wide screen television to the “USS Calvert – the men of distinction”. They responded by sending the set to the crew and several cases of Calvert Reserve liquor to the officers.

In order to get off the Calvert for only a few hours I assigned myself to shore patrol duty, along with a large BM2 as my partner. We were a striking couple! But it was one way to get off the rust bucket. After a few months, my lateral change in rate to JO3 was approved by BuPers and I was transferred to the USS Taconic – the flagship of the Atlantic Amphibious Force. They called the Taconic the ship which rests on coffee grounds – a moniker it earned by not going to sea too often. I managed to get TAD to a number of times and had some good voyages to Atlantic ports, rather than Korea.

I was discharged as JO2 USN and placed in the inactive fleet on Dec. 15, 1951. I later transferred to the Coast Guard Reserve and received a direct commission as LTJG and was later promoted to LCDR and was in charge of the largest ship augmentation reserve unit in the Coast Guard. I was officially retired July 1, 1966 as a LCDR – winding down 28 years of military service – 13 years in the USNR and nearly 29 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

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I am 78 years old and fully retired except to write a Column each week for a weekly newspaper which I sold 10 years ago.

My name is Nanette Couvillion Patin. My father, Marion Alfred Couvillion was part of the USS Calvert's crew during WWII.

In April of this year, my father passed away after an extended illness. Since his passing, I have become interested to look into his Naval career and I am at a loss as to where to look or how to go about beginning to find the information in which I am interested. I am looking for information about his specific Naval experience. For example, I know he was present at the battle of Iwo Jima, but cannot find a reference to that battle in the history of the Calvert.

Could you provide me with some idea of where to begin this research? Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Nanette C. Patin
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If you would put this in your next newsletter I sure would appreciate it. What I am looking for is if any one would have a good picture of the Captains gig Mark 4? I was the coxswain on it in 1961 and 62.. Pat Gribbe was my bow hook, R.L.Dix was my engineer. If you have a picture you can write me or call 334 858 5424. Joe Fountain CBM3
22520 Eight Ave.
Floral, Ala. 36442

We really enjoyed the reunion, and wish we had known of the previous ones. I'm sure we would've attended as many as possible. Don was so happy to have participated in this one and had such a good time. It was a nice group of people. It was a pleasure to meet you, and we certainly enjoyed your company. We had a good trip home. We flew as far as Cincinnati with Betty Rogers, where her trip ended and we made our connection. Hope you had a pleasant trip home also.

Janet and Don Factor

~~The~~ U. S. S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last during 6 months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no fresh water evaporators. However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping." Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 820 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home. The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water. Go Navy!

I read the above article at the Banquet at Richmond Va. 2005. Thought the rest of you guys might like to hear about it too. I don't know who wrote it but you may want to share it with your friends. J.L.Cole

The following people attended the 2005 Calvert Reunion in Richmond, Va. There were 11 WW2, 19 Korean and 1 Viet Nam men in attendance.

Floyd & Carol Alderman
John & Margaret Bowker
Ray & Rita Brink
Willie & Judy Carrillo
Bert & Nan Cohee
John & Lila Cole
John & Margaret Collier
Roy & Joan Constant
Rex Crowdes
Jim & Rosalie Dierkes
Cora Elliot
Joe Ersland
Donald & Janet Factor
John & Pat Groff
W.J. "Hunky" Habrat
Bill & Jacqueline Haggarty
Kimber Kaufman
Paul & Mary Kloss
Dave & Arlene Linstrom
Glenwood & Florence Long
Michele Long

Edward & Barbara McElroy
Bill & Jeanette McGregor
Bob & Barb Metzger
Betty Moore
Richard & Glynna Morse
Michael & Mable Moschella
Sam & Libby Pressley
Elsie Pribula
Cecilia Puckett
John Regan
Betty Rogers
Robert & Patricia Seye
Charles & Gloria Skillman
Henry Smith
Billie & Nina Trout
Robert & Doris Upton
Elaine Vinci
Tom & Louise Warden
Harley & Olive Wenninger
Hoyt & Sue Worthington
Marie Worthington

I try not to make mistakes, but in the last newsletter I did not give credit to some young people who gave a donation in memory of their grandfather. The letter below will explain. Please forgive me for my error. thanks,

This is to inform you that my Dad, DONALD C. WOODFIN (YN2 43-46) passed away on December 24, 2004 at the age of 78. Please continue sending the CALVERSION, as I enjoy reading it. Also, for your information, my Mother, HENRIETTA WOODFIN, also passed away February 9, 2005.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$50.00 to help defray expenses of this newsletter. Please note in the next release the following:


\$50.00 given by Meghan, Mollie & Morgan Kuhn in memory of their grandfather, Donald C. Woodfin.

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Thank you,



Joan R. Kuhn
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In Memory Of
H.W. Bill Bridgford 25.00 IMO Don Coy
Marietta Holmes 20.00 IMO Roy Holmes
Mary Collum 20.00 IMO Richard "Dick" Collum
Hunkey Hobrat 50.00 IMO All Departed Shipmates.

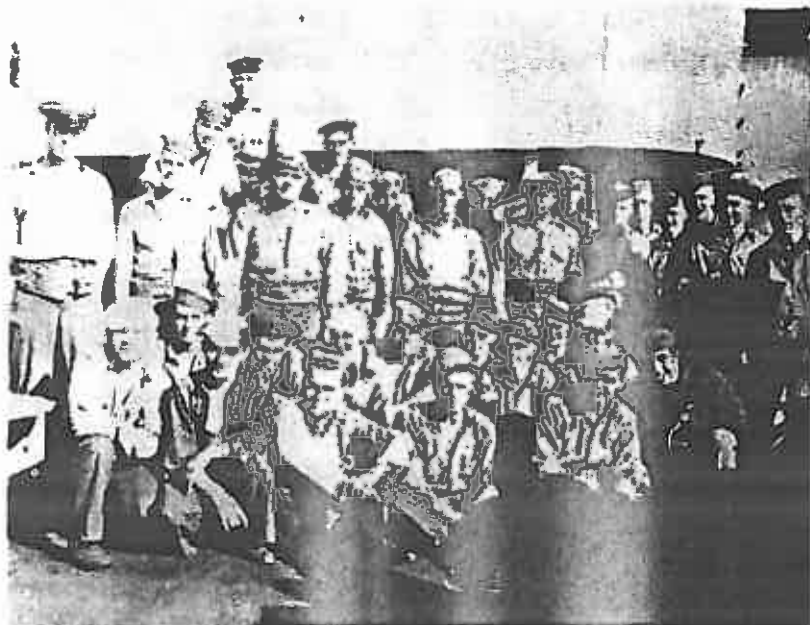
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Tom Warden 25.00



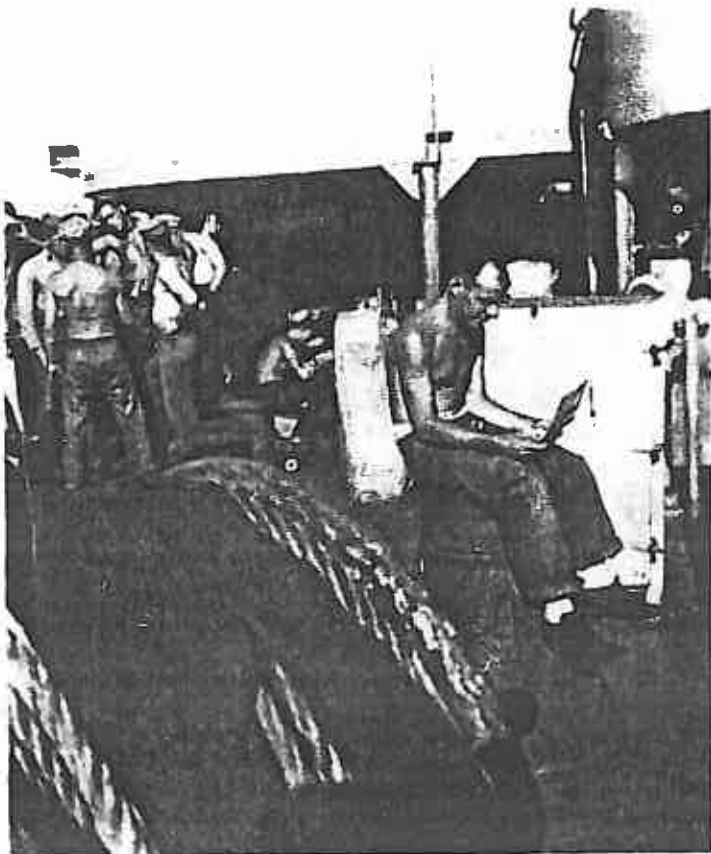
the old crew

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



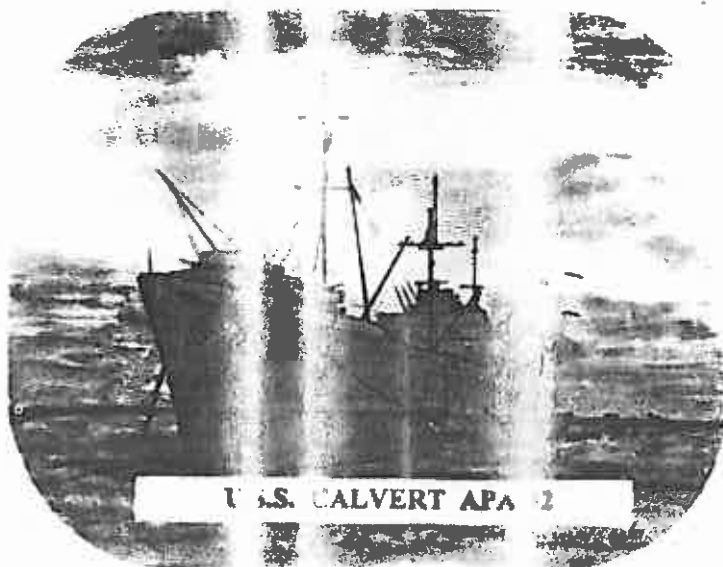
At the Richmond Reunion Elsie Pribula gave me some of her husband Joe pictures. Three of them are in the newsletter. Only the photo "below" is identified. On the back it says, "#3-3"gun crew. It lists the following in this order. Neathammer S1/c Michigan, Thorton BM2/c Georga, Pribula Cox Penna, Visbeck S1/c Mass., Bruce LTJG Indiana, McLaughlin GM2/c Penna., White S1/c Conn. Grocer BM2/c R.I., Monoco S1/c Penna.. If you can identify anyone in the other pictures or know what division it is please write me a letter. Joe was on the ship for most of the war so if you know the dates of the photos that would help.





Old sailors sit and chew the fat about things that used to be, of the things they've seen, the places they've been, when ventured out to sea. They remembered friends from long ago, the times they had back then. The money they spent, the beer they drank, in their days as sailing men. Their lives are lived in days gone by, with thoughts that forever last. Of bell bottom blues, winged white hats, and good times in their past. They recall long nights with a moon so bright far out on a lonely sea. The thoughts they had as youthful lads, when their lives were wild and free. They knew so well how their hearts would swell when Old Glory fluttered proud and free. The underway pennant such a beautiful sight as they plowed through a angry sea. They talked of the chow ol' Cookie would make and the shrill of the bosun's pipe. How salt spray would fall like sparks from hell when a storm struck in the night. They remember old shipmates already gone who forever hold a spot in their heart, when sailors were bold, and friendships would hold, until death ripped them apart. Their sailing days are gone away, never again will they cross the brow. They have no regrets, they know they are blessed, for honoring a sacred vow. Their numbers grow less with each passing day, as the final muster begins, but there's nothing to lose, all have paid dues, than they'll sail with shipmates again. I've heard them say before getting underway that there's still some sailing to do, they'll say with a grin that their ship has come in and the Lord is commanding the crew.

Author unknown



If it wasn't for you guys sending me things I wouldn't have anything to put in the newsletter. The poem on the left I got from Billy Trout. Thanks, if you have anything send it to me and maybe I will use it. I'm a regular pac-rat. This is issue #53 and I don't think I have used anything twice. When you think of it that's 500 pages on a ship that's been gone for 26 years. Gone but not forgotten.....



Chief Petty
Officer
(Machinist's Mate)



U.S.S. CALVERT

National Crew Reunion

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

Holiday Inn
HOTEL & SUITES



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Minutes from Phoenix and Scottsdale... Miles from Ordinary

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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: _____

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

Dinner and Western \$59.00/guest

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

Wild West Town. As intriguing as the West is, the old Rockin' R Ranch and its history.

Big Jim and Sweet Mary Robson are the owners of the great, great grandfather was Charles Innes Robson I, families who founded the town of Mesa. Big Jim's grandfather was Deputy Marshall Frank Robson, who in 1896 was killed in the Ketchum, one of the Old West's most notorious outlaws.

Rockin' R today. Big Jim's grandfather was Deputy Marshall Frank Robson, who in 1896 was killed in the Ketchum, one of the Old West's most notorious outlaws.

The wild and woolly West is just a colorful chapter of excitement and thrill of the Old West are still part of the Rockin' R Ranch. Tonight we will experience the spectacular scenery and chicken dinners and the world-famous western millions of people from all over the world to the Rockin' R Ranch - Arizona's Wild West Town.

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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 Deserts 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 the 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 tour are South Mountain Park, with its 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

FYI

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the Association is open to persons who:

- 1) served in or were employed by military commands located on the Center, or
- 2) are spouses, widows, widowers or children of veterans who served in military commands located on the Center.

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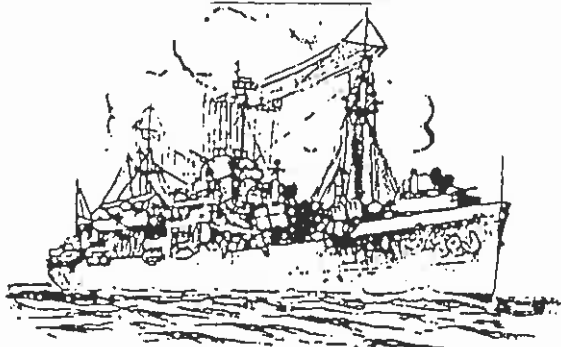
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Harold Sparks ET 62-65, 1-19-86
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