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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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Comments from the Commander

The wife and I had a great time in Kansas City. It is also the first time that members of the Harry Lee have joined us. Our attendance has been dwindling and so has theirs. So we have joined to strengthen our groupes so that we have enough to get buses, hotel rates, etc. when we get together. It worked out quite well. We are a dyeing breed of a great bunch of people. I have never had a bad time at any reunion. I have gone to places that I would have never thought of going and had a great time. Over the thirty some years of reunions I have met some swell folks. I will take those memories to my grave.....Richard and Glynna did a super job of making sure we saw K.C. Got to meet Harry Thruman, ate like a hog, the steamboat museum and WWI museum were something to see. The list of people attending is in another part of this newsletter. If you missed, remember we are going to Denver in September and the next year to the State of Washington..... We dedicated our Memorial Flags in K.C. Got a nice letter from Elsie Pribula who donated money for flags in memory of her husband, Joseph. They are not printed flags but hand sewn nylon ones. Cost about thirteen dollars a peace. Great addition to our Memorial Service.....I sent a lot of Calvert items to the Calvert Marine Museum in Maryland. Actually it was twelve pages of things. Since I don't have room to list everything in the newsletter, if you want a list send me One dollar and I'll send you a copy. The money is for postage. Please remember if you have any Calvert related items please send them to me and I'll make sure the museum gets them with your by-line. After your gone what will your kids do with it, throw it?.....Willie and Judy Carrillo have secured the Red Lion Hotel for the 2010 Reunino in Denver. It will be held in September 22-25. Hotel reservations are in this newsletter. This is our second trip to Denver. The last time I played golf with the wife and Dave Cullen. That high up one can really hit the ball. I'm a hacker but Dave is a golfer.....Another year has come and gone. So at this time I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year and may the good Lord keep you under his wing.....I can't think of anything else that I wanted to say so I will close for now. Next week I will probably remember what else I was supposed to say. Oh, I remember, I have added a page for the Harry Lee guys, enjoy. till next time,

j.l.cole



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Thanks for forwarding the newsletter to me. I am now close to family. Son Gary and I will always be grateful to all who made us so welcomed at many reunions. Continue success with the reunions, they touch my lives in so many different ways. God Bless

Marietta Holme
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Thanks for keeping in touch with the guys from the USS CALVERT. I'm afraid that I don't have much to share, but I will tell you that I will soon reach my 82nd year on this planet and plan to remain many more. My Mother died at age 77 and my father outlived two other wives and was looking the field when he passed away at 91 years old.

We live in an apartment and have one meal furnished each day. Thank goodness, both Barbara and I have good health and walk twice each day to keep in fit. I continue to write a column each week in The Randolph GUIDE newspaper. We are active in First Presbyterian Church where I am a deacon. I have been a member of the Asheboro Rotary Club since arriving in Asheboro on March 24, 1954.

We have three daughters, not a single son, but they have very handsome working husbands. Our youngest daughter, Virginia, is a school teacher, as is her husband. They have two little girls ages 4 and 7. And are they active! They live here in Asheboro. One family lives in Midlothian, VA and the other on the Outer Banks. We see both families quite often and keep in touch by phone.

Our only grandson is six-feet-one tall and a handsome lad. He just completed high school and will enter the University of Virginia this fall. He plans to become a public school teacher. He is a straight-A student and won letters in basketball, football, soccer, and tennis. What a guy. I wanted him to be a newspaperman.

Also, I have written three books, but no more. My beautiful wife Barbara tells me that I can't write books - I just can't sell them. But they are wonderful books: *Dancing with pretty women*; *One garden with me* and *Randolph County: a brief history*. The history book was published by the North Carolina Department of Archives and history. I was recruited to write this. I suppose it is because I am so handsome and an all-around guy, father, husband and neer-do-well!

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First, I wish to thank you for your dedication and excellent work on the "Calversion". I truly look forward to and enjoy reading each issue.

As mentioned in our last telephone conversation, a family member has asked that I put together a photo presentation of my Navy experience. The USS Calvert APA 32 was my first shipboard assignment (July 1953 to June 1954). I enjoyed my tour of duty in the US Navy and the USS Calvert was the best possible first assignment. The USS Calvert was a good ship to work on and the officers and crew were conscientious and talented.

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It has taken a while, but we are finally acknowledging your thoughtfulness and generosity in passing on the collection of USS Calvert items. The enclosed inventory lists those items, and the name of the original source is indicated, where known. You should be congratulated on your organizational skills. It does make our job quite a bit easier.

With the donation of items over the years, the USS Calvert Collection is now one of the most significant and important at the museum. In the near future we will move ahead with cataloguing the collection, the next step after inventorying. We are pleased that the Calvert Association has chosen the Calvert Marine Museum as the repository for its archives and artifacts.

Richard J. Dodds
Curator of Maritime History


Thank you for the unexpected surprise of a *Calvert* ball cap. That makes three that in my collection. An original one from 1958 when I was the gunnery officer and Mounts 31 and 51 received the Gunnery E. We made a special metal plate that was attached to Mt. 51 to displace its "E." A photo of me painting the "E" on the splinter shield of Mt. 31 later appeared on the back cover of "All Hands" magazine published by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. I received the second in May, 1997 when I attended a mini-reunion of officers who served in the ship in the mid-1950s. Now I have yours.

I do not know if you are aware that the Navy is going through another of its uniform changes; they seem to be coming along at a fairly fast clip when compared with what I experienced when I enlisted in 1947. The latest change essentially eliminates dungarees and "wash khakis" as shipboard work uniforms and replaces them with a fatigue-type uniform not too dissimilar to that worn by the Army, Marines and Air Force. The new Navy uniform has a mottled blue-gray appearance. I assume you may have recently seen photos taken in *Bainbridge* after the rescue of Captain Philips, master of MV *Maersk Alabama*. *Bainbridge's* CO was shown wearing a blue coverall style uniform adapted from what submariners wear and a khaki ball cap. It soon will be replaced with the fatigue-type uniform.


So I guess the bottom line is "hang onto your ball caps, they soon will be antiques."

For some reason, Captain William M. Kaufman, one of the four COs I served under in *Calvert* has been in my mind. He was a great man and I learned a lot from him. He was a great teller of sea stories, most of them apparently true or as close to true as a sea story can be. (A minister I know frequently comments that all Biblical stories are true and some of them actually happened.) He was unique in many respects and perhaps one of them being that he was the first and perhaps only member of his Naval Academy class (1936) to command a battleship; he commanded *Pennsylvania* from October 1945 until early 1946. He was a commander at the time. Thirteen years later, he took command of *Calvert*.







He was serving in *Preble* DM-20 (four pipe a tro, converted to a minelayer) and was at Pearl Harbor for several years before the attack. (That weekend was the subject of one of his many stories. Shortly after the attack, he was assigned to *Pennsylvania* when it returned to the States in late December 1941 for post-attack repairs and modernization. He remained on the ship throughout the war eventually becoming the navigator and finally, commanding officer.



While commanding *Calvert* he may have sealed the fatality door on being selected for rear admiral. In the late 1950s, the members of Congress became increasingly involved with their constituents and the collection of debts owed by service personnel. One such merchant of questionable ethics resided in Maine and sent many threatening and harassing letters to one of our sailors and to Captain Kaufman. Finally tiring of the postal-tirades, Captain Kaufman made a reply to the businessman questioning his business practices. The next letter that subject came from Senator Margaret Chase Smith and in reply Captain Kaufman politely asked if the constituent was using the Senator as a collection agency? I was told by Captain Kaufman that the senator's reply was somewhat blistering.



The last time I saw Captain Kaufman was a few years after I left *Calvert* just before Captain Kaufman was relieved in July 1960. We were both assigned to the Pentagon and had a chance meeting in one of its corridors. He invited me to his office for a cup of coffee. He was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and I was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Message Center. It was about that time of year that the rear admiral selection board was to convene. I cautiously mentioned it and said I hoped that he would be selected. His reply was "Thank you Tom. But I it does not happen, I already know what naval station I will be going to."



As it turned out, he was not selected for rear admiral and when he left Washington, he took command of the Naval Station at Treasure Island in San Francisco. That was his last command. Upon retirement, he went to work for as an officer of a San Francisco bank and later died of a coronary while playing golf.

Again, thanks for the ball cap.

Tom Gillickman
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Thank you for the outstanding job you do with *The Calversion*. I enclose an humble check for \$20 to help with the work; I would like to donate this in memory of my shipmate John M. Bowker (64-66). In your obit column, he was erroneously listed as John W. Bowker. Also, he was a Gunner's Mate, not a Quartermaster. I know John would appreciate having this corrected, as he was an outstanding gunner. In fact, he was a model sailor all around, a little rough sometimes, but also kind and generous, always ready to help, always ready to do his duty. I am proud to have served with him and with the rest of *Calvert*'s last crew, the crew that took her to Vietnam, earned two ribbons for her bridge, and ultimately decommissioned her at Hunter's Point (a job we did not relish).

I would be honored to hear from any of the other boys from the period 64-66, especially Clifford Griffith, FT2, with whom I have lost touch. Our gun gang, led by Andreff, GM1, was a good bunch.

Howard Bahr GM3
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the old crew

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



Charley Richards, Jim Foley and Rick Considine, junior officers aboard Calvert 1961-64, enjoy a pint at their Sept. 2009 reunion in Ballyvaughn, County Clare, Ireland.

Rick, originally from Warwick, RI, and wife Marcia have owned a cottage on Galway Bay for 20 years and have lived there the past six.

Charley and wife Sandy came from Loomis, CA while Jim and wife Carolyn from Houston, TX. All three couples have been married over 40 years. Jim has had US visits with Charley and Rick but those two had not seen each other in 47 years.

In addition to the Guinness and the pubs, highlights of the reunion included visits to two of Ireland's natural wonders, the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren.

While in Ireland, the reunion group was able to reach by phone two other junior officers from the early 60's, Jim Twohy in Baltimore, MD and Earl Swanson, Roseburg, OR.

Enclosed is my check for \$25. to help keep the ship steaming. I, like the others, enjoy the Calversion, and read it from cover to cover when I receive it. Its particularly interesting to me to see some of the activities from those who were on the old ship long before we were (from 1961 to 1963). It is also good to see my old shipmates, Jim Foley and Harold Olson are supporting your efforts as well. Thanks for your work in putting this together.

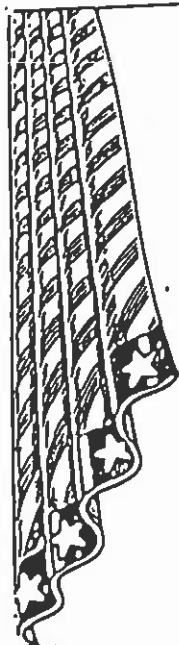
I am living in Ireland (6 years now), having started the first Self Storage business in Galway with a friend of mine from here (He had the money and I had the time!) I get home 3 to 4 times per year to see our boys and the grandkids. My US address is P.O. Box 1191, Rye, NH 03870. I hope to make a reunion someday - any chance of having one closer to New England?? All the best to you and all the other Calvert sailors!

Richard A. Considine
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Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare
Ireland

Names of Persons Registered for 2009 U.S.S. Calvert Reunion – Kansas

Bergstrom, Don & Diana
Blackburn, Howard. & Twyla.
Bradbury, Al & Marty
Bullin, Philip G. (Gene)
Butler, Urban & Margaret
Carrillo, Willie & Judy
Cole, John L. & Lila M.
Collier, John & Margaret
Constant, Roy J. & Joan A.
Daniels, Lola (*cancelled
because of illness*)
Dierkes, Jim & Rosalie
Habratt, William J.
Haggarty, William & Jacqueline
Hickok, Richard & JoNell and
Dan Carlberg & Candyce Carlberg
Kloess, Paul & Mary B.
Lathen, Sylvester H and
Ann Anderson & Suzy Anderson
Leatherwood, Billy & Donna and
Geary & Kim Leatherwood
Mariner, Irene and
Wava Pippert (U.S.S. Harry Lee)

Mercuri, Daniel A.
Metzger, Bob & Barbara
Noonan, John
Overland, Shirley &
Charmaine McCauley (Harry Lee)
Parker, Emery (U.S. Lee)
Regan, John
Rowland, Gerald & S
Seye, Robert & Pat
Skillman, Charles F
Smith, Patrick L. & (J. L.
(U.S.S. Harry Lee) ith -
Smyrl, William M., J. (Harry Lee)
Trout, Billie & Nina
Upchurch, Thomas
Upton, Bob & Doris
Wallace, David & C. nks,
Lawerance Wilso Ruth
(cancelled becau iess)
Willhite, Dale E.
Worthington, Hoyt & ad
Betty Moore & Lyni it



WE MOURN THE PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

Harold Johnston EN1 50-52 2009
Carl Talbert BT1 9-6-08
Warren "Moose" Nowill GM2 42-45 6-2
James Maienschein SK1 1996
Tom McCon RD3 51-54 10-2009

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News from the Harry Lee APA10

Time seems to go by so swiftly and there is little that can slow it down. In September of 2009 twelve members of the Harry Lee joined with forty of more members of the Calvert to celebrate our fifteenth reunion. All this took place in Kansas City, Missouri a city that I had never visited and it was well worth the wait. What was it like to share a reunion with another ship, especially one that shared several invasions with us in the Pacific Theater during World War 11 . The Calvert members share the same problems that the Lee has faced in its last two or three reunions. That problem is getting enough members together that is needed to schedule a ship reunion. The Calvert has been blessed not only with WW11 veterans but this ship was active in the in the Korean War and those veterans are still able to attend future ship reunions.

We of the Lee found all reunion members of the Calvert anxious to accept us into their group. And for the Lee members it was of great help to us. John Cole and Richard Morse seemed to be in charge and every thing was well organized. One item that stood out was the tours and Saturday banquet. Each person attending had a choice as to attending any or all of the tours. In this way each person paid only for the tours of interest. There was also a memorial service for those members who have passed away in the past year. We were asked to take part in this service which we did. The selection of tours was of special interest. The Ameristar casino listed as one of the largest in the United States was special to me. I didn't win any money but while resting I looked up and the ceiling was the same as if you were outside. Amazing. Harry Truman, yes the same president , was on our bus and gave us a guided tour of Kansas City. His wife Bess was busy and couldn't make the trip with us. We visited the WW 11 Memorial and also a Steamboat Arabia Tour exhibit.

Add to all this a Deluxe Continental Breakfast each morning, a (bountiful) buffet at Ameristar Casino , a Winslow BBQ Luncheon and a Saturday Banquet Dinner at the hotel and you know no one lost any weight during the reunion.

And now for the future. For the Calvert their next reunion is scheduled for Denver, CO. This reunion will be followed by Spokane, Washington, and the next reunion is scheduled for Philadelphia. By a consentaneous of those Lee members in attendance at Kansas City, we will plan to stay with the Calvert group.

Patrick Smith



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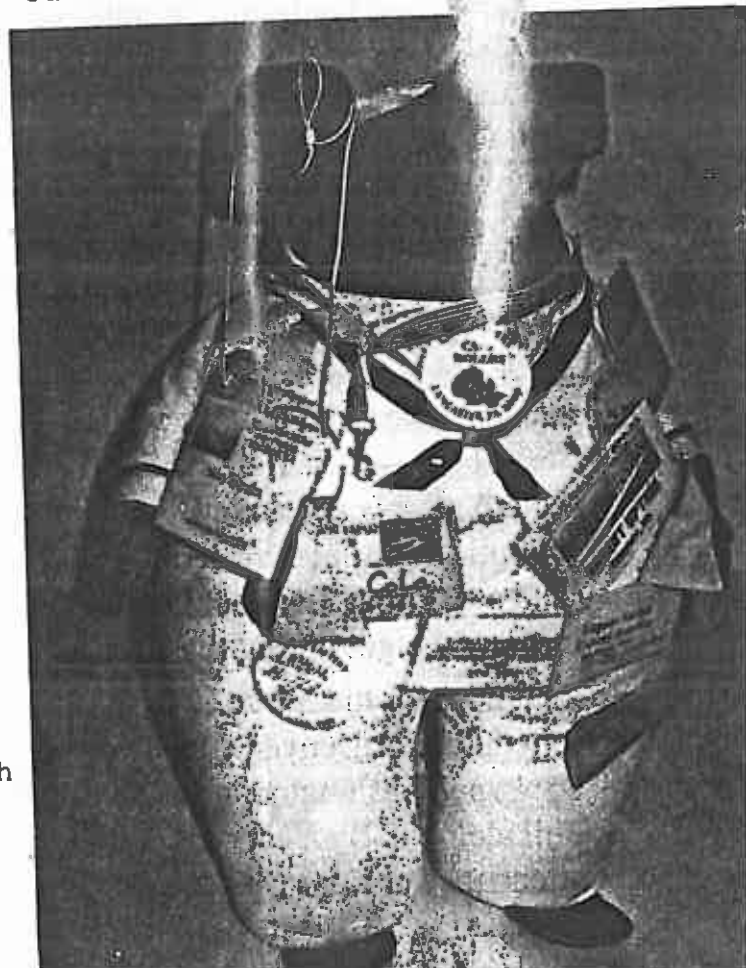
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 for Waren Nowell GM2...50.00

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Carl and Betty Rogers

Our Mascot, Calvin. A.W. L.

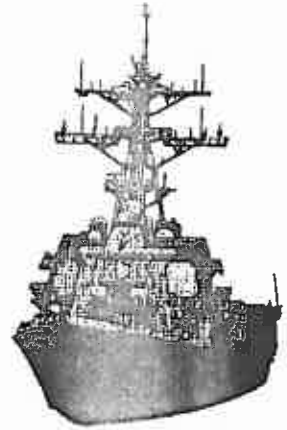




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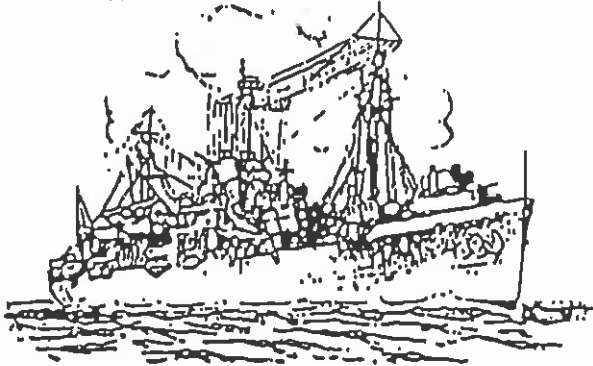
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