

# CALVERSION

OFFICAL 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 Secretary:

With new mailing regulations, we have gone to a slightly different mailing format to save costs. This newsletter is being mailed in late spring rather than in January because of changes made for the 2014 Reunion. At the 2013 USS Calvert/Harry Lee reunion in Des Moines, it was voted for the 2014 reunion to be held in Baltimore, to be hosted by our new commander, Lou Christiansen. Also, at that 2013 business meeting, the members voted to have the 2015 reunion in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to be hosted by Saretta Rowland.

In December, 2013, Lou Christiansen was diagnosed with brain cancer, and he had surgery followed by hospital treatment and therapy. By February, the USS Calvert Associates leadership had decided to cancel the 2014 reunion in Baltimore and proceed with plans to have the 2015 reunion in Dallas/Fort Worth. Upon receiving word of the possible cancellation of the 2014 Baltimore reunion, Saretta Rowland said with a little bit of time, she thought she could arrange to have the reunion in Dallas/Fort Worth in 2014 rather than 2015. Bless her! Saretta has pulled out all the stops and has planned a great 2014 reunion in Dallas/Fort Worth for October 1-5, 2014. So we will have a reunion in 2014. (See p. 5 of this newsletter for Reunion Registration form and p. 6 for the Hotel Registration form.)

In my last phone conversation with Lou, he was optimistic about his prognosis. At that time he was in a health care facility for physical therapy to get his strength back. He was making plans to have the 2016 reunion in Baltimore—2016 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decommissioning of the USS Calvert—and he plans to schedule a trip to the Calvert Maritime Museum, Solomons, Maryland, an outstanding maritime museum, as well as a place where USS Calvert artifacts, mementos, and papers are stored.

Please note that the Reunion Registration form is due by July 15, 2014, and the Hotel Registration is due by August 1, 2014. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Invite your friends and relatives to come. In recent years, the USS Calvert Associates have been happy to find increasing numbers of children, grandchildren, and friends of USS Calvert veterans coming to the reunions.

Robert & Pat Seye and their daughter, Sandy Seye, planned an outstanding reunion for us in Des Moines. We had beautiful fall weather for nearly all of our outdoor tours—and we enjoyed the beauty and hospitality of Iowa metropolitan, country, and historical areas. It is so pleasant to have the bus tours and meals all arranged, and all we have to do is sit back and enjoy. See you in Dallas/Fort Worth in Oct.

# 2013 USS Calvert/Harry Lee Reunion

The 2013 USS Calvert/Harry Lee Reunion was hosted by Robert and Pat Seye and their daughter, Sandy Seye, in Des Moines, Iowa, September 18-21. Attendees enjoyed a Thursday tour of Kinze Manufacturing Tour, Amana Colonies, and lunch in Amana, Friday included a tour of the State Capital, Monument Park, Friendship historical area, and Jordan House (part of the Underground Railroad system). The Saturday tour included: Camp Dodge Military Museum, Sinus Winery, lunch at Corn Crib, Picket Fence Creamery and working farm. On Saturday evening following a poolside memorial service, the banquet was dedicated in memory of John L. Cole, Commander of USS Calvert Associates from 1979 to 2013. Banquet attendees received beautiful wooden pencil holders and toothpick holders hand crafted by Bob Seye.

The following persons registered for the 2013 USS Calvert Reunion in Des Moines (a few persons were unable to attend because of health reasons):

Bradbury, Al & Marty – Golden Valley, MN  
Brink, Raymond & Rita – Westville, IN  
Carrillo, Willie – Fort Morgan, CO  
Christiansen, Louis – Katonah, NY  
Cole, John Family - Minnesota:  
    3 daughters & son-in-laws:  
    Sherry (Cole) McDonald & John McDonald  
    Lyn (Cole) Clark & Chuck Clarke  
    Wendy (Cole) Rossnow & Darrell Rossnow  
Sister & brother-in-law:  
    Jean (Cole) Benson & Lavern Benson  
Collier, John & Margaret - Titusville, FL  
Conway, William & Eleanor- Washington, MI  
Funck, Chris (Grandson of Sterling Funk)  
    & Tricia Funck – Lancaster, PA  
Habratt, William J. – Pittsburgh, PA  
Haggarty, William & Jacqueline – Hazelwood, MO  
Hickok, Richard & Jonell – Downey, CA  
    Sister & brother-in-law of Richard Hickok:  
    Candyce (Hickok) Carlberg & Dan Carlberg

Huffman, Ronald & Dolores – Ventura, IA  
Kloess, Paul & Mary – Belleville, IL  
Leatherwood, Donna, Melanie, & Kim –  
    Lincoln, NE  
Morse, Glynna – Windsor, MO  
Pieart, Edward – Lyndon Station, WI  
Regan, John – Ridgefield, NJ  
Rowland, Saretta & JoAnn Moorman -  
    Fort Worth, TX  
Seye, Robert & Pat Family – Ladora, IA  
    Gelene Stevens  
    Sandy Seye & Kaitlyn Kriegel  
    Sue Putna, Jim Seye  
    Joe & Joan Seye, Steve Seye  
Steedsman, Raymond & Carol – Enderlin, ND  
Taylor, Donald & Leoma &  
    Merridy Taylor – Big Fork, MT  
Upton, Bob & Doris – Conyers, GA  
Willhite, Dale & Pat Snyder – Yukon, OK  
Worthington, Hoyt & Sue – Cedarstown, GA  
Upchurch, Tom & Shirley – Spokane, WA



Pat Seye, Sandy Seye, & Robert Seye.  
Hosts of 2013  
USS Calvert/Harry Lee Reunion  
Des Moines, Iowa

# New Leaders at Helm of USS Calvert Associates

John L. Cole, Kenyon, MN was the founder and Commander of the USS Calvert Associates from 1979 until his death in 2013. John and his wife, Lila, and their children did so many things—from publishing the newsletter, helping with reunion arrangements, and overall managing of USS Calvert Associates. John and his family had become like “family” to USS Calvert veterans and reunion attendees. Words are inadequate when expressing our gratitude to John Cole and his family.

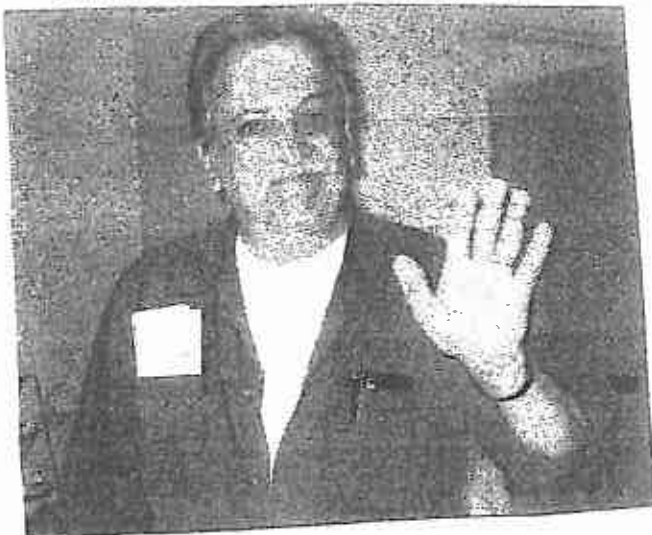
Hoyt Worthington, after serving as Vice Commander since 1979, served as Commander of USS Calvert Associates upon the passing of John Cole in April, 2013. At the business meeting of the 2013 Reunion, Hoyt asked to step down from office because of family health issues. The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the USS Calvert Associates for 2014, and the following officers were voted by acclamation at the business meeting in Des Moines:

Commander: Louis (Lou) Christiansen, Katonah, NY  
Vice Commander: Willie Carrillo, Fort Morgan, CO  
Recording Secretary: Glynna Morse, Windsor, MO  
Sgt. At Arms: William Haggarty, Maryland Heights, MO  
Past Commander & Vice Commander: Hoyt Worthington, Cedartown, GA

Our new Commander, Lou Christiansen, served on the USS Calvert during the Vietnam era and is active in veterans’ activities. He is making plans for a 2016 USS Calvert Reunion in Baltimore, which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decommissioning of the USS Calvert APA 32. Lou plans for the 2016 reunion to include a tour of the Calvert Maritime Museum, Maryland, where many USS Calvert mementos and back issues of the *Calversion* have been placed in the museum.

Willie Carrillo, Vice Commander, Fort Morgan, CO, served in the US Navy 1953-1956. Willie and his wife, Judy, were hosts of the 2010 USS Calvert Reunion in Denver, CO. We were saddened to learn that Judy passed away on February 8, 2013 after suffering ill health for several years.

Hoyt Worthington, Past Commander and Past Vice Commander, Cedartown, GA, served in the US Navy (1944-1946). He and his wife, Sarah, hosted the 1981 USS Calvert Reunion in Atlanta. Hoyt also served as the photographer for USS Calvert reunions over the years, and he and his wife, Sue, have helped the USS Calvert Associates in many ways. The present officers will draw on his years of leadership with the USS Calvert Associates. Thank you, Hoyt, for all you have done.

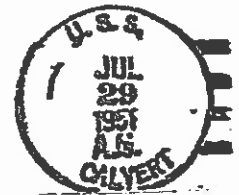


← Lou Christiansen, Katonah, NY  
Elected new Commander  
of USS Calvert Associates  
waving good-bye at 2013 Reunion

# Mail Call



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



6-18 & 19-2013. I am totally upset on learning of John's death....He did so much for his UssCalvert shipmates.....of course we don't want to forget Lila. She and my wife Mary Kay usually sat together when the next convention was being planned.....we have not attended a reunion for about 5 years,,,,Hoyt would know me....I remember your husband well in his navy uniform planning and recognising those who were no longer with us....he did a super job, THANKS FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING NOW... Our first reunion was in Nashville. I joined the Calvert in 1943 while the ship was docked at Norfolk, Va...I was discharged April 1946,,,,,discharged as a yeoman second class.....and spent my later years in financial services.....I need a Walker at times.....my wife Mary Kay gets around just fine....Kids are all close by so we all get together often.  
—Harold Pottinger, Louisville, KY

8-16-2013. As some of you may have noted on the USS CALVERT website, my father, Sterling S. Funck, died on July 31, 2013. He was very proud of his time on the CALVERT and I grew up hearing shipboard stories and reading the *Calversion*. I was indeed fortunate enough to have attended your reunion with Dad in Lancaster several years back. It was one of the highlights of my life and I really enjoyed meeting some of his old shipmates. I am glad I had the opportunity to do so before all the veterans of WWII were no longer able to attend.

I am sure, at least subconsciously, that those Navy stories which Dad told as I was growing up influenced my career choice. I am proud that my nephew (Chris Funck) has become associated with your organization and has done so much work documenting Dad's service and the history of your proud ship. I just want to express my thanks to all of those who served in the CALVERT and have kept her memory alive.  
—Steven S. Funck, Commander, Supply Corps  
United States Navy (Retired)

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—Winter, 2014. In a phone conversation, Hoyt Worthington, Past Vice Commander, informed us that Nina Trout, wife of Billie Trout, Christiana, TN, passed away on November 2013. We remember that Billie & Nina Trout were hosts at the 1987 Nashville Reunion, and we have fond memories of that reunion—Grand Ole Opry, the Hermitage, & clog dancers. Our condolences to the Trout family.  
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9-27-2013. I would have like to go to the reunion in Iowa this year, but Mary is not able to make the trip. I was shocked to hear about John. I always looked forward to his jokes and his ability to always make our reunions memorable. I am sending some pictures (*see pictures on last page of this newsletter*) of our reunion in San Diego in 1999, including one of Jim Hart and his friend, Lucy. Jim worked with me to put our reunion together. He was our Lt. Commander Supply officer in 1943-1946.

Another photo is of Ed Hunt and his wife, Lois. Ed was Captain of the Calvert 1963-1964. Lois and Ed called Mary and me so they could do something special for our 1999 reunion. Mary fixed a nice dinner for them, and that's when he said he would like to pay for the first night's dinner and entertainment.  
— Norm Durr, Coxswain 1943-1946

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## Contributions to *Calversion*:

Thanks to the many people who heeded John Cole's call in his last newsletter written in January, 2013 for contributions to support the *Calversion*. His family tells us that John was sincerely touched by the response of his Calvert buddies. Space limitations did not permit the listing the lengthy list of contributors in this newsletter. In the next 2014 newsletter, we will print a list of all contributions sent to John, including contributions received after John's passing. GM

**(Registration due by July 15, 2014)**

How do you plan to travel: Car ( ) Air ( ) other ( )

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# 2014 USS CALVERT/HARRY LEE REUNION HOTEL REGISTRATION (*Due by Aug. 1, 2014*)

## Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South

2001 Valley View Lane

Irving, Texas, 75061

USA TEL: 1-972-313-2800 FAX: 1-972-313-2885

Oct. 1-5, 2014... Arriving Oct. 1 and departing Sunday, Oct. 5. *Rate available one day before and one day after reunion.*

***\$114.99 Single or Double Occupancy + 15% guestroom tax—includes complimentary breakfast.***

- \* Check in time will be 3:00PM, earlier if the rooms are clean
- \* Checkout time is 12:00PM on Sunday Oct. 5.
- \* **Complimentary shuttle** from and to the airport. Call 977-313-2800 for pick up.

**Phone Reservations.** The hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn, DFW Airport South. You will need to call and make your hotel reservation by **August 1, 2014**. The phone number is 972-313-2800 and mention the **USS Calvert Reunion**; the code is **USSCAL**. )

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

No of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type Requested      King [ ]      Double [ ]      All rooms are non-smoking

Confirmation # here \_\_\_\_\_

**Online Reservations.** You also can make your reservations online if preferred by following these steps: (1) Go to <http://www.dfairportouth.hgi.com/>, (2) Enter dates of stay at top of page, (3) Select More Options below the dates, (4) Enter number of rooms/people, (5) Click on Add special rate codes, (6) Enter Group Code **USSCAL**, (7) Click "Check Availability", (8) Choose room type/preference, (9) All set to make the reservation! That's it.

# USS Calvert Web Site

Please note that a very comprehensive USS Calvert APA 32 web site is maintained and run by Chris Funck, Lancaster, PA. Chris is the grandson of Sterling Funck, who served aboard the USS Calvert (1942-1944). What a great way to remember his grandfather by creating this web site about the USS Calvert! Please visit the web site at: [usscalvert.com](http://usscalvert.com). Refer your relatives and friends to this web site; it is one way to keep the history of the USS Calvert APA 32 alive through the generations. Chris invites you to share your USS Calvert stories and information on the web site.

We are indebted to Chris for assembling information about the USS Calvert APA 32 during its service in World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam. What is especially great about this site is that viewers can pull up links to the following:

***A History of USS Calvert*** by David B. Cullen, Jr. Dave served in the USS Navy and on the USS Calvert (1942-1944). Dave compiled the history and laboriously typed each page on his typewriter, then had it photocopied and bound in 1986 as a 48-page booklet. It was sold at cost to cover printing, but we have no more printed copies available. Thanks to Chris's USS Calvert web site, persons can download and print copies of this entire booklet at no cost.

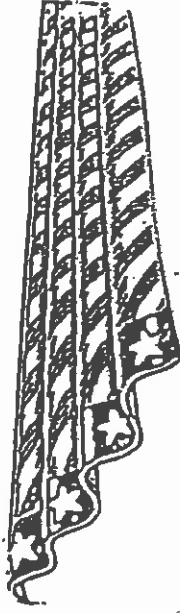
Back issues of the ***Calversion***, official newsletter of the USS Calvert, are also available on this web site. John Cole began publishing the *Calversion* in the late 1970s. Chris Funck has included copies of the newsletter on the web site dating from 1982 to present. Lost your copy of the *Calversion*, now you can find it on the web.

Other links and information are available on this web site, including the link to the USS Harry Lee: [www.usharrylee.com](http://www.usharrylee.com) and the Calvert Maritime Museum, Solomons, MD: [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com). The Calvert Maritime Museum serves as the depository for USS Calvert memorabilia, items, including all back issues of the *Calversion* that John Cole has sent to the museum over the years.



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### We mourn the passing of these shipmates:



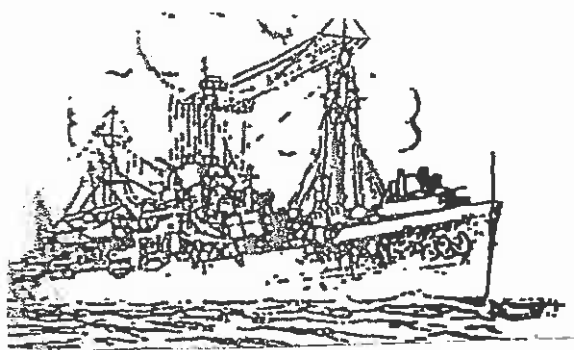
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John L. Cole, *Founder of USS Calvert Associates*, 5-17-2013  
Ken Cornelius, 1953-1956, 5-25-2013  
Charles A. Evans, 1955-1957, 4-21-2013  
Sterling Funck BM1, 1942-1943, 7-31-2013  
Billy E. Leatherwood ME2, 1950-1952, 4-19-2013  
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Charles F. Trott SMCM, 1952-1954, 12-25-12

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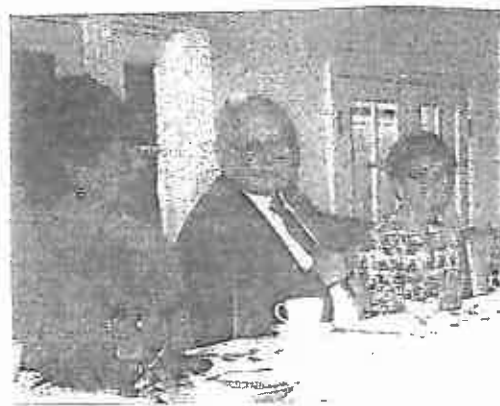
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**Lois & Ed Hunt - 1999 San Diego Reunion**



**Mary Durr, Jim Hart, & Lucy  
1999 San Diego Reunion**



**← Lila & John Cole  
1999 San Diego Reunion**