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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MEN OF THE U.S.S. CALVERT APA32
"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

When one puts out a newsletter he gets to say what he wants to and also gets to put it on the front page...

I hope that everyone who served aboard the U.S.S. Calvert makes every effort on his part to attend this reunion. It may be the only one that the ship will ever have. You and I aren't getting any younger and as the years roll on we see more and more of our shipmates pass on into the eternal.

Quite a bit of work is involved in getting things ready. What's more important is that I get some idea of who's coming. Bus transportation, meals, room for parties, band are depended on a total count.

The reunion is not just for men but wives and sweethearts, widows, and those who are interested in the U.S.S. Calvert are most welcomed. There will be plenty of things for all to do as Rochester is famous for handling visitors.

I would appreciate hearing from everyone if he is coming or not. Letters will be posted in the Calvert Room for all to read, along with pictures and items of nostalgia from the ship. I have received quite a few papers pertaining to the Calvert. If you have something you wish to bring along to show please do so. The room we will be using can be locked when not in use and someone will be there at all times when it's open.

May fair winds and a clear sky guide you all to Minnesota this summer.....

j.l.cole



Y'all Come — JULY — 20 21 —

Plan Now

REUNION

Reunion

Rochester, Minnesota

mail call

Dear John:

John, received your letter a few days ago sure was glad to hear from someone on the U.S.S. Calvert. I have lost all the addresses that I had of the people that were on the ship with us. The letter brought back a lot of memories. I was aboard the Calvert from before the Marshall Island until I was Discharged in Dec. 1945. The wife and I would love to make the reunion if possible. If you can, let me know as soon as you can so I can put in for a vacation at that time. We never have been in Minnesota and would love to come up there. Our son Edward is in the service and has been for almost 17 years. The first ship he served on was the U.S.S. Calvert. We sure were surprised when he called home one day and said that he was going aboard the Calvert. He stayed on it until they took it out of Service. He is in the Coast Guard now and is stationed in Mass. We have lived in La. since 1954 so I suppose will stay here for a while. M. E. BIRD

As a former passenger on the U.S.S. Calvert in WWII, I am interested in receiving the newsletter, past, present and future. Let me know if a charge is necessary?
AUREL SOLOMON

This is in response to your recent letter. I regret to have to write and tell you but Rayton passed away on June 25, 1978. He passed away after a long battle with lung cancer. I can't think of anything that would have thrilled him more than to have lived to receive your letter. He talked many times of all his many friends with which he served with. I hope that you will be able to receive a good response from your other shipmates and will be able to plan a good get together. Even though Rayton won't be able to be there, I do hope that you will keep me posted as you make your plans. Perhaps one of our sons could come as a stand in for their father. CARELYN COLEMAN

Still have card, dated 10/15/44. "NEPTUNIS REX" signed, "WARRIS" Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Calvert. Was with 7th Inf. Div. on way to Philippine Island's 34 years ago, where did the time go? Give my regards to everyone, hope you have a good reunion. J. D. MURPHY

Just got done reading the No. 2 issue of "Calversion". Sure does make a fella happy and brings back so many wonderful memories I spent with my shipmates while serving the U.S.A. in WW II and away from home and family. We are looking forward to seeing you all at a reunion in July, 1979. I'm sending you a page from my picture album I kept and it has names of 15 guys who were on the ship with me in Dec. 1944. Hope you can use some of their addresses to find them too. I'm spending lots of time fishing and loafing as I retired from the foundry after 36 years. Keep up the good work! HAROLD LOVE

As you can see by the change of address that I have moved to a little town north of Ft. Wayne, at a lake called Silver. While in the progress of the moving I ran across these memo's and News Letters that was published aboard ship during the War. I thought that you might like to have them for the coming Reunion this next year. Some of the fellows might get a kick out of seeing their names again in print. After the War I went to work for the Gov't in civil service and worked thirty five years on the Fire Dept., retired 6 years ago and now that my wife retired this year we decided to move to the lake and take life easy and just fish and play golf. Please keep me informed on the coming Reunion as the wife and I are looking forward to meeting you and all of my old shipmates, so until then do have a most Happy New Year. MARSHALL LEE

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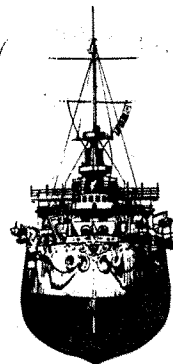
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Dear Mr. Cole:

I am a retired lieutenant of the U.S. Naval Reserve and spent almost four years on the USS Calvert between 1953 and 1957.

I note from my VFW magazine that there is a news letter. Please put me on the mailing list and send me whatever billing there is for an annual subscription.

I would suppose that by now the Calvert is decommissioned but I wonder if you have any information as to what happened to her. Thank you for your bother; enclosed please find a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur F. Graham

This letter is one of the many that I received and I wish that their letters could all be published. I am saving most of them to take to the reunion as I think most would like to read them. Keep the letters coming, I don't care if they are typed or in long hand. Also I still need addresses of old shipmates. For every three letters I send out I get back one, which is good from addresses of twenty some years....J.L.Cole

Deaths

Wayton Coleman

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It has been reported that the following have passed away....

Dr. Mike Stapleton

Willie Lynch

John Foley

Marty Flynn

Just read the book "To All Hands" by John Mason Brown in 1943. The book is published by the Whittlesey House and the McGraw Hill Book Co. The book is about the Spelvin (USS Ancon) and the Bond (USS Calvert) and dedicated to the amphibious forces off Scoglitti, Sicily. There are many pictures in the book and some of the Calvert....



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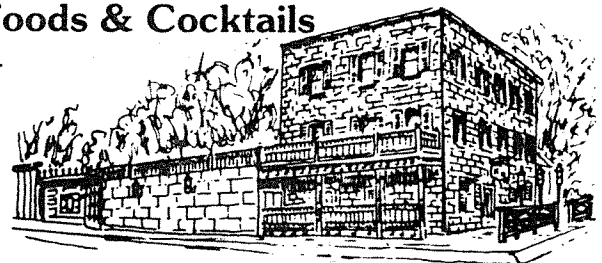
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Now Hear This

The schedule of the U.S.S. Calvert reunion in Rochester, Minnesota is tentative set as follows

Friday July 20, 1979

- 0800 Registration begins and will continue all day in the Calvert Room in the Holiday Inn So.
- 1300 Bus ride and admission to Mayowood and Olmstead County Historical Center.
- 1900 Reception in Patio Room, Holiday Inn So.
- 1930 Memorial Service...Pool Side, Holiday Inn So.
- 2000 Welcome and Get Together Party, Patio Room, Holiday Inn So, Cash Bar.

Saturday July 21, 1979

- 0800 to 1100 Registration in Calvert Room. Letters, Pictures and Papers on display. Both Friday and Saturday
- 0930 Business meeting of Calvert personal. Holiday Inn So.
- 1100 Bus leaves for Historic Mantorville and lunch at the famous Hubbel House.
- 1500 Bus returns from Mantorville.
- 1900 Banquet... Holiday Inn So.
- 2030 Formal Dance, Holiday Inn So. Music by the Turkey River All Stars Cash Bar...

Sunday July 22, 1979

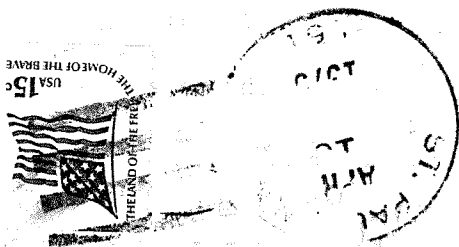
Free day to do what you want...

As you can see we will have two days of fun and fellowship. The cost which is very important is set at 25.00 per person. This will pay for the two sightseeing trips, one to Mayowood and one to Mantorville with a lunch, Banquet Meal - Room - Band.

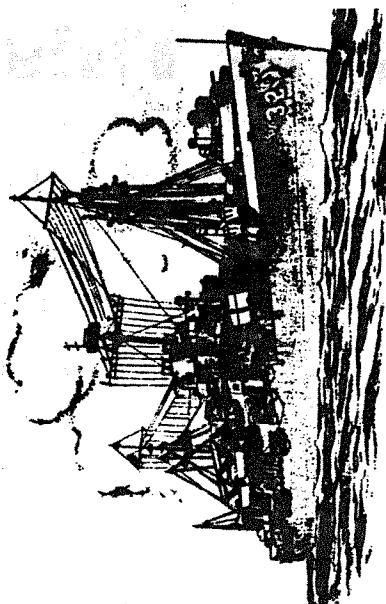
Advance registration will start as soon as you get this letter. I really need to know how many people plan to attend so plans can be made.

Please send an advanced payment of 10.00 Per Person payable to John Cole, Calvert Reunion Chm. along with your registration blank.

Fill out Registration blank along with requests for Motel Registration, Camp Ground Directory or other needs along with check as soon as possible...



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