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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"



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COMMENTS

. . . . from the

Commander

It seems like I just put out a newsletter but it's that time again. As we get older the time just flies by, or does it just seem that way? As you can see we are coming up on another big "BASH". There is one thing I would like to stress is to the Calvert men in New England who are in striking distance of the Boston/Newton Marriott Hotel, if for some reason they cannot be with us all the time, they should make a sincere effort to be with us on Saturday evening for the Memorial Service and the Dinner/Dance which is only \$19.00 per person. John Fiandaca has been working very hard to make it a very big success. Lila and I are really looking forward to Boston. We have never been in that area before so it will be a new treat. I can truthfully say we have been happy at all the Reunions that we have attended. Another thing that John wanted me to point out was, that we are planning to have a Program Book. Every one who attends will have their name printed in the book. However if we do not receive any indication from crewmen, that they intend to be with us for the Reunion, before press time of July 1, 1989 their names will not be included in the Book. That seems fair to me.... When ever I get to find out about Calvert Men who have made the news I like to share it with you. Inside is a story about Ray Rybarczyk who after serving time with the Navy Joined the Marines (there a branch of the Navy) and up to 1952 served in Korea with the First Marine Div. landing at Inchon and going as far north as the Yalo River. Thanks for the story and it makes putting out a newsletter a little easier..... Each year I send out notices to about 20 some service publications, telling them about our Reunions or about our Calvert Asso.. We seem to pick up some new guys that didn't know we were around. I am always looking for former Calvert men and if you know somebody that you are not sure they receive a newsletter send me their name and I'll check it out. I am sending out over 500 some newsletters twice a year, More names doesn't make it any harder..... Some one wrote me and asked what ever happened to the Calvert. In 1979 she was cut up for scrap. I wanted to go out to Richmond Ca. to see her for the last time, but was told it is not a pretty sight to watch. Pete Mitchell of the Levin Metals Co. sent me some parts of the ship that he removed, such as a piece of the hull, a stateroom key, door plates, name plates from engine room equip., etc. I am planning to make a display but haven't decided how big to make it so I can get it on a plane and not cost a fortune..... Lila and I would like to say that we are looking forward to seeing all of you in Boston in July. It will be a great time, one you won't soon forget. See Ya.....

j.l.cole



mail call

Dear John,

LETTERS

I'm writing to you regarding the planned reunion of crew members who served aboard the U.S.S. Calvert. I served on this ship from September 1953 until February 1960 in a variety of positions including Assistant C/C officer, Signals Officer and Administration Officer. I reported aboard as an Ensign direct from NROTC, Univ. of Wisconsin, and departed as a LT(jg). Although I will probably not attend the reunion I'm interested in hearing about the status of others who have served aboard the Calvert. Allen Menke

Just a few lines to express my appreciation for the copies of the "Calversion", that you have sent me. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. I find myself reading them over and over. I was on the Calvert from 1950 until May of 1952. I boarded her in 1950 while she was still in mothballs. Evidently she had been re-commissioned by early 1951 because I stumbled across an old photo album and log and noticed that at 0700 Saturday, February 17, 1951 we got underway from Norfolk, Va. enroute to San Diego, Ca. -the "log" indicates that we weighed anchor in Balboa, Panama on February 22, 1951. (I don't believe I'd want to drop anchor there now with the way Noriega & company are carrying on.) This was the beginning of the Voyage that carried us from Norfolk - San Diego - San Francisco - (Treasure Island) - where we picked up the 40th Infantry and carried them to the Far East. I believe that the picture of the Calvert coming into port, with the four Hawaiian maidens standing on the dock, was probably taken in April or early May of 1952 because it was about this time that we were returning from the Far East and stopped over at Pearl Harbor. I have one of the original pictures. If I remember correctly this picture appeared in the area newspaper. As I stated earlier I have enjoyed reading all issues of the Calversion that you have sent me as I see names of people that I think I remember, but Vol. #19 was a special "adrenalin pumper" because it contained the name and address of Robert Leroy Goodwin who was in the same division with me. I was able to call him up on the telephone. For the record I departed "The Good Ship Calvert in May of 1952 while she was anchored in San Diego Bay. Since that time I (after finishing college) have worked in the field of education as a teacher, coach and principal. Presently I am Principal of an elementary school here in Jackson, Tn. I am married and have three children (1 boy - Navy man of 10+ years & 2 daughters). The only trouble with the boy is that he chose to be an "air-dale" rather than a black shoe" sailor. Here's looking for the next mail call. L. PEARSON QM S-3

I enjoyed the dinner held in Norfolk, it was obvious Dave and Helen did a lot of work for a successful reunion. Thanks to Roy & Marietta I was able to attend, it was a joy. Do hope you will have a successful reunion on Boston. The things to do are almost endless and the area full of history. I do enjoy the Calversion - thank you. MILDRED LEVETT

10-1-42 - On this date the USS Calvert was commissioned at Norfolk, Va. (at first she was Apa-65, changed to APA 32 on Feb. 1, 1943). This was the start of a long career that would carry her thru WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War. 10-1-88 - A few years later (46 to be exact) thirty four former crew members and several guests gathered at Best Western Motel in Norfolk, Va. this was the mini-reunion. GEorge Mackey read a nice proclamation from the Mayor of Norfolk. It covered the Calverts long career and welcomed everyone back to Norfolk. George had a word of warning to any former crew members who has never attended a reunion. He says if you ever come once then we GOTCHA. The caterers brought out a large, very nice cake with a remarkable likeness of the Calvert on it. Someone suggested that since this was the Birthday of the Calvert that it should have a candle on it and we should sing Happy Birthday, anyway, that's what we did and Louise Blank did the honor of cutting the cake. Needless to say this was a great mini-reunion - thanks to Helen & Dave Cullen and everyone wlse who helped. SARA & HOYT WORTHINGTON

Saw in the V.F.W. Mag. the Calvert was having a reunion. Helped put the ship back in commission in 1950 - was aboard until 1953. Would like to hear from you. REGINALD C. FRANKS

With regret I tell you that Jellison N. Lello (LTJG, Chaplain U.S.S. Calvert 1942-1944) died May 13, 1987. After a medical discharge from the Navy he returned to Maine. He continued his ministry serving a church in Norway, Maine for twenty-eight years. We retired to our home in Scarborough ten years prior to his death. Jellison had fond and proud memories of the U.S.S. Calvert and her crew. I am sure he would have enjoyed attending a reunion. Your reunion in Boston this year is a great opportunity for New England residents to meet with former shipmates. Very Best Wishes To All. MARY N. LELLO

I read in the April's VFW Magazine the notice of the reunion of the USS Calvert. I wrote to John Fiandaca, about the reunion and received a telephone call from him stating that you could give us additional information about the USS Calvert. From 1942 to 1945 I served in the Navy during World War II and was assigned to several ships. During the Korea Conflict, I was recalled in the Navy in 1950 to 1952 and was on the USS Calvert APA 32 in the Boat Division. I would appreciate learning about your organization of the USS Calvert and am interested in any of the men that served while I was on the ship. JOSEPH T. MOFFETT

I served aboard the Calvert ApA 32 from 1950 to 1952 as a BM2 in the L Div. & 2nd Div. I came aboard with the Boat Div. at Norfolk. Shortly after we left for San Deigo. After a few landings at Coronado we left for Pearl and Yokosuka. We made so many practice landings at Chickasaki Beach we became known as the Chick a Saki Raiders. After a visit to Sendi on northern Hokido we left for Hong Kong for R & R. Then the Capt. gave us all our own coffee mugs. I still use mine every day for coffee. After we went back to Deigo for change of command and dry dock, but that's another story. I left the ship for Little Creek. But my days on the Calvert were happy ones filled with fond memories of shipmates and good and not so good times. PAUL E. SMITH

By the end of May the following Calvert men said that they were comming to the Boston 89 National Reunion of the U.S.S. Calvert APA 32

Ray Glasco	Frank Danca	Ed Pierce	Hoyt Worthington	Carl Allan
John Fiandaca	Dick Morse	Howard Chereskin	Billy Trout	Don Reader
Bob Hanson	Paul Deegan	Bob Smith	Rex Crowdes	Bob Metzger
Roy Holmes	M. Couvellen	Guy Wine	Ray Brink	James Scully
Charles Skillman	Jack Ferris	Dave Wallace	Pete Berry	John Zdanowicz
Louis Kina	Dick DeBlois	Vincent Shwab	Bill Horbrat	Joe Pribula
George Mackey	Dave Cullen	Tom Warder	John Groff	Carl Hoffman
Ralph Jay	Urban Butler	Warren Shaddock	A. Brian Weinberg	Dan Tinney
Len Hanscom	Lou Smith	Ray Rybarczyk	Warren Newill	Joe Turpel
Jim McFetridge	Carl Parker	John Piacentini	Steve Shuster	John Cole

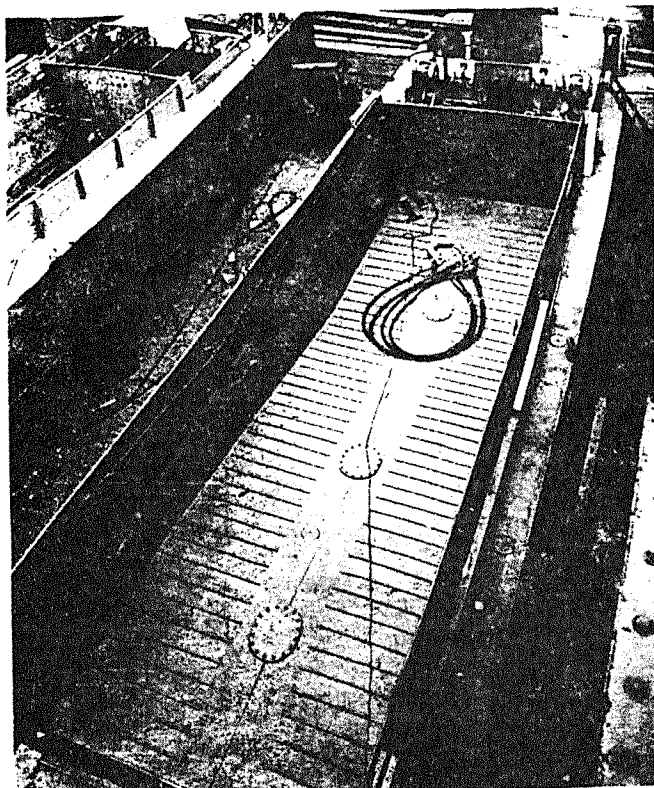
They will be bringing their wives, girlfriends (the lucky ones both) and friends. You still have time to join them....

Jim Scully.....15.00
W. Banduchi.....20.00
H.W. Pyburn.....20.00
Al Grote 45 Inf....5.00
Joe Brady.....20.00
H.Wm. Bridgford...20.00
James Willian.....20.00

Many Thanks

To the following persons who are helping with newsletter expences. Thank you very much.....

Mildred Levett.....10.00
R. Rybarczyk.....25.00
Urban Butler.....20.00
Robert L. Smith.....10.00
Glen Malin.....15.00
L. Pearson.....25.00
Marcella Simpson....10.00

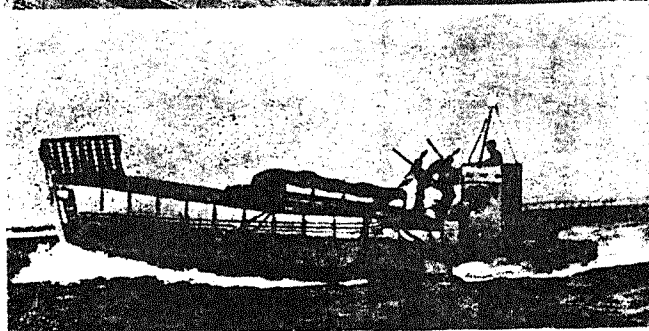


◀ **LANDING CRAFT, MECHANIZED** (MARK 3)

LCM(3)

Operational use	Designed to land one medium (30-ton) tank or motor vehicles directly on beach.
Description	Two designs are in use, the HIGGINS type constituting the majority. Recent changes include addition of machine guns and magnesyn compass, higher bulwark, and slight rearrangement aft.
Capacity	One 30-ton tank or 60,000 lb. of cargo, or 60 troops. BUREAU type (few in number) carries 120,000 lb. of cargo.
Endurance	850 miles @ 6 1/4 kts.; Speed, 8 kts. (loaded); 11 kts. (normal load). 500 miles @ 7 1/4 kts.; 140 miles @ full speed.
Dimensions	Length, 50'0" o. a. Beam, 14'1".
Displacement	Light, 52,000 lb. Draft, 3'0" for'd, 4'0" aft. Loaded, 52 tons.
Armament	Two .50-cal. M.G.
Armor	1/4" HTS sides to control station. British are fitting bullet-proof mattresses.
Crew	4.
Propulsion	Two 110-225 hp. Diesels of different designs; twin screws.

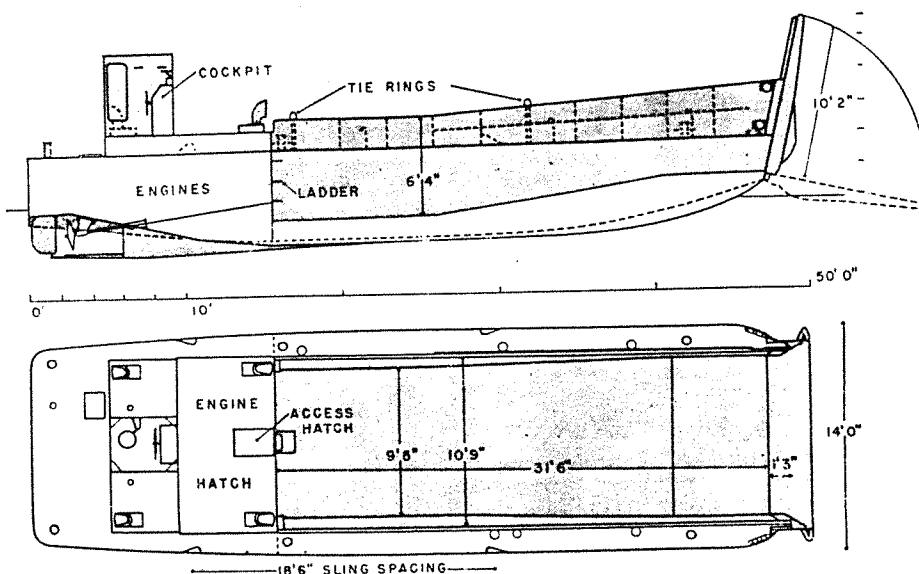
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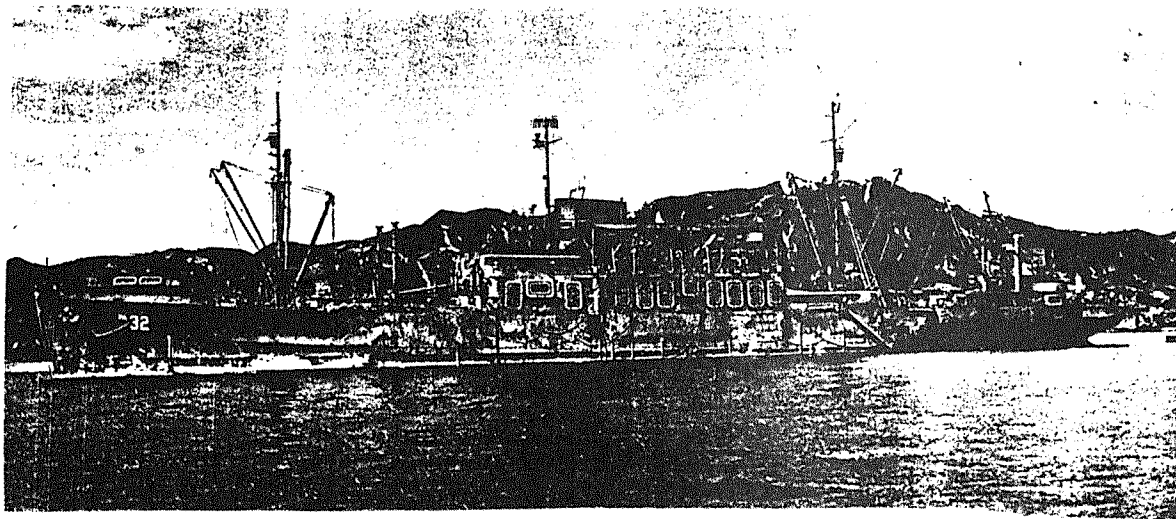


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United States Navy





Dereliction of Duty

When I left the USS Calvert for the last time at Bremerton I didn't turn for a farewell glimpse.

She and I were through.

The romance was over.

World War II had brought us together and kept us that way for 26 months minus a day.

Shorter than most marriages; longer than some affairs.

She was mother and sister and sweetheart to me but I didn't realize this at the time.

I was too busy playing hard to get.

She had been good to me and I had neglected her at times, taking her for granted.

She had been there when I needed her if I could make it up the gangway after a sodden liberty.

She had lulled me to dreams in the bosom of her sleeping compartment.

She had housed and fed me.

In our first sea crossing together she had given me my sea legs.

As I stood mid-watch in her forward five-inch gun tub she had shown me the beauty of a moonlit Mediterranean Sea.

At her helm I felt the strength and power of her engines as she sliced the water.

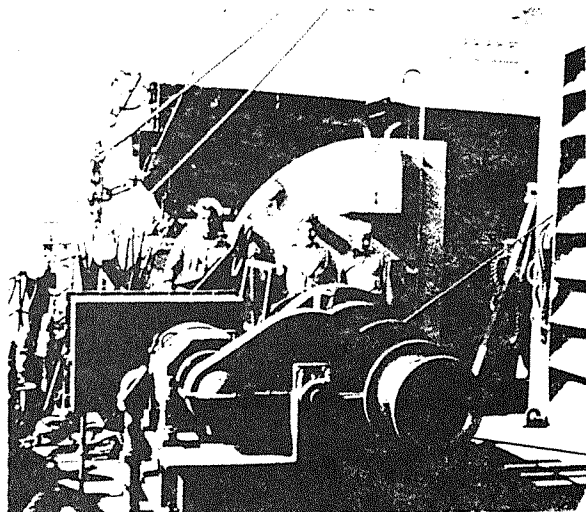
I had swabbed her deck and polished her brass and painted her bulkheads only because that was part of my job.

She, in return, had carried me around the world to faraway places with strange sounding names: Scoglitti, Eniwetok, Saipan, Lingayen.

She had brought me back alive and how did I repay her?

Not even with one last look and a "goodbye ol' girl, thanks for the memory."

Hal Winter



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

U.S.S. CALVERT

National Crew Reunion

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 1989

CHECK-IN TIME: 1600 Hours

However anyone who may arrive early may be able to get room assignments if they have been cleaned and are available at the time you arrive. If rooms are not available at the time of arrival, you may check your luggage in the Lobby Area, then check the Lobby Bulletin Board to get the number to the Hospitality Room where you will be able to REGISTER for the REUNION.

1900 HOURS: NEW ENGLAND CLAMBAKE DINNER

Dinner will be served at the AMERICAN LEGION POST #440, on California St. Newton, about 10 minutes from the MARRIOTT. If you require transportation to the Legion Post and you plan to attend, please indicate on your ACTIVITY FORM whether or not you will need transportation.

NOTE: We will need at least 100 persons to furnish this part of the program.

MENU will include:

Steamed Clams	Calm Chowder	Roasted Chicken
Roasted Potatoes	Cole Slaw	Corn on the Cob
Rolls & Butter	Watermelon	Punch and/or Coffee

All items on the menu will be served Family Style except for the Roasted Chicken which will be served on a one chicken to one person basis.

PRICE of CLAMBAKE \$12.00 per person.

FRIDAY, JULY 21st, 1989 Boston Inner Harbor Tour, Quincy Market Area and Visit to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

Busses will depart the Hotel at 0845 Hrs. Cruise Ship will depart at 0930 Hrs. We will go ashore at the Charleston Navy Yard to view "Old Ironsides" the USS Constitution, then complete tour of the Inner Harbor, the Group will then proceed to the Quincy Market area for Lunch (Dutch Treat) Should also have time to Shop and Browse. 1400 Hrs. we will depart for the

JFK Library and then return to the Hotel at about 1600 Hrs.

PRICE \$16.00 Per Person Includes Cruise Tour & Admission to JFK Library
1900 HOURS COCKTAIL Hour Cash Bar & Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres from
USS CALVERT ASSOCIATES

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 1989 Association Meeting followed by TOUR of Boston's FREEDOM TRAIL and a second visit to the Quincy Market Area.

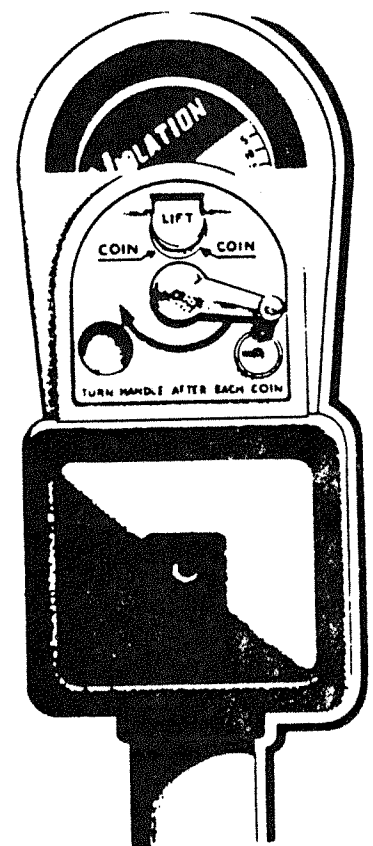
0800 HOURS: USS CALVERT ASSOCIATION MEETING. Meeting Room and location to be listed in Reunion Program Booklet.

0900 HOURS Buses will depart Hotel for FREEDOM TRAIL TOUR which will include visits to the Paul Revere House, the Old North Church, the Boston Tea Party Museum and travel past the Oldest Church and Cemetery along the Trail by the State House, the Boston Commons and Boston Gardens.

A return visit to Quincy Market for Dutch Treat Lunch and more sightseeing that time did not permit for on Friday. Return to Hotel by 1600 hours.

PRICE: \$21.00 per person includes admissions to the Paul Revere House and the Boston Tea Party Museum.

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**TIME IS
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1830 HOURS MEMORIAL SERVICES, Location to be announced at either POOL Side or Riverside Side. Location will be listed in Hospitality Room.

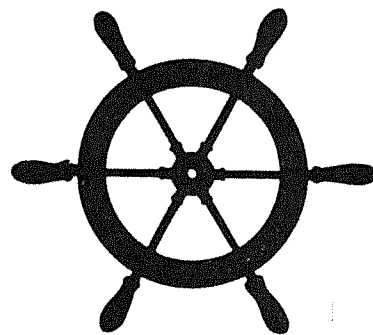
1900 HOURS DINNER & DANCE (20000 Hrs. to Midnite)

Everyone will have a choice of Dinner Entree which will be either Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken or Broiled Schrod

DINNER PRICE: \$19.00 per person. Price includes Tax & Tip.

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1989

CHECK OUT by 1300 HOURS. Anyone needing a later Check Out time may make arrangements for a reasonable extension with the Management at the Hotel.



CONVENTION '89

RESERVATION FORM

(Please Type or Print)

1989 USS CALVERT REUNION ACTIVITY FORM

DATE:	PRICE P/PER.	No. of PERSONS	SUB TOTALS
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Thursday, July 20,

CLAMBAKE \$12.00

Do you need Transportation YES ☐ NO ☐

Friday, July 21,

HARBOR CRUISE, Etc. \$16.00

Saturday, July 22,

FREEDOM TRAIL TOUR \$21.00

DINNER/DANCE \$19.00

Please indicate your choice for Dinner

Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken ☐ or Broiled Schrod ☐

Signature _____

Date _____

Total Reunion Check _____

REMINDER: Please make out Checks or Money Orders to: 1989 USS CALVERT REUNION

then MAIL TO: JOHN C. FIANDACA
36 Johnson St.
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(617) 969-1000
Group Rates

Name(s) _____
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve _____ (rooms) for _____ persons.

I will arrive on _____ DAY/DATE Depart on _____ DAY/DATE

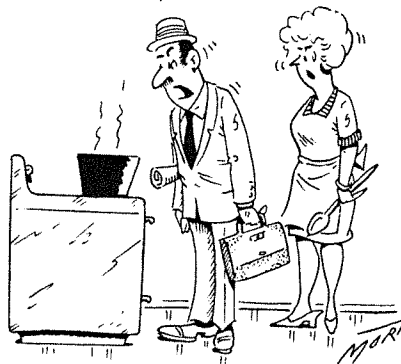
Single \$65
Double .. \$65
Triple \$65
Quad \$65

*Rates based on a per night basis plus
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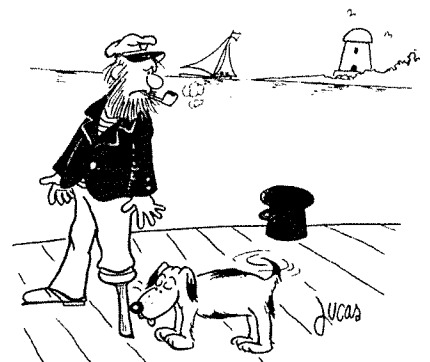
NOTE: Reservations must be received no later than
21 days prior to your arrival. Checkout time 1 p.m.
Checkin time 4 p.m. They will be held until 6 p.m.,
local time unless guaranteed by a one night deposit.



"If this is heaven, where are all the
shopping malls?"



"What have we here to put on a
shingle?"





Times photo by John J. Watkins.

Major Steven Barilich aids Marine Reserve Major Gen. Dean Sanglais in pinning Purple Heart on ex-Marine Ray Rybarczyk

War medal pinned at last

By GAYLE KOSALKO
Times Correspondent

GARY — Former U.S. Marine Ray Rybarczyk of Hammond received his second Purple Heart on Thursday — 39 years late.

Rybarczyk served in the South Pacific in World War II and was later called back in 1950 to serve in Korea, where he was wounded twice. The first time he received a Purple Heart in Korea was for wounds to both knees and both hands. His second battle wounds came in Korea at the Chosein Reservoir.

"We were at Chosein Reservoir, trapped," Rybarczyk said. "If anybody could walk they kept fighting. I had to be evacuated by helicopter because it was just too bad then. It was really a massacre. We landed with an outfit of 288 men. When I was evacuated there were only six men alive in our company."

Rybarczyk, who was wounded the second time in the neck and in his arms, was flown to the West coast then to hospitals

in Springfield, Mass. and Portsmouth and Norfolk in Virginia.

"I was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars in Korea," he said. "The Purple Heart kept following me but it never caught up."

When Rybarczyk, retired commander of the Calumet City Fire Department and now chief of security for Tradewinds in Gary, wrote to the Marines for past records, it was discovered that he had never actually received his second Purple Heart.

"Every once in a while these pop up," said Second Sgt. Steve Anderson of the Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center in Gary. "They'll find some obscure record. In military history when men are under strong attack there often isn't enough time for records."

Rybarczyk returned to the Reserve Center with family and friends to take part in the military ceremony. His last visit there was when it was his departure point for Korea.

As a color guard stood at attention, retired Marine Corps Reserve Gen. Dean Sanglais presented Rybarczyk with his long-awaited award.

"He served with distinction," Sanglais said of Rybarczyk. "He typifies the American who's been asked to serve and serves well. Every day until the day he dies, Ray Rybarczyk will be a Marine through and through."

Rybarczyk and Sanglais had served together in World War II.

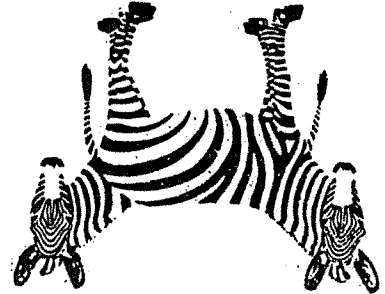
"We've been friends for years and years and years," Rybarczyk said. "I asked that he be the man to give me my Purple Heart because many of the guys that were killed and wounded were friends of ours together and I have a personal feeling toward him. Marines have a kind of camaraderie that's pretty close and I think it's neat he gave me the decoration."

Rybarczyk said he plans to give his medals and Purple Hearts to his grandsons.

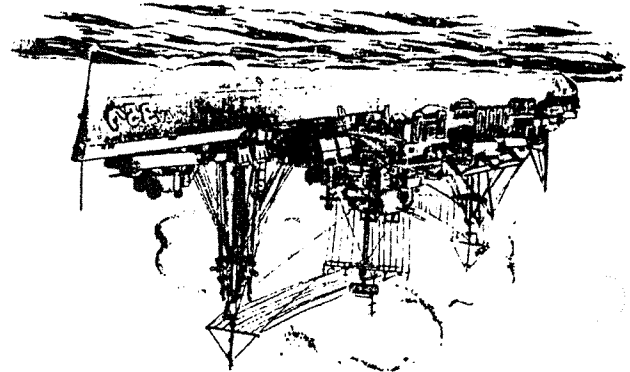
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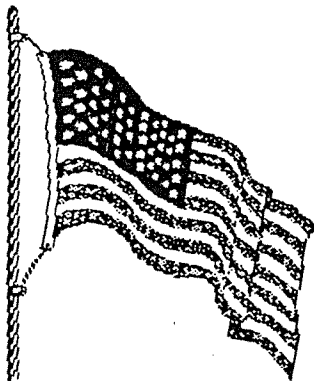
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MEMBERS PASSED AWAY



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Al Posey PHM2 44 Feb. 3, 1989

Earl R. Megraw MOMM2 42 Feb. 24, 1989

William E. Wiltshire P02 March 13, 1989

Richard K. Dickson BT August 8, 1982