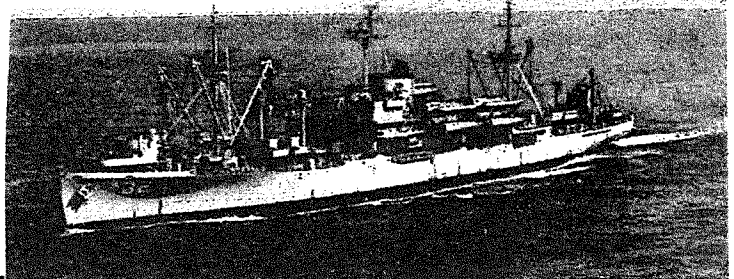


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Note from the Commander:

Ahoy Mates! I really can't believe we are moving into the month of June already. How time flies. I hope everyone has their passports ready to go on the cruise in October. It sounds like we are going to have a good turnout. It will be fun having the reunion on board ship, so get your reservations early so you don't miss the boat. I hope everyone has been doing well. I have had a couple of problems but have gotten them taken care of, and back on track. Shirley and I have been working on the 2017 Reunion in Portland Oregon and will let know the details in the January 2017 newsletter. Lots of fun has been planned. I'm sitting here on Memorial Day trying to finish this article before the *Calversion* goes to press. I hope everyone will have a nice Fourth of July. Looking forward to seeing you in October. Bon Voyage!!!

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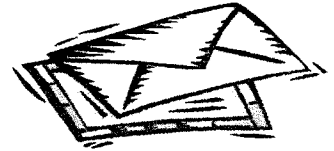
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You Can Still Make Reservations for
2016 USS Calvert Associates Reunion
5-Day (4 Nights) Bahamas Cruise
October 3 – 7, 2016

Departing Miami, Fl on Oct. 3, 4 p.m.; Returning Oct. 7, 7 a.m.

Twenty reservations have been made for the USS Calvert Associates for the October 3-7, 2016 Bahamas Cruise. If you have not made reservations for the cruise, you can still phone your reservations (although rates published in the January newsletter are no longer available, rooms can be booked at prevailing rates when you call—ask for their best rates.) You will need your passport for the cruise. See P. 3 of this newsletter for reservation details. ***If you have already made reservations, be sure to confirm with your payment before the deadline date.***

Mail Call



(GM Note: Some of these letters or e-mails have been edited for space considerations.)

January 1, 2016 *(Phone Call)* John M. Stewart was a Signalman on the USS Calvert in 1958-1959, and he said that the Calvert was the best. He is seeking the whereabouts of Gary Peterson (Petersen) who served with him on the Calvert during 1958-59, perhaps longer. He thought that Gary Peterson was from Washington State, and he would like to get in touch with him. If anyone has any information about Gary, please call John at toll-free (866) 657-5602 or e-mail at jstewart1@cebridge.net.

-John M. Stewart (1958-1959)

Feb. 5, 2016. Wanted to let you know of my husband's passing on January 2, 2016 at age 94 years. He served on the *USS Calvert*. We have tried to go to all the reunions of the *USS Calvert* and also the other ships on which John served. (He was on seven ships in his 32 years service.) His rank was HMCS, and he will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

--Margaret Collier

Feb. 5, 2016. Just to let you know that my husband passed away on May 2, 2007. My husband served in WW II and Korea. He was in the Naval Reserve and was called back in August 1950* to take the *USS Calvert* out of mothballs. He was discharged in March, 1952. **(GM Note: My husband, Richard R. Morse, served on the USS Calvert from 1951 to 1954; I recall him telling that many of the men on the USS Calvert had served in WW II, had signed up for the Naval Reserve, and then had been called back during the Korean Conflict.)*

--Ann Carlson

Feb. 12, 2016. Dad (Raymond Verl Tibbs) passed away on September 9, 2012. I would still like to be on your mailing list. Dad had a strong attachment to the men of the *USS Harry Lee*. his ship during WWII and served in eight invasions. He attended two of the reunions.

--William Tibbs

Feb. 28, 2016. I am the niece of Marion Cecil Simpson of Greenwood, SC. He died on Dec. 10, 2015 of complications caused by cancer. Most of his friends and family called him "Simp." The last newsletter sent to him had a notice about the 5-day Bahamas Cruise. I know that he would have dearly loved to go on this cruise with his former Navy shipmates. Uncle Cecil and his longtime companion, Lorena Agnew, attended many reunions together. His navy uniform, stars, and medals will be on display at the Veteran's Museum in Greenwood, SC. *(GM note: Cecil was in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 and served on the USS Calvert. .)*

We come from a large military family. My father, L. P. Jones, Jr. was in the Navy on board the *USS Weeden*. My father-in-law was in the Marines; my brother was in the Air Force and my cousin was in the Army as well as his father and other family members. So we all know how important the military is and how strong the bonds can be between anyone serving in the military. I hope that all the shipmates and their families who will be on the cruise will have a wonderful time and will remember my Uncle Cecil (Simp) as well as any others who are not able to attend or are no longer with us. Thanks you very much and God Bless You. And please tell all the shipmates that I thank them for their service to our country!!

--Debra J. Latham



**2016 USS Calvert Associates Reunion
5-Day (4 Nights) Bahamas Cruise Reservation Information
October 3 – 7, 2016**

Departing Miami, FL Oct. 3, 4 p.m.; Returning Oct. 7, 7 a.m.

(Guests must arrive at the pier at least **2 hours prior** to the published sailing time.)

The five-day (four nights) cruise departs from Miami, Florida on Monday, October 3, 2016, on Royal Caribbean International's ship, "Enchantment of the Seas." The scheduled itinerary is: **Monday**, - Miami, FL departure 4:00pm; Tuesday - Nassau, Bahamas 8:00 am - 11:59 pm; Wednesday - CocoCay, Bahamas ; 8:00am -5:00 pm; Thursday - Key West, FL 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; and **Friday** – Return to Miami, FL 7:00 am. Single, Double, Triple, or Quad Rooms (Interior or Ocean views available) .

IMPORTANT! All persons boarding the "Enchantment of the Seas" for the cruise **MUST HAVE A PASSPORT**. Many larger post offices or county clerk's offices can help you with passport application information or check online for sources for passports. Also, we highly recommend you purchase trip insurance in case illness or health should cause you to cancel.

To book registrations through Royal Caribbean International:

Phone: 1-800-465-3595 & Mention group ID # to book

For Royal Caribbean phone menu selection, press "5" for "Travel with family or friends"

Group Name:	USS Calvert Associates
Group ID:	9532745
Cruise:	"Enchantment of the Seas" Departing Miami, FL
Date:	October 3, 2016 - October 7, 2016

Other options to consider:

- * Trip Insurance –available from cruise line
- * Hotel arrangements for night before/night after and all transfers between ship, hotel, and airport—available from cruise line, or individuals may make their own arrangements (can be made later after air reservations or other travel has been arranged)
- * Beverage Package—(beverages such as soda, beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, premium coffee or tea, bottled water, fresh squeezed juice—available for additional individual cost or in beverage package from cruise line). **Free beverages** include: tap water, milk, tea, reg. & decaf coffee, lemonade, iced tea, flavored waters, juices (at breakfast not fresh squeezed), hot chocolate packets.

(Note: A copy of this newsletter with the cruise registration information is also available at the USS Calvert website: <http://www.usscalvert.com>.)

Mail Call, Continued From P. 2

Feb., 2016. Just to let you know about the passing of Capt. David A. Merrill. Having enjoyed a long life, Dave Merrill* passed peacefully on August 22nd, 2014. He and Mother are on their last cruise together. **(GM Note: David A. Merrill was a Captain on the USS Calvert in 1962-1963.)*

--The Merrill Children

Feb. 16, 2016. I am informing you that my husband, Jerry Walter Collins, Sr. passed away on Sept. 3, 2014. He served in the Navy 30 years and retired as a Master Chief.

--Tresa Collins

June, 2016. To: Glynna Morse & Calvert Shipmates. Again Mary has a hard time traveling this year. The Bahamas bring back memories from 20 years ago we enjoyed the warm water at the beaches. I know that everybody will enjoy the 5-day cruise.

I was wearing my new Calvert hat with the picture of the "new" Calvert standing in line waiting at Costco, when a gentleman asked me if I had served on the Calvert. I said, "Yes, but I was on it in 1943-1946" and then told him the metal and scrap was part of the new one. He then shook my hand because I could see he knew that I was a "little old" to have served on the new Calvert. (I knew Bud & Barbara Ruth will enjoy that story.)

Mary and I still enjoy receiving the Calversion. I lost one eye six years ago but otherwise I'm doing fine. You are continuing to do a good job, and tell everybody that helps you also.

--Norm Durr* (1943-1946) *

(GM Note: Norm Durr was co-host with Jim Hart in San Diego in 1999; Jim Hart is deceased.)

Comments from the Secretary

Getting mail, phone calls, and photos from USS Calvert shipmates or their families is the enjoyable part of working with the newsletter. Unfortunately, learning of the passing of so many of our WWII and Korean era veterans is the sad part of this job. As we read the many stories and obituaries of the *USS Calvert* shipmates who have died, we can be proud of the productive lives they lived after they left the Navy.

If you know of any Calvert shipmates who have passed on, please send me a note or give me phone call. After each mailing of the *Calversion*, I get several newsletters returned marked as "Unable to Forward" or "Forward Time Expired." When those newsletters are returned, I try to check for possible obituaries or change of addresses, but often people move and no forwarding address is available. (The U.S. Post Office forwards mail for only a very short time). If you move, please send me a note of your new address.

Two of the names on the deceased list in this newsletter (Billie Trout & Bert Cohee) were hosts at earlier USS Calvert reunions. Billie & Nina Trout (both deceased) hosted the Nashville, TN reunion in 1987. Bert & Nan Cohee hosted the Richmond, VA reunion in 2005; Bert Cohee is survived by his wife, Nan. John Cole, the founder of USS Calvert Associates, started with the 1979 reunion in Rochester, MN. My husband and I attended every national reunion except the one in San Francisco. We met so many wonderful people and saw places we would never have seen had we not gone on these reunions. Come share memories with USS Calvert shipmates and their families. Make plans to attend the 2016 Bahamas cruise and keep in mind the 2017 reunion to be held in Portland, OR.

--Glynna Morse, Secretary

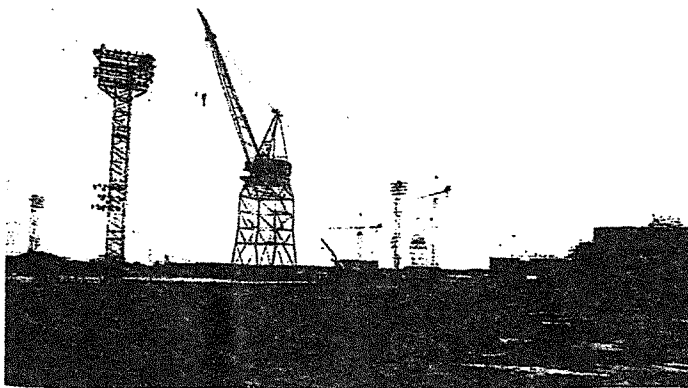
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2015 Baltimore Reunion Reviewed

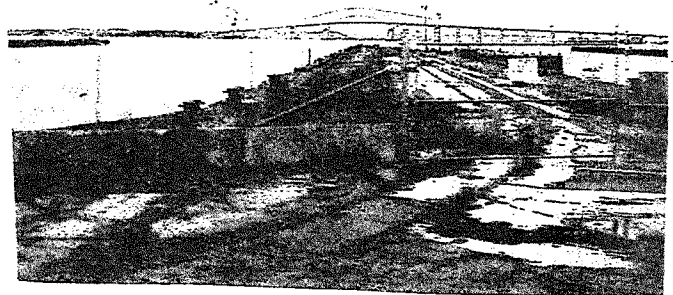
Early Days of the *USS Calvert*

Thanks to the efforts of Chris Funck, he was able obtain access for our tour bus to go inside the gates of the former Bethlehem Steel Sparrow's Point Shipyard. We were able to view the old buildings, shipyards, and waterway where the *USS Calvert* was built and eventually launched. On April 30, 1940, the U. S. Maritime Commission contracted for a ship to be constructed, named the *Deloreans*, to be delivered to the Delta Line, Mississippi Shipping Company, to be used for shipping between the Gulf and South American East Coast. The keel was laid on November 15, 1941. With the declaration of War, the *Deloreans* was acquired by the Government in January, 1942.

The ship was renamed *Calvert* and launched on May 22, 1942. After dock trials on September 1, 1942 and an official trial on September 20, the ship was delivered to the Navy at Norfolk, VA on September 30, 1942. The next day (October 1, 1942) the ship was commissioned as *USS Calvert* in honor of George Calvert, First Lord Baltimore and for Calvert County, Maryland.



Former Bethlehem Steel Sparrow's Point Shipyards where *USS Calvert* was laid in 1941



Water way at Sparrow's Point Shipyards where *USS Calvert* was launched in 1942

On the previous day, the reunion attendees visited Solomon's Island, the site of the Calvert Maritime Museum, the depository for *USS Calvert* memorabilia and artifacts. The tour bus also toured the Solomon Island area of the Naval Amphibious Training Base at which thousands of military trained, including John Regan (WW II, 1941-1942) and we saw the "On Watch" memorial monument dedicated to those who trained on Solomon's Island.

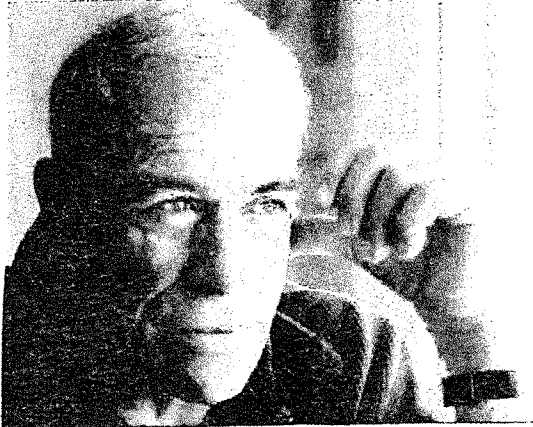
John Cole, founder of the *USS Calvert* Associates, in the 1990s began sending artifacts and information to the Calvert Maritime Museum, and we have continued to send items to the museum through the years. We consider ourselves fortunate to have a museum where our children and descendants can continue to view *USS Calvert* items in the future.

The Calvert Maritime Museum, the staff, and Richard Dodds, Curator of Maritime History, had a reception and a *USS Calvert* display for our tour group. The museum's goal is to have a permanent *USS Calvert* exhibit. Chris Funck, webmaster of the *USS Calvert* website, has worked closely with the Calvert Maritime Museum. Chris reports that the museum is hoping to build a scale model of the *USS Calvert* to use in that display. Following our visit to the Calvert Maritime Museum, the tour bus then went to Prince Frederick Library where the Calvert Maritime Museum had a special exhibit of *USS Calvert* artifacts.

The Calvert Maritime Museum is located at 14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons, MD 20688m at the mouth of the Patuxent River. For more information about the museum, its sites and exhibits , visit the museum website: <http://www.calvertmaritimemuseum.com/>

Paul Mantee (Paul Marinetti) TV & Film Actor Served on USS Calvert

(GM Note: I received a brief note stating that Paul Marinetti had passed away in late 2013. I then checked the Internet for obituary information to get specific dates of death, etc. To my surprise, I discovered that the Paul Marinetti on our USS Calvert newsletter mailing list was also known by his actor/stage name of "Paul Mantee." I recognized his face as having seen him on some television shows in the past. I wonder if any of the Calvert men who served during the Korean War remember Paul Marinetti from the days when he was on the USS Calvert? Below is some of the information below about actor Paul Mantee.)



Paul Mantee (Paul Marinetti)

Born : January 9, 1931, San Francisco, CA

Died: November 7, 2013, Malibu, CA

Occupation: Film & TV Actor, Writer for
Malibu Times, and Author

Paul Marinetti was born in San Francisco, CA, where his family owned a large Italian restaurant, Fio d'Italia. He attended San Mateo Junior College, majoring in journalism. He then joined the Navy, serving for four years in the Korean War. Paul served on the *USS Calvert* as a personnel man from 1952-1954 with the rank of PN3.

After he completed his four years in the Navy, Paul entered UC Berkeley and completed a bachelor's degree. He began acting in the 1950s and had minor roles until he was given the lead in the movie, *Robinson Crusoe on Mars* (1964). For the next four decades, Paul acted in such shows as *Mannix*, *Dragnet*, *Hawaiian Eye*, *Mission Impossible*, *Ironside*, *Barnaby Jones*, *L.A. Law*, *The A-Team*, and *Murder, She wrote*, to name only a few of the 120 films and television shows credited to him. Many people will remember his role as the detective, Al Corassa, on *Cagney and Lacey* for five seasons (1983-1988).

After he retired from acting, he pursued his writing career as a contributing writer for the *Malibu Times*. He also wrote two novels, *In Search of the Perfect Ravioli* (Ballantine Books, 1991) and *Bruno of Hollywood* (Ballantine Books, 1994).

Paul Marinetti died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 82. He was survived by his wife, Suzy Davis Mantee, stepson Ian, daughter-in-law Brooke, grandsons Connor and Chase McCloud, stepdaughter Jolie and her husband Greg Harrison, and grandchildren Grant and Alexia Harrison, and several other extended family members and beloved cats Lady Jane, Poppet and Duchess.

Sources: (1) *Malibu Times*, November 8, 2013. http://www.malibutimes.com/malibu_life/article_c0d4bd34-48c8-11e3-9951-0019bb2963f4.html;
(2) Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Mantee

Contributions to the USS Calvert Associates

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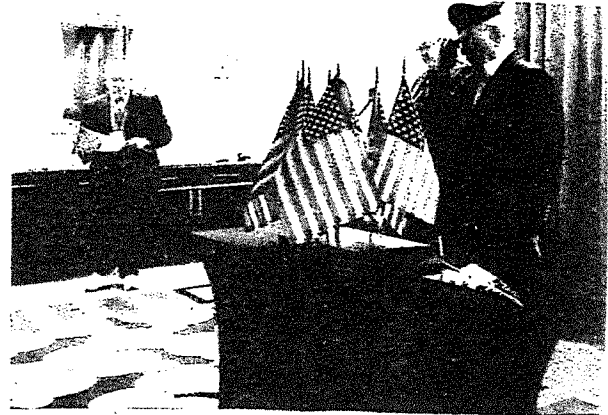
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(L-R): John Regan & Richard Hickok look at *USS Calvert* artifacts displayed by Calvert Maritime Museum Curator, Richard Dodds



William Haggarty gives final salute honoring deceased shipmates at at 2015 Reunion in Baltimore. (Dale Willhite at left)



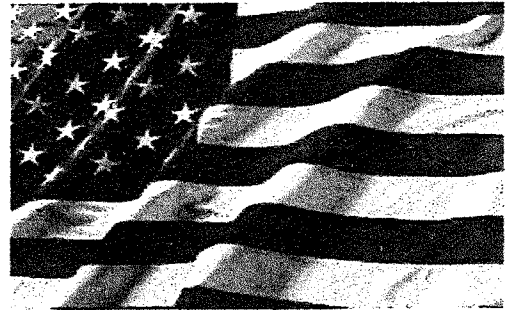
In December, 1952, the *USS Calvert* with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division was at Inchon, Korea. Photo shows two tons of provisions given to Inchon Orphanage from the ship's provisions. Photo submitted by Stanley Edmonds (1952-53)

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We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

Robert W. Andrews, LTJG, 1950-1951; 12-18-2014
William R. Banducci, 1951-1953; 8-29-2015
Frank Burns, deceased -- death date unknown
John T. Carlson, WWII & 1950-1952; 5-02-2007
Anthony L. Chlan, 11-25-2010
Bert Cohee, Y2/C, 1945-1946; 4-14-2015
John Collier, HMCS, WWII; 1-02-2016
Jerry Walter Collins, Sr., 1959-1960, HM3, 9-03-2014
Robert Countryman, COX, 1943-1946; 2014
William H. File, Jr., Boat Officer, 1942-1945; 3-15-2009
John Gennovario, WT, 1942-1943; 11-13-2015
Larry Hamby, 1956-1958; 8-05-2015
M. O. Hanson, S1/C, 1945-1946; 1-14-2004
Dr. Vernon Helt, 1942-1945, *USS Harry Lee*; 3-22-2015
John Paul Jones, Jr., Officer; 8-02-2013
Lloyd E. "Gene" Landers, WWII, 8-31-2015
Helmer "Tuss" Langlie, 1943; 4-24-2004
Paul Marinetti, PN3, 1952-1954; 11-07-2013
Garlis "Sonny" McGhee, BT, 1952-1957; 4-22-2014
Robert Reed. GM3, 1960-1962; 1-13-2016
Marion Cecil Simpson, S1/C, 1942-1945; 12-10-2015
Robert Allen Oliver, S1/C, 1950-1952; 1-04-2015
Everett N. Shatto, SC2, 1942-1944; 9-14-2002
Raymond Verl Tibbs, WW II, *USS Harry Lee*; 9-09-2012
Billie Trout, S1/C, 1944-1946; 10-02-2015
Isaac Valdez, ES, 1958-1959; 10-25-2009

**(If you know of the death of a USS Calvert shipmate, please notify Glynnna Morse at the address at the top of p. 1 of this newsletter.)*