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“The Ship and Men of Distinction”

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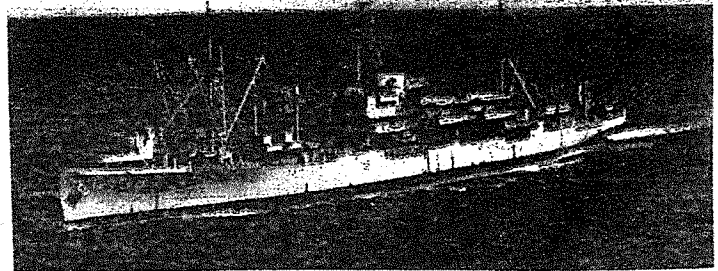
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Note from the Commander:

I'm sure everyone is tired of this winter weather. I know I am as we had at least 20 inches of snow and ice on the ground in January and were getting 3 to 8 inches of snow about every other day with temperatures in the 20s and below. I hope everyone is handling it well. I've got a cure for those winter blues. Shirley and I have been working all winter on the 2017 USS Calvert reunion in Portland, Oregon, October 3 through 7. It will be held at the Monarch Hotel, just south of Portland in Clackamas, OR. The room rate is \$119 per night, in very nice rooms. Everyone must make their own reservations. Deadline for reservations is September 12, 2017, and must mention USS Calvert Reunion to receive the space rate in the hotel. There is a real nice restaurant (Sam's) serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or there are restaurants (Spaghetti Factory and others) very close and within walking distance. The hotel is very easy to get to by air, train, or auto. More information with direction and location as well as tour registration will be in the June newsletter.

We have a fun filled three days planned with tours, etc. Starting with Tuesday, Oct. 3, will be registration and meet/greet in the hospitality room. Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, we will have coffee and toast/English muffins at the hotel as we will board a bus that will take us to Cascade Locks where we embark onto Stern Wheel Paddle boat and head up the Columbia River through the Cascade Locks. We will be served breakfast and lunch aboard. The trip is about 5 hours long. Returning to Cascade Locks to board the bus back to the hotel. Dinner on your own and hospitality room open.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, again we will board a bus and proceed to the Evergreen Aviation Museum, home of the famous Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose," where you can have pictures taken sitting in the pilot's seat wearing Howard Hughes' hat for the cost of \$25 with your wife in the co-pilot's seat! The museum has airplanes from before Wright Bros. to space capsules. From couple hours there we board the bus and go to Depot Bay, a quaint little town on the ocean. We will then go to the Sea Hag Bar and Grill where the commander will treat you to lunch. The bartender will entertain you with a song or two, playing the bottles on the back bar. After we do a little shopping and whale watching, we will board the bus back to the hotel. Dinner on your own and hospitality room open.

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Friday, Oct. 6, we will again board and proceed to Hood River, Oregon, along the Columbia River and take the train through the vineyards and orchards to Mt. Hood. A box lunch will be provided on the train. At the end of the line there are shops, cafes, or a park just for sitting and talking. Board the train for the trip back to the bus and to the hotel. Dinner on your own and hospitality room open. Whew, was that exciting? All of these tours for approximately \$100 a day per person.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, breakfast buffet at the hotel, business meeting, memorial service, and banquet. I hope this gets everyone excited and will see you in October. God Bless you all.

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The Calvert APA 32 is gone from our eyes but not our memory

I am standing upon a Pier looking at the USS Calvert APA 32 with her beautiful newly painted gray sides.

She starts to move with the morning breeze and heads for the ocean blue.

She is a thing of beauty with her slanted smoke stack and her strength as shown in her gun mounts. I stand and watch her make her way to the open sea until she hangs like a speck of a gray where the clouds and sea come to mingle with each other.

Then someone says, "there she is gone"!

"Gone where"?

Gone from my sight and that is all. She is just as large in hull as she was when she was at my side and just as able to bear her load of freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size and shape is only in me, & not her. Just at the moment when someone at my side says. There she is gone! We remember with our memory watching her disappear when other voices ring out of the people that are now gone and they take up and shout, here she comes! For She has always been there in the eyes of all of our memories.

~~—Submitted by John Anderson (Sometimes known as Andy)~~

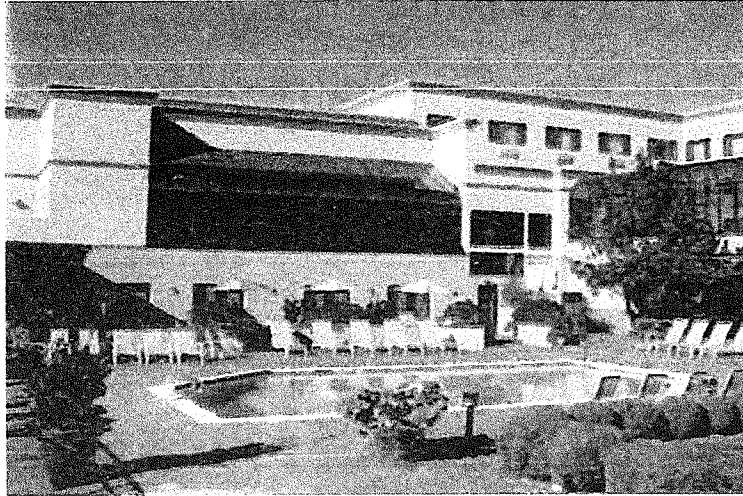
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***Make Plans to Attend 2017 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion
October 3-7, 2017, Portland, Oregon***

Reunion Hotel Information
2017 USS Calvert/USS HARRY LEE Reunion
Portland, Oregon
October 3- 8, 2017

Hosts: Tom & Shirley Upchurch, Spokane, Washington



Monarch Hotel & Conference Center

12566 Southeast 93rd Ave.

Clackamas, OR 97015 (*suburb of Portland, Oregon*)

Reservations & Info Phone: **1-800-492-8700**

<http://www.monarchhotel.cc/>

Special USS Calvert Reunion rates:

\$119 for Single Queen, Double Queen, or Single King Rooms

(At time of reservation, mention **USS Calvert Reunion**)

Registration deadline: September 12, 2017

Flying or Car. Hotel conveniently located on I-205 just 20 minutes from the hustle of downtown Portland, just 15 minutes from PDX – Portland International Airport , with complimentary transportation to hotel. **Free auto parking at hotel.**

Train. For those interested in train service, Amtrak serves Union Station (Portland), and the Max Light Rail Green Line has direct service to downtown Portland and Union Station.

Restaurants: Many of your meals are included with tour package, but the hotel has on-site restaurant and is within walking distance to over 200 shops and many restaurants, including McDonald's and Spaghetti Factory nearby.

Amenities:

32" HDTV Cable Televisions

9 Free HBO Channels

Mini Refrigerator

Coffee Makers

Free Onsite Parking

Combination Tub/Shower

Work Desk, Data Ports

Free WiFi Access, Free Local Calls

All Rooms Inside Entrance Hairdryers, Iron & Board

2017 USS Calvert Reunion Schedule & Plans Portland, Oregon

Tom & Shirley Upchurch have put a lot of effort and planning into the 2017 USS Calvert Reunion to be held in Clackamas, Oregon (a suburb of Portland, Oregon). Registration & tours, prices, and complete details, including registration deadlines, will be provided in the **June, 2017 CALVERSION** newsletter. Hotel information is on p. 3 of this newsletter.

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| Tues. Oct. 3 | (Check-in; hospitality room open) |
| Wed., Oct. 4 | Boat trip up Columbia River, includes continental breakfast and lunch on boat. Dinner on your own; hospitality room open. |
| Thurs., Oct. 5 | Bus trip to ocean, includes stop at Evergreen Aviation Museum, and Depot Bay, and lunch at Sea Hag Bar & Grill, whale watching, on beach near ocean. Dinner on your own; hospitality room open |
| Fri., Oct. 6 | Coffee & Toast/English muffins. Train trip along Columbia River, vineyards, and orchards, up to Mount Hood. Box lunch provided on train. |
| Sat., Oct. 7 | Breakfast Buffet, Business Meeting, Memorial Service, and time to visit In Hospitality Room. Banquet Sat. eve. |
| Sun., Oct. 8 | Check-out |

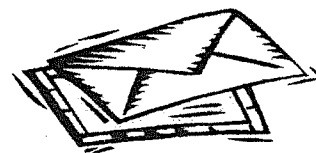
For more information before the June 2017 newsletter, you may contact Tom & Shirley Upchurch at (509) 482-2620 or e-mail: tsupchurch@msn.com

USS Calvert Associates Officers And Upcoming Reunions (2017-2019)

At the business meeting at the 2016 Reunion, members voted to continue the present officers for USS Calvert Associates: Tom Upchurch, Commander; Willie Carrillo, Executive Officer; and Glynna Morse, Recording Secretary.

Plans for upcoming reunions were discussed. In 2015, members had voted to go to Portland, Oregon in 2017 with Tom & Shirley Upchurch, Spokane, WA, as Hosts. For 2018, members voted to go to Branson/Springfield, MO, with Glynna Morse, Windsor, MO as Host; and for 2019, members voted on an Alaskan cruise.

Mail Call



(GM Note: Some of these letters or e-mails have been edited for space considerations. We would welcome letters or e-mail from veterans about their experiences on the USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee.)

Oct. 2016. Enclosed is a new address for another Calvert person. Thank you so much for keeping the *CALVERSION* going. We really enjoy reading it. Enjoyed the article on Paul Marinetti. Very good!

— James Chapman (1952-1955)

Aug. 4, 2016 (E-mail) It is with regret that I advise you that my father-in-law, Joseph Moffett,* died on September 17, 2010. Thank you for the effort that goes into the newsletter. Joe was very proud of his service on the U.S.S. Calvert. Thank you,

—Donald P. Craig

**(GM Note: Joseph Moffett served in the Navy during World War II and Korean War. According to our records, he served on the USS Calvert during 1950-1952.)*

Comments from the Secretary

Generally we try to publish the first newsletter of a year in January or February. It is now the end of March when this issue is finally getting to the printer and ultimately in the mail. The next newsletter is planned for June, and that newsletter will contain registration forms and tour prices, etc. for the 2017 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion planned for October 3-7, Portland, Oregon. See pp. 3 & 4 of this newsletter for hotel information and tour plans for the 2017 Reunion Hosts, Tom & Shirley Upchurch.

We appreciate Royal Lilly taking lots of photos of the 2016 Reunion Cruise. Space limitations prevented us from printing as many of those photos in this newsletter as we would have liked. We hope to share more of Royal's photos in the upcoming June newsletter.

I appreciate that several persons have written, e-mailed, or phoned to let me know of change of address or the death of a USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee veteran. That information helps us to keep our address list up to date as well as enable us to honor those veterans who have died.

I hope you and your family or friends will make plans to attend this reunion in Portland. You do not have to be a veteran to attend the USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee reunions. In recent years, we have had a number of descendants or friends of USS Calvert veterans attend the reunions. It is an opportunity for the relatives to connect with veterans or veterans' families and to learn a little bit about the USS Calvert from the men who served aboard the ship and the women who supported those men from the home front. Our hosts always do a superb job of planning tours to places and sites that we would most likely never see except on these reunions. Also, thanks to Chris Funk, grandson of USS Calvert WWII veteran, Sterling Funk, for maintaining the web site, www.usscalvert.com. That web site is a treasure trove of information about the USS Calvert APA 32 and has copies of *CALVERSION* newsletters from 1978 to the present.

—Glynn Morse, Secretary

News About The 2016 USS Calvert Reunion Cruise

The 2016 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion was a cruise held October 3-7, 2016, departing out of the Port of Miami on the Royal Caribbean ship, "Enchantment of Seas." Dale Willhite served as the host by coordinating the USS Calvert reunion with the cruise ship, and we are grateful for all the work he and Pat Snyder did in making a memorable time for all attending the 2016 USS Calvert.

Originally planned as a Bahamas cruise, the cruise was diverted because of Hurricane Matthew from its original destination stops in the Bahamas and Key West, Florida and instead headed west with one stop at Cozumel, Mexico. The cruise pretty much avoided severe winds or choppy waves. For the most part, cruise participants enjoyed sunny and mild weather. When returning to Florida, the cruise was detained an additional six hours because the Port of Miami had not been cleared for entering ships. Several persons planning to leave Miami on Florida were delayed one or two days as the Miami Airport was shut down on Friday with all Friday departures rescheduled for Sat. or Sun.

Thirty-four people were on board for the 2017 USS Calvert Reunion cruise. The senior member of the USS Calvert Reunion was Wm. Habrat (1942-1951), who was joined on the cruise by several members of his family. The youngest attendees were Juliana Bariteau (8) and Rosemaree Bariteau (6), granddaughters of Richard Morse (1951-1954), accompanying their mother, Kathleen Morse Bariteau, and grandmother, Glynna Morse. More and more, relatives and friends of USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee veterans are attending the reunions—and we are happy to have them attend the reunions.

The USS Calvert group had access to a hospitality meeting room each day used for business meetings and reminiscing with old buddies; and on the last night, a Memorial Ceremony was held honoring 38 sailors. The USS Calvert group sat at the same tables each evening for dinner, and breakfast and lunch were open to whichever dining hall one wished to utilize. Those attending the 2016 USS Calvert Reunion Cruise were:

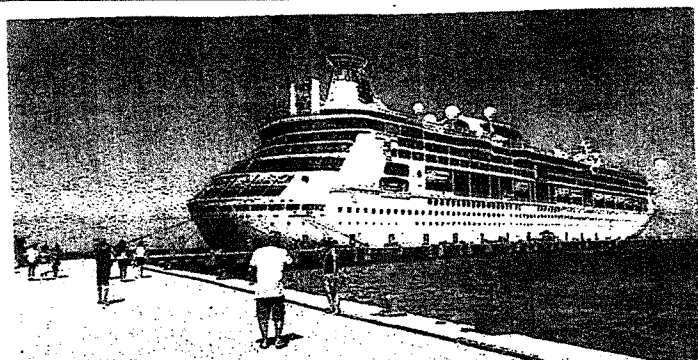
Arkema, Laura - Evanston, IL
 Bradbury, Al & Marty - Golden Valley, MN
 Callan, Maureen - Pittsburgh, PA
 Callan, John & Donna - Waucoma, IA
 Carillo, Willy & Susan - Ft. Morgan, CO
 Carlberg, Dan & Candyce - Villa Park, CA
 Coy, Lois - Montgomery, Texas*
 Davies, Lloyd - Whitmore Lake, MI
 Habrat, William & Dennis - Pittsburgh, PA
 Habrat, Lois - West Mifflin, PA
 Hartman, John & Cindy - Chambersburg, PA
 Hickok, Richard & JoNell - Downey, CA

Lilly, Royal & Launa - Rocky Mt., VA
 Morse, Glynna - Windsor, MO; Bariteau,
 Kathleen, Juliana, & Rosemaree - Louisville, KY
 Spano, Joseph & Rachel Lis - Pittsburgh, PA
 Upchurch, Thomas & Shirley - Spokane, WA
 Upton, Bob & Doris; Cindra Upton &
 Jaylin Daniel - Conyers, GA
 Vail, Ivan Roy - Fairbanks, AK
 Willhite, Dale & Pat Snyder - Yukon, OK

*Lois Coy was registered but was unable to
 to go on the cruise because of illness.



**Navy Veterans at Memorial Service
 Reunion - October 6, 2017**



**Cruise Ship Docked at Cozumel, Mexico
 2017 Reunion - October 5, 2017**

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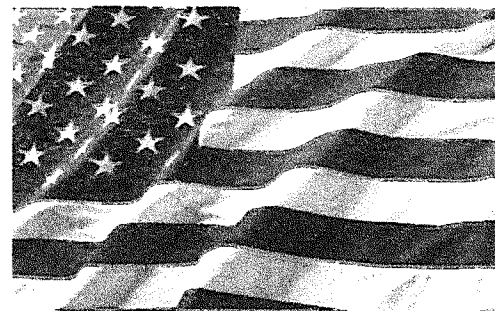
James & Mona Chapman - in memory
of brother, Leon E. Rathke
Gloria Skillman

\$ 50.00
\$100.00

Dale Willhite, Royal Caribbean

Cruise credit \$438.00*
Cruise Raffle Proceeds \$153.00

*As Coordinator for the Cruise, Dale received a credit from Royal Caribbean Lines, and he donated that \$438 amount to the USS Calvert Associates. At a business meeting of USS Calvert Associates, it was voted to split the \$438 cruise credit, giving one-half for the USS Calvert Associates and the other half to the Calvert Maritime Museum where USS Calvert APA 32 memorabilia is maintained.



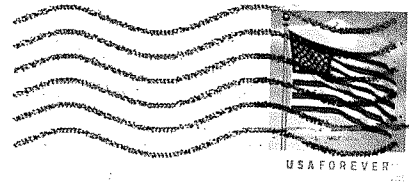
We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

Winfred Fife, QM, 1952; 7-17-2008
Kenneth Keene, BM, 1950-1953; 1-13-2014
Charles Wade Holland, EN2, 1943-1945; 8-29-2014
John Kohar, WW II, 4-17-2015
Ira T. Land, 1954-1958; 3-11-2016
Donald E. Lawyer, BM2, 1951; 7-16-2016
Herman Lewis, Y3, 1943-1946; 3-29-2016
Eugene Matus, RM2, 1954-1958; 11-24-2014
Otis Maxwell, 1943-1944.
Warren W. McCane, MOMM2/C, 1944-1945; 3-01-2015
Dave Melicher, MM2, 1954-1955; 8-03-2001
Joseph Moffett, S1, 1950-1952; 9-17-2010
Patrick Smith, 1942-1946, *USS Harry Lee*; 4-04-2016
James Van West, *USS Harry Lee*; 10-15-2013
Ed Weyhing, 1959-1962; 6-29-2016
Bill Weissman, 1944.
Robert M. Wright, LTJG, 1954-1956; 2-18-2015

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

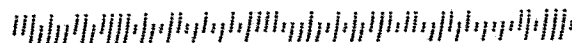
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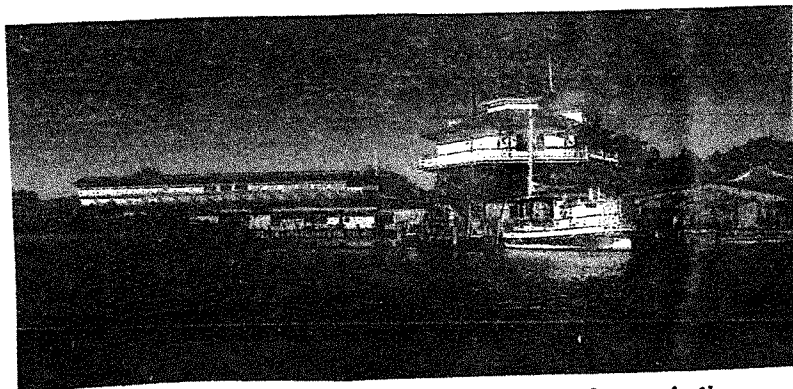


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The Calvert Maritime Museum



More than 30 years ago, John Cole, founder and first Commander of the USS Calvert Associates, began sending USS Calvert memorabilia, newsletters, and information to the Calvert Maritime Museum in Solomons, Maryland. John foresaw there was a need for a permanent depository for some of the items

that USS Calvert veterans had sent him through the years. The 2015 USS Calvert Reunion toured the Calvert Museum housed in a beautiful coastal site not far from Sparrow Point where early naval amphibious assault training was conducted during World War II, including some USS Calvert and USS Harry Lee veterans..

Very few ships have a permanent display in any museum, and we are grateful to have a permanent site where the USS Calvert APA 32 display will be available for our children, grandchildren, and descendants in the years long after we are gone. If you are near the East Coast in the future, plan to visit the Calvert Maritime Museum; it is well worth your time—and there are some great eating and recreational opportunities nearby! One way to help this museum is to send a tax-deductible donation to: Calvert Maritime Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Rd S, Solomons, MD 20688.