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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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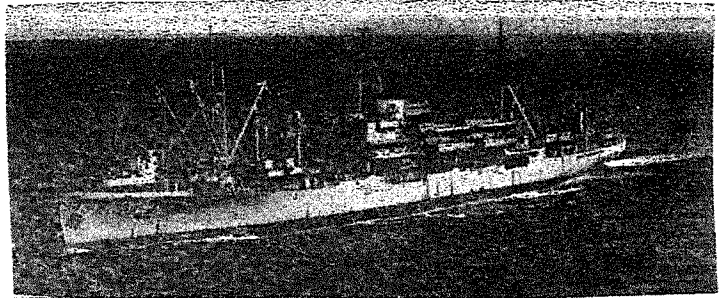
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Make Plans to Attend 2017 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion
October 3-7, 2017, Portland, Oregon

Hotel Registration deadline: Sept. 12, 2017 (see p. 3)

Reunion Registration deadline: Sept. 15, 2017 (see p. 5)

Commander's Corner:

I hope everyone is enjoying the change in the weather. The weather has been so iffy with the winds and all the rain. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion. Shirley and I have been real busy making the final arrangements on all the trips, etc. (See p. 7 for the basicon reunion itinerary schedule.)

Arrival (Oct. 3, 2017). The first day will be check-in to the hotel, registration, and meet and greet in the hospitality room until 10:00 p.m.

Day 1 (Oct. 4, 2017). Depart hotel on the bus at 7:30 a.m. for a 45-minute ride to Cascade Locks, where we will board the Paddlewheel boat *Columbia* for a trip up the Columbia River. Breakfast and lunch will be served on board. After a 5 ½ hour trip, we will board the bus back to the hotel, stopping at Multnomah Falls, if you wish. Dinner will be on your own at any of the fine restaurants in the area. Hospitality room will be open until 10:00 p.m.

Day 2 (Oct. 5, 2017). Depart hotel by bus to the Air Museum, McMinnville, OR for a 2 1/2 hour tour of the museum. Next we board the bus to the Oregon Coast (Lincoln City and Depoe Bay). We will have lunch at the Sea Hag Restaurant in Depoe Bay with time to browse the shops and enjoy the ocean, then back to the hotel for dinner on your own. Hospitality room open until 10:00 p.m.

Day 3 (Oct. 6, 2017). We board the bus at 7:30 a.m. going to Hood River, OR to board the train to Mt. Hood. Box lunches (see menu on Registration Form on p. 5) will be prepared by the hotel to eat on the train. The little town at the end of the line has some shops and a park where you can just sit and visit and enjoy the scenery. Arriving back on the train to Hood River, we will board the bus to the hotel for dinner on your own. Hospitality room open until 10:00 p.m.

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Day 4 (Oct. 7, 2017). Breakfast on your own at Sam's Restaurant in hotel (order from menu or enjoy breakfast buffet). Hospitality room will be open for visiting 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 2 p.m. followed by the Memorial Service at the pool. Hospitality room will be open until 5:30 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. (See banquet menu choices on Registration Form on p. 5)

Please return your Registration Form and checks (see form on p. 5) by September 15, 2017. You will make your hotel reservations directly to the hotel not later than September 12, 2017 (see the hotel reservation form on p. 3). An itinerary schedule is on p. 7.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland.

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REMEMBERING PAST REUNIONS



Calvin, the USS Calvert mascot, was part of USS Calvert reunions for many years. Calvin was introduced to the USS Calvert reunions by Sara Worthington, probably at the Atlanta reunion in 1981. Drawings were held to determine the person who got to take care of Calvin until the next reunion. One of his guardians (unnamed) "lost" Calvin while moving—thus, we say Calvin is AWOL.



Richard Morse at Memorial Ceremony, 2009 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion, Kansas Missouri. Richard was wearing his U.S. Navy uniform from his days serving on the USS Calvert (1951-1954). Richard participated in nearly all of the memorial ceremonies from 1979 through 2009 until his death in 2010.

Reunion Hotel Registration
U.S.S. Calvert/U.S.S. Harry Lee Reunion 2017
October 3 - 7, 2017

Monarch Hotel & Conference Center
12566 Southeast 93rd Ave.
Clackamas, OR 97015 (*suburb of Portland, Oregon*)
Reservations & Info Phone: 1-800-492-8700
Reservations FAX: (503)513-9556
<http://www.monarchhotel.cc>

Make your own Reservations by Telephone, Fax, E-mail, or mail to hotel address above

Cut-off Date for Hotel Reservations: Sept. 12, 2017
Group: U.S.S. Calvert

Room Rates: (Circle one)
\$119.00 + 7.8% Tax for:
[] Single Occupancy
[] Double Occupancy
Check with hotel if you prefer queen or king rooms

(Please Print Legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

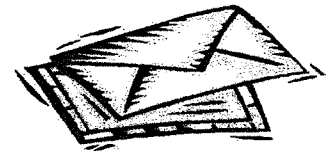
Check or money order for one night's lodging must be enclosed or secured by
Credit Card:

(Circle one): AX MC VISA DC **Provide last 4 digits of credit card** _____

Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____

Reservation Deadline: **Sept. 12, 2017**

Be sure to indicate you are with the **U.S.S. Calvert**



Mail Call

(GM Note: Some of these letters, e-mail, or telephone conversations 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.)

April 19, 2017. On behalf of the Calvert Marine Museum, I want to thank the USS Calvert Associates for the generous donation of \$219, part of a credit received from Royal Caribbean Lines and the 2016 USS Calvert Associates Reunion. It was very thoughtful of the members to consider the museum, and we will place the funds in a restricted account to be used to complete our USS Calvert exhibit. The permanent exhibit is still in production, but I hope it will be completed by the end of the year.

Thank you for the plug on the back page of the most recent CALVERSION. We are pleased to be the depository for memorabilia from the USS Calvert Associates. We also continually add to our collection by buying suitable items that appear on eBay from time to time. We do this in cooperation with Chris Funck* to make sure we are not bidding against each other! Thank you again for the good work you are doing on behalf of the USS Calvert Associates.

—Richard Dodds, Curator of Maritime History, Calvert Marine Museum

**(GM Note: Chris Funck is the webmaster of the USS Calvert web site:
<http://www.usscalvert.com>).*

April, 2017 (Telephone). Andy Moulis checked in to say he has the best view of any veterans home. His room overlooks the Mississippi River, and as we talked he was watching a towboat going upriver. Andy was one of the last crew serving aboard the USS Calvert before it was decommissioned in April 1966 and before the USS Calvert was moved to Oakland where it served as a training hulk for traffic management until 1976.

—Andy Moulis, FN (1965-1966)
Mosher Veterans Home, 31640 Veterans Rd.
Dresbach, MN 55947

April, 2017 (Telephone). Roger Langen called about a flag which had flown over the USS Calvert in December, 1952 near Inchon, Korea when his U.S. Marine radio section was aboard the USS Calvert for landing exercises. (See article and photo of the flag on p. 6).

—Roger Langen, CPL, U.S. Marines, 1952

July 2017 (Telephone). Norm Durr called to check on reunion dates. He is looking forward to the 2017 reunion in Portland. We talked about the 1999 reunion he and Jim Hart hosted in San Diego, including the tour aboard the USS Carl Vinson. So many good memories of past reunions!

—Norm Durr, COX, 1943-1946

USS Calvert Web Site

We are indebted to Chris Funck for maintaining the USS Calvert web site. The web site contains every issue of the Calvert newsletter (CALVERSION) from 1979 up to present, information about the ship, history, reunions, stories from men serving aboard the Calvert. One of the latest additions to the web site includes photographs and information about a model ship built by a USS Calvert veteran, Virgil Nelson, BM (1946). See at <http://www.usscalvert.com>.

USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion 2017
Portland, Oregon – Oct. 3 – Oct. 7, 2017
Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon
Registration Form

Please make check payable to U.S.S. Calvert Reunion 2017

Send this form & check to: Thomas Upchurch/ USS Calvert Reunion 2017
N. 3008 Hamilton St.
Spokane, WA 99207

Payment and form must be received not later than Sept. 15, 2017
(Please Print Legibly)

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Phone(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ship Affiliation: ☐ USS Calvert ☐ USS Harry Lee ☐ Relative/friend of USS Calvert/Harry Lee veteran

In case of emergency, contact phone No.: _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Tour & Meal Cost per Person</u>	<u>No. Persons</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wed. 7:30 a.m. Columbia River Boat Trip, Includes breakfast & lunch.	\$125.00	_____	\$_____
Thurs. 7:30 a.m. Bus Trip to Air Museum & Oregon Coast, includes Lunch.	\$115.00	_____	\$_____
Fri. , 7:30 a.m. Train Trip to Mt. Hood, Includes box lunch menu choice:			
#1 Bacon, Lettuce, tomato, turkey w/ Monterey Jack cheese, sourdough bread, Potato salad & chips.	\$125.00	Menu #1 _____	\$_____
#2 Hoagie sandwich: roast beef, ham, Turkey w/ Monterey Jack cheese, Hoagie Roll, potato salad & chips	\$125.00	Menu #2 _____	\$_____
#3 Vegetarian lunch available upon request	\$125.00	Menu #3 _____	\$_____
Sat. Banquet, includes Dinner menu choice:			
#1 Grilled salmon, rice pilaf, seasoned vegetables	\$35.00	Menu #1 _____	\$_____
#2 Roast pork loin w/ apple demi glaze, Roasted garlic mashed potatoes, seasoned Vegetables	\$35.00	Menu #2 _____	\$_____
#3 Vegetarian dinner available upon request	\$35.00	Menu #3 _____	\$_____

TOTAL (CHECK ENCLOSED) \$_____

Please make check to: U.S.S. Calvert Reunion 2017—due not later than Sept. 15, 2017

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1952 USS Calvert Flag Donated by Roger Langen

This spring Roger Langen telephoned Glynnna Morse about a flag that had flown on the USS Calvert. Roger had served as CPL in U.S. Marines in 1952 and spent time on the USS Calvert in a landing exercise. Roger mailed the flag to Glynnna, and the flag will be on display at the 2017 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion in Portland. After that, it will be sent to the Calvert Maritime Museum, Solmons, MD, for display with USS Calvert memorabilia and artifacts. We are grateful to Roger for providing us with the flag from the USS Calvert as well as information about Marines aboard the ship. Roger Langen sent the following information with the flag:

Crew Members of USS Calvert APA 32, in December 1952, marines boarded the Calvert at Inchon, Korean for a landing exercise (Marlex12) in the China Sea. Roaming on deck, I saw a line with flags attached. Thinking I needed one, I rescued one; it was a cold windy night.

I had my field Radio Section of the 3rd Bat. 7th Marines sign it. Some years ago, I found John Cole's name under reunions V.F.W. Magazine and asked if he would like to have the flag. John would like to have it, but then I couldn't find it. Later I located the flag and called Glynnna Morse; she was excited to have it for the Calvert Museum. I return it to fly again on display at the Calvert Museum. What did the flag stand for?

Good luck to all surviving crew.

—Roger Langen — Still a Marine

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Commander on Board Ship Flag (Burgee Command Pennant),
Flown on U.S.S. Calvert, December, 1952, Inchon, Korea

This flag measures 24" on the side, and the length to the end of the swallowtail tips is 32". The two outer stripes are red and the rest is white or natural color. The side has two grommets and on the side is commercially printed "Division Commander on Board." Eighteen Marines signed their names on the inner part of the flag: Roger Langen, Robert Baumann, Harroll Jones, Don Swanson, Styrl Sharp Jr., Ray Yoder, Lou Elliott, John A. Li?h, Mike Rabasca, 'Skip' Anderson, Woody Cannon, Bob Vergachik, Merle L. Rolan, Earl L. Nishimlira, Jim Nissen, Charlie Thompson, Carl Portall, and Phil Plentzas. In the middle, was hand printed in large letters "U.S.S. CALVERT."

Researching we found that this flag is a **burgee command pennant**—used by the commander of a division of U.S. Navy ships or crafts or a major subdivision of an aircraft wing. It is white with red stripes on the upper and lower edges, and the number of the command is in red Arabic numerals (*GM: this pennant from the USS Calvert does not have any printed Arabic numerals.*) The Merriam-Webster Dictionary definition of "burgee" means "a swallow-tail flag used for ships for signals or identification."

Itinerary

U.S.S. Calvert/U.S.S. Harry Lee 2017 Reunion

Hospitality & Meeting Room – Columbia Room, Monarch Hotel

Tom & Shirley Upchurch, Hosts

Tues., Oct. 3: Check-in, Meet & Greet - Hospitality Room, 5:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 4: 7:30 a.m. Bus leaves for Boat trip on paddlewheeler *Columbia*, on Columbia River. Breakfast & Lunch provided on board. (Dinner on your own; Hospitality Room open till 10:00 p.m.)

Thurs., Oct. 5: 7:30 a.m. Bus leaves for trip to Air Museum, McMinnville, OR; then to Oregon Coast. Lunch at Sea Hag Depoe Bay. (Dinner on your own; Hospitality Room open till 10:00 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 6: 7:30 a.m. Bus leaves for train trip to Mt. Hood. Box lunch provided. (Dinner on your own; Hospitality Room open till 10:00 p.m.)

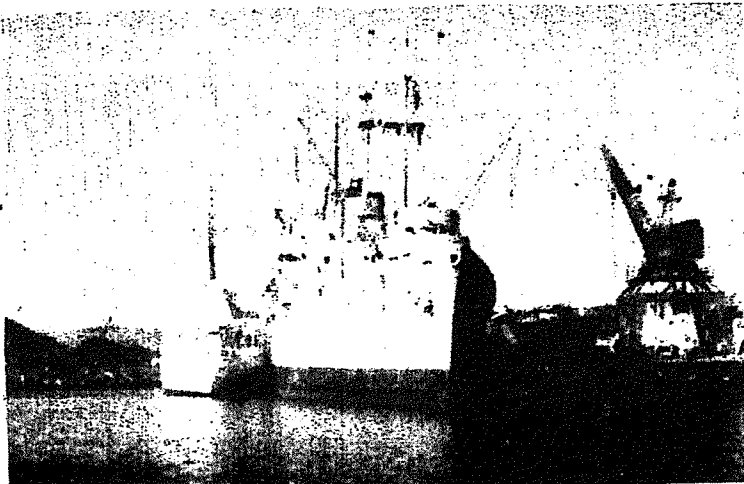
Sat., Oct. 7: (Breakfast on your own; morning free to shop or tour Portland or visit with acquaintances). Hospitality Room open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Business Meeting at 2:00 p.m. followed afterward by **Memorial Service** at pool. Hospitality Room open until 5:30 p.m.
Banquet, Clackamas Room, opens at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for attending. Have a safe journey home. See you next year.

Contributions to the USS Calvert Associates

We are extremely grateful to the following persons for their donations to USS Calvert Associates to support the printing and mailing of the *CALVERSION* newsletter:

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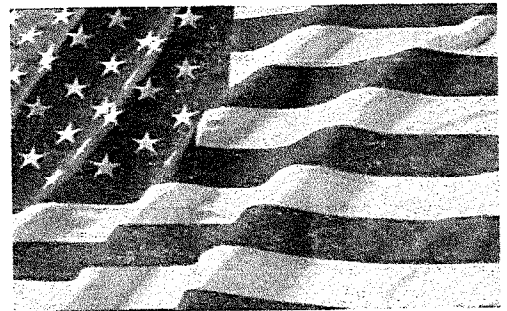
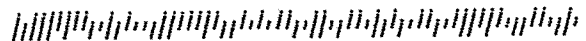
(Left) USS Calvert APA 32, in scrap yard. June, 1976. One of last photos taken of the ship before it was scrapped. Photo taken by Bill Poche, Boat Division, now living in Oroville, CA. In the first *CALVERSION*, Vol.1, 1978, John Cole wrote: "In a letter that I got from the Navy Dept. they said, "The USS Calvert APA 32 was sold for scrap, 11 March 1977 to Levin Metals Corporation and is no longer in existence. . . ." -j.l.cole

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We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

Eugene Hanson, GM3, 1945-1946, 3-2017
Donald Lawyer, BM2, 1951, 7-16-2016
David Linstrom, MM3, 1956-1958, 9-29-2016
Herman W. Lewis, Y3, 1943-1946, 2016
William Marsh, SM2/C, 1943-1945, 2-23-2013
Carl John Munson, RD3, 1956-1957, 11-15-2016
Edward Pieart, QM1, 1952-1953, 4-10-2017
William H. Russell, 1951-1954, 8-17-2009
John Wojtowicz, CM1, 1943-1944, 11-22-2013

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