

# CALVERSION

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**“The Ship and Men of Distinction”**

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***Make Plans to Attend 2018 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion***  
***September 26-29, 2018, Springfield/Branson, Missouri***  
***Hotel Registration deadline: Sept. 01, 2018 (see pp. 3 & 4)***  
***Reunion Registration deadline: Sept. 01, 2018 (see pp. 5 & 6)***

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## Commander's Corner:

I started this letter last winter when we thought winter was finally over only to receive another slice of Mother Nature's humor (and more snow!) We finally were able to put away our snow blowers and shovels and enjoy some spring weather.

I hope everyone is in good health and able to get around so we can see you at the reunion in September. I had a bout of pneumonia but beat it out finally and am doing well.

I am still getting letters and phone calls about how much they enjoyed the reunion in Portland last October, and wishing everyone well.

Shirley and I spent a few days in Indianapolis at another convention in June. I hope everyone is having a good summer.

Glynna has been working real hard to get our next reunion organized for the last week in September in Springfield. The reunion begins with arrival on Wed., Sept. 26 and with tours to Branson and Springfield areas on Thurs. through Sat., Sept. 27-29. (See p. 6 for the itinerary summary).

I hope to see many of you in Springfield/Branson.

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# 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. Send or call Glynna Morse at information given in left hand corner, top of P. 1)*

August 23, 2017. Thank you for continuing to e-mail the *Calversion* to my family. My brother and I are very interested in keeping up with the newsletter information. My dad, Hilmer Anderson, Westby, WI, passed away August 29, 2016. My dad was a very proud Navy veteran of WWII. The Naval Honor Guard who honored him at his funeral was the most impressive I've ever seen. We proudly display his flag, and a picture of the USS Calvert along with other Navy items in his home. --Pat Anderson Strittmater

February, 2018. My dad was on the Calvert, and he passed away January 29, 2018. Dad and Mom attended all of the reunions while they were able and enjoyed every one of them. We even accompanied them to one many years ago in Nashville, TN. I would also greatly appreciate it if you can send me a copy of the newsletter for our family. --Helen B. Kina

July, 2018. I'm not able to attend the Calvert Reunion this year but maybe next year. My wife, Mary, passed away May 5, 2018. --Norm Durr (Host with Jim Hart at 1999 Reunion in San Diego)  
*(GM Note: Earlier in April, I talked with Norm on the phone, and he said he enjoyed living in his home, the same home he had lived in for many years, and had great neighbors and friends.)*

July, 2018. Hi Glynna! I have added this 2018 reunion information to the web site. Sadly, again due to our boys' school conflicts, we are unable to attend. I hope everyone has a great visit to Springfield.

I am realizing how fast time has gone since our 2015 reunion in Baltimore. I believe that the museum now has a permanent exhibit for the USS Calvert, including a commissioned model of the ship, but I have not yet had an opportunity to make a visit to check it out. Hopefully this fall I will be able to get down for a visit and take some photographs. --Chris Funck (Web Master of USSCalvert.Com web site; Chris & Tricia hosted the 2015 Reunion in Baltimore)

## **William A. Haggarty Sr.**

February 21, 1933 - January 23, 2018

We were saddened to learn of the death of William Haggarty, Maryland Heights, MO. He had served the USS Calvert Associates as Sergeant at Arms and led the Navy salute for deceased sailors at the USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Memorial Services in the last few years.

William served in the Navy during the Korean War, 1952-1956. He is survived by his Wife of 48 years, Jacqueline; son, William A. Haggarty Jr.; daughters, Colleen A. Lokke and Cathleen H. (Duke) Wyckoff; and seven grandchildren.



**Reunion Hotel Information**  
**2018 USS Calvert Reunion – Springfield/Branson, MO**  
**September 26-September 29, 2018**  
**Reunion Host: Glynna Morse**



**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel**

2431 N. Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65803  
Telephone: 1-417-831-3131  
Fax: 1-417-831-9786

**Dates of Reunion:** Arrival day – Wed., Sept. 26  
Reunion Tours & Events – Thurs., Sept. 27 through Sat., Sept. 29  
Departure day – Sun., Sept. 30

**Special USS Calvert Reunion rates** (includes breakfast vouchers for hot breakfast at Gracie's):

\$119 for One King Room (single or double occupancy)

\$119 for Double Queen Room (single, double, triple, or quad occupancy)

The hotel is a non-smoking hotel

For **Reservations** (see the **Hotel Reservation Form** on **P. 4**)—be sure to ask for  
“USS Calvert Associates group block” to get the special rates

**Flying or by Car.** The hotel is 9 miles from **Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF)**, and the hotel has a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. Airlines flying into Springfield are: **American, Allegiant, Delta, and United.** *(Please note this is Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF), not the smaller Branson Regional Airport which is 50 miles south).* **Car.** The hotel is located close to I-44 (Exit 80). If coming via US Hwy 65, phone the hotel for directions or check website for directions. Free hotel parking, and hotel has electric car charging station.

**Restaurants.** Breakfast vouchers are included with your hotel room reservation, and all tours include luncheon meals as part of the tour package. Hotel on-site restaurants include: Gracie's (breakfast from 6 a.m.-11 a.m. M-F and 7 a.m.-11 a.m., Sat-Sun. Houlihan's (lunch, dinner, & bar service from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. M-Th & Sun, & 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sat. & Sun.) Other restaurants are available nearby.

**Amenities:**

32" TV  
High speed internet  
Coffeemaker  
Hair dryer, iron & board

Gift Shop  
Indoor/Outdoor pools  
Fitness Room

Business Center  
Complimentary Remote Printing  
Electric Car Charging Station

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Departure, Sun., Sept. 30, 2018

(Special reunion room rates are also available 3 days before and after reunion dates)

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**Phone Reservations.** The hotel is Doubletree by Hilton, Springfield, Missouri.

Phone **1-417-831-3131**, and ask for **“USS Calvert Associates group block.”** Be prepared to provide information below when phoning in reservations:

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type Requested: [ ☐ ] Single King Room [ ☐ ] Double Queen Room -- **All Rooms are Non-Smoking**

No. of Rooms: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Credit Card info: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Room Confirmation # here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations online.** Here is the link for making your reservations online:

[https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SGFDTDT-USS-20180925/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SGFDTDT-USS-20180925/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

# Itinerary Summary

## 2018 U.S.S. Calvert/U.S.S. Harry Lee Reunion

### Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Springfield, MO

Glynna Morse, Host

(Note: Breakfast vouchers for hot breakfast at Gracie's included with room reservation.  
Gratuities are included in cost for all tours, meals, and transportation—Registration form on p. 6)

**Wed., Sept 26:** 3:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. Check-in, Meet & Greet - Hospitality Room

**Thurs., Sept. 27:** 7:00-7:45 a.m. Hospitality Room open for late arrivals.

**8:15 a.m. Branson Day Tour** - Bus leaves for Branson Shepherd of Hills tram tour of homestead and Inspiration Point on which Harold Bell Wright based his book "*Shepherd of the Hills*," then bus goes to cruise, lunch, & musical/dance show on the *Branson Belle*. Next bus leaves for Pierce Arrow show, a popular Brandon musical-comedy show. Bus returns to hotel by 6 p.m.

**6:30 p.m. Get Acquainted Deli Buffet dinner** at hotel, Gracie's.

**8:00 – 10 p.m.** Hospitality Room open.

**Fri., Sept. 28:** 7:00-9:00 a.m. Hospitality Room open

**10:00 a.m. Ozark Pioneer Country Tour.** Bus travels through Ozark & Amish country to Uncle Rooster's for lunch. Bus leaves for Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum & Homestead where she and husband, Almanzo, and daughter, Rose, moved in 1894 to a log cabin, later building their farm home in 1913 from which she wrote all of her *Little House on the Prairie* books. Then bus travels to Bakersville Pioneer Village on grounds of Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company, with old-time mercantile and buildings, blacksmith shop, Ozark jail, garden museum, natural bakery, historic poultry and livestock. Bus returns to hotel by 6 p.m. **(Dinner on your own)**

**8:00 – 10 p.m.** Hospitality Rm. open

**Sat., Sept. 29:** **8:15 a.m. Springfield Sites Tour.** Guided bus tour of Springfield historic sites, birthplace of Route 66, Wild Bill Hickock shootout, Civil War battles. Bus goes next to "Wonders of Wildlife Museum, diorama, exhibits, including Lewis & Clark exploration exhibit. Bus to Lambert's Home of "Thrown Rolls," with lunch selection from over 20 entrees, dessert, plus "thrown rolls" and extra helpings of the "fixins." Bus returns to hotel by 2:30 p.m.

**3:30 p.m. Business meeting,** Hospitality Room

**5:00 p.m. Memorial Service,** TBA

**6:00 p.m. Banquet, Gracie's,** Open 6 p.m., Dinner served 6:30 p.m.

**Sun., Sept. 30:** Departure. Thank you for attending. Have a safe trip home. See you next year.

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## 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:

Jon Huntsman	\$200.00	2017 Reunion Raffle Proceeds	\$216.00
Norm Durr	\$ 40.00	Willie Carrillo	\$ 50.00
Gerald Ford	\$100.00	Thomas Upchurch	\$500.00*
Don Cunningham	\$100.00	Alan Sherian	\$250.00
Norm Durr	\$ 25.00	John Rathke	\$ 20.00
Patrick Hobbins	\$ 25.00		

\*Tom Upchurch designated that \$400 go to the Calvert Maritime Museum and \$100 to *Calversion* newsletter

# USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion 2018 Registration Form

## Springfield/Branson, Missouri – Sept. 26-29, 2018

### Doubletree Hilton Hotel, Springfield, MO

#### (Registration & check due by September 01, 2018)

(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.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Arrival Date & Time? \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival By? ☐ Car ☐ Air ☐ Other

#### Registration for Tours & Meals (please indicate No. & Total

Tours & Meals below):

		Cost Per Person	# of People	Total
<b>Registration Fee:</b>	Hospitality suite & beverages, snacks, supplies, & expenses	<u>\$15</u>	_____	_____
<b>Wed., Sept. 26</b>	Arriving, Hospitality Suite open 2:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. Lunch & Dinner on your own at hotel or nearby restaurants			
<b>Note: Gratuities for all tours, meals, bus drivers, etc. are included in costs shown below:</b>				
<b>Thurs., Sept. 27</b>	<b>8:15 a.m. – 6 p.m. Branson/Shepherd of Hills Tour includes:</b> <u>\$125</u>		_____	_____
	9:30 a.m.-Shepherd of Hills Homestead & Inspiration Point tour; 12 noon - Branson Belle Cruise, Luncheon & show; 3 p.m. - Pierce Arrow Branson Show, 5 p.m. Lv. For hotel			
	<b>6:30 p.m. Get Acquainted Deli Buffet &amp; Dessert – Gracie’s</b>	<u>\$20</u>	_____	_____
<b>Fri., Sept. 28</b>	<b>10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Ozarks Pioneer Country Tour includes:</b>			
	11:00 a.m. lunch Uncle Rooster’s – <u>select choice from:</u>			
	Menu #1- Chicken Hoagie w/ potato salad & cole slaw, cookie	<u>\$70</u>	_____	_____
	Menu #2- 1/3 Lb. Angus Burger w/ potato salad & cole slaw, cookie	<u>\$70</u>	_____	_____
	Menu #3- Pork Barbecue w/ potato salad & cole slaw, cookie	<u>\$70</u>	_____	_____
	12:45 p.m.- Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum & Homestead; 3:00 p.m. – Bakersville Pioneer Village; 5 p.m. Lv. For hotel Dinner on your own at hotel or nearby restaurants			
<b>Sat., Sept. 29</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Springfield Wonders Tour includes:</b>	<u>\$70</u>	_____	_____
	8:30 a.m. tour of Springfield Historic sites; 10 a.m. Wonders of Wildlife Museum; 11:45 a.m.- Lunch Lambert’s Home of “Thrown Rolls”; 1:45 p.m. Lv. For hotel 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting – Hospitality Room 5:00 p.m. Memorial Ceremony, TBA			
	<b>6:30 p.m. Banquet &amp; Program – Gracie’s -select choice from:</b>			
	Menu #1- Chicken Wellington boneless breast, wild rice, broccoli	<u>\$35</u>	_____	_____
	Menu #2- Grilled Pork Chop, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli	<u>\$35</u>	_____	_____
	Menu #3- Pasta Florentine, Ital. cheese, spinach, & Ital. vegetables	<u>\$35</u>	_____	_____
<b>Total for Registration, Tours, &amp; Meals</b>				_____

Please make checks payable to: **USS Calvert Associates** and indicate “**Reunion**” in lower left corner of check.

Reservations must be received by: **Sat., Sept. 01, 2018.** Call with questions or late reservations: **(660) 525-4675**

Send check and Reservation form to: **Glynn Morse, 701 S. Windsor St., Windsor, MO 65360**



## Remembering the 2017 *USS Calvert* Reunion in Portland, Oregon

Thirty-five people attended the 2017 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion held in Clackamas, Oregon (a suburb of Portland) on October 3 through 8. Beautiful fall weather cooperated for the tours.

Wednesday had a tour to Cascade Locks on the Columbia River where the group boarded the paddle wheeler *Columbia Gorge* with breakfast and lunch onboard, seeing places where Lewis and Clark camped along the banks, and an overhead bridge under which Charles A. Lindberg flew beneath the spans of the bridge on an exhibition flight.

Thursday was a tour of the farm countryside on the way to the Air Museum at McMinnville, a tour of the Oregon Coast with a buffet lunch at Chinook Winds Casino and a walk along the ocean beach front.

Friday included a train trip from Hood River to Mt. Hood with spectacular views along the way, including orchard and vineyard farms. At the foot of Mt. Hood in Parkdale, the train stopped where we had a boxed lunch in the park area, then returning back via train to Hood River station.

Saturday morning was on our own with a business meeting and Memorial Service in the afternoon, and the banquet that evening. All appreciated the outstanding tours and events planned by hosts, Tom and Shirley Upchurch. The following persons attended the reunion:

Robert Alread, Cedartown, GA  
Laura Arkema, Evanston, IL  
Harvey & Beverly Boyer, Shell Knob, MO  
Al & Marty Bradbury, Golden Valley, MN  
Lynn (Cole) Clarke, Kenyon, MN  
Cory Jon Cole, San Leandro, CA  
Dan & Candyce Carlberg, Villa Park, CA  
Willie & Susan Carrillo, Fort Morgan, CA  
William & Eleanor Conway, Washington, MI  
Richard & JoNell Hickok, Downey, CA  
Bob Lea, Shell Knob, MO  
Royal & Launa Lilly, Rocky Mount, VA  
Sherry (Cole) McDonald, Faribault, MN

Glynna Morse, Windsor, MO  
John Regan, Ridgefield, NJ  
Wendy (Cole) Rossow, Faribault, MN  
Saretta Rowland, Weathersford, TX  
Gloria Skillman, Garden Grove, CA  
Deloras Smalley, Roseberg, OR  
Pat Snyder, Yukon, OK  
Olef Swanson, Roseberg, OR  
Robert Upton, Conyers, OK  
Ivan Vail, Fairbanks, AK  
Charlie Wells, Shell Knob, MO  
Dale Willhite, Yukon, OK  
Hoyt Worthington, Cedartown, GA



USS Calvert Group before boarding the *Columbia Gorge*, October 4, 2017

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## We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

Hilmer Anderson, S1/C, 1944—1946, 8-29-2016

Louis Kina, COX, 1943-1946, 1-28-2018

William Haggarty, 1952-1956, 1-23-2018

Charles R. Mountain, DT2, 1950-1951, 10-04-2012

Emery Parker, 1943-1946, *USS Harry Lee*, 9-22-2017

Walter Shadduck, ENS, 1945, 10-03-2017

Fred Simes, FN1, 1942-1943, 1-21-2017

Jim Vannest, WWII, *USS Harry Lee*, 10-15-2013

*\*(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.)*