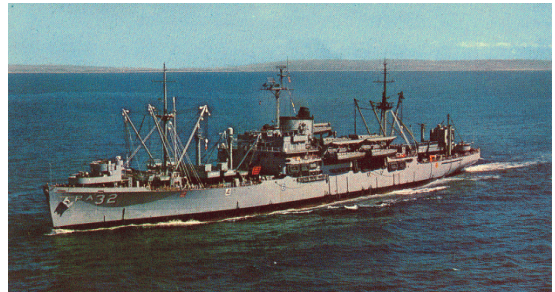


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Welcome CALVERSION Readers (after two years!)

IMPORTANT REUNION INFORMATION!
2022 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion

Spokane, Washington
Sept. 21-25, 2022

Deadline for Hotel Reunion Reservations – Sept. 10, 2022
(Make your reservation ASAP)
(See pp. 3 & 5 for reservations)

Commander's Comments:

Just a note to say “Hi” and let you know we are resuming the CALVERSION newsletter after a couple of years because of virus concerns and the newsletter editor’s knee replacement surgeries. Now the newsletter should be coming out at least once a year.

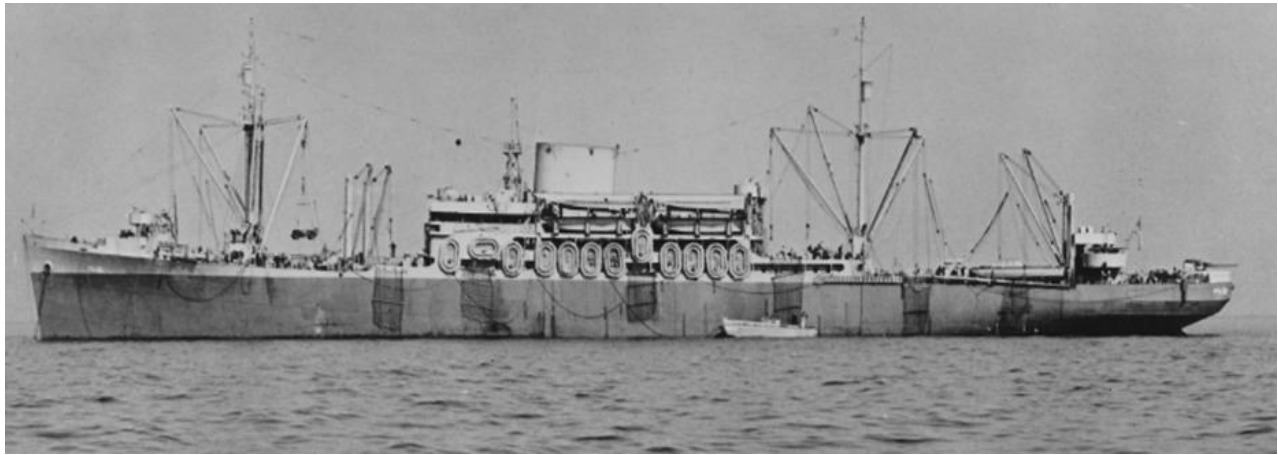
The 2019 reunion was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Because of virus and travel restrictions, we were forced to cancel the Fairbanks reunion scheduled for 2020. Thirty people joined us for a reunion in Wichita, KS in 2021. Shirley and I are hosting the 2022 reunion in Spokane on September 21-25, 2022, and we hope you can join us. See **pp. 3 & 5** for reservation forms.

I hope everyone is doing well and coping with the weather. Shirley and I had a motor trip for meetings in Cincinnati in July. I look forward to seeing you in Spokane on September 21-25, 2022 and hope to see you in Saratoga Springs, NY in 2023. Watch for more details about 2023 reunion.

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USS Calvert, 1943. Photo recently acquired by Chris Funck.

The USS Calvert was commissioned: October 1, 1942 through February 26, 1947 (WW II)
and October 26, 1950 through May 18, 1966
(Korean/Vietnam era)



Edward 'Bud' Ruth Past Storekeeper, USS Calvert Associates

USS Calvert shipmates were saddened to learn of the passing of Edward 'Bud' Ruth on February 8, 2022. Bud Ruth served as a Storekeeper on the USS Calvert in 1953-1955 during the Korean War. He was the long-time Storekeeper for the USS Calvert Associates, helping us obtain USS Calvert memorabilia (caps, t-shirts, patches, etc.) which were available for sale at reunions and on the CALVERSION newsletter.

Bud & Barbara were the hosts of the Sept. 13-15, 2001 Calvert Reunion in Orlando, the reunion which was cancelled because of 9-11. Actually, there was a reunion of USS Calvert people who had arrived

early before transportation was called to a halt because of the 9-11 restrictions. Bud & Barbara stayed in contact with those people already at the hotel until transportation gradually resumed.

Glynna Morse had a good conversation with Bud Ruth during the summer of 2021 when he called to tell her that he and Barbara had changed their address from their long-time home to be nearer their son and daughter in Lakeland, FL. Below are excerpts from his obituary.

Obituary of Edward 'Bud' Ruth (1931-2022)

Edward Howard Ruth, age 90 passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022, in Lakeland, Florida. Born in Taylorville, Illinois on Aug. 7, 1931, to the late Alex S. & K. Gertrude Ruth, his family relocated to Florida in the mid 1940's. He graduated from Fort Myers High School. After his service in the U S Navy he started employment with Publix Super Markets where he retired as V.P. Human Resources after 46 years.

He is survived by Spouse - Barbara Jene (Mosley) Ruth, Son - Rick (Dawn) Ruth of Lakeland, Florida, Daughter - Sherri Ruth of Lakeland, Florida, Sisters - Doris Wollam of Austin Texas and Trudy Baker of Naples, Florida. He is preceded in Death by Son Michael D. Ruth and Sister Jean Garlin.

Visitation and funeral services were held January 13, 2022 at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Wauchula, FL, with burial at Wauchula City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Bud's widow, Barbara Ruth, care of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 205 N. 9th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873. www.pongerkaygrady.com.

Editor Note: It is a tradition of the USS Calvert Associates to send a memorial donation to the Calvert Marine Museum, in memory of past officers of the USS Calvert Associates group. Since USS Calvert Associates group was formed, we have been sending USS Calvert memorabilia and artifacts to the museum which are now part of an ongoing USS Calvert APA-32 exhibit at the museum. A donation has been sent to the Calvert Marine Museum in memory of Edward 'Bud' Ruth, past storekeeper of the USS Calvert Associates.

Reunion Registration Form

2022 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion Ramada Inn at Spokane Airport, Spokane, Washington September 21-25, 2022

(This Reunion Registration Form & check due by September 10, 2022)

(Please note Hotel Reservations must be phoned in to Hotel also by Sept. 10, 2022)

(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, list contact person & phone no.: _____

Expected Arrival Date & Time: _____ Arrival By: ☐ Car ☐ Air ☐ Other

Registration for Tours & Meals *(please indicate No. & total below):*

Cost Per Person	No. of People	\$Total
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Complimentary Breakfast Buffet (included with hotel registration) in Hotel (6:00-10:00 a.m.)

Registration Fee: for 2 Hosp. Rm. lunches, snacks, & beverages	\$20		\$
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Wed., Sept. 21 Arriving, Hospitality Room open
Meet & Greet, Hospitality Rm.
Dinner on your own

Thurs., Sept. 22: Meet & Greet, Hospitality Rm.
Lunch in Hosp. Rm.
Dinner Buffet, Ramada Inn

\$45		\$
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Fri., Sept. 23: Bus Tour of Spokane (begin 10 a.m.)
Box Lunch on City Bus tour
Dinner, Ramada Inn

\$35		\$
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\$20		\$
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\$45		\$
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Sat., Sept. 25 Lunch in Hospitality Room
Business meeting & Memorial Service
Dinner, Ramada Inn (please select choice) of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	\$50		\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey	\$40		\$
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Sun., Sept. 26 Departure

Total for Registration & Tours \$ _____

For questions, phone: Ph: (509) 482-2620 or email at: tsupchurch@msn.com. (Please **make checks payable to:**

Thomas Upchurch and indicate "2022 Reunion" in lower left corner of check. Mail check and reservation form **by Sept. 10, 2022 to: Thomas Upchurch, N. 3008 Hamilton St., Spokane, WA 99207**

News



Service Available to Convert USS Calvert-Related Photo Negatives, Slides, and 8mm Film Footage to Digital Form

Do you have some old USS Calvert negatives, slides, or film sitting in a box? Chris Funck, Web Master for the USS Calvert web site, is offering to digitize and return your USS Calvert related photo negatives, slides, and 8mm film footage. The USS Calvert Associates has paid for scanning equipment for Chris to use. If the photos, etc. are related to the USS Calvert, there will be no charge for the digitizing, and Chris will return the original materials and a copy of digital files to you. Chris has on the web site a collection of digitized slides (1950-1954) provided from the son of Robert Hile taken 1950-1954.

Here is how it works:

1. Contact Chris via phone at (484) 354-7323 to discuss the details of your collection or for any questions you might have.
2. Ship your slides or film to him. He will provide his mailing address during your phone call
3. Chris will digitize them and then send them back to you the original materials and a DVD containing the digital replicas.
4. Chris will seek your permission before adding any photographic materials onto the USS Calvert web site and before sending digital copies to the Calvert Marine Museum for addition to their USS Calvert collection.

Condolences -- Hosts of Past Reunions

Doris Upton (1935-2020), Conyers, GA, wife of Robert Upton, passed away July 25, 2020, She and Bob hosted the USS Calvert Reunion in Charleston, SC in 2007. Doris and Bob attended nearly all of the Calvert reunions until her illness prevented her from attending the last reunions.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Bob Upton; daughters and son-in-law, Cyndi Upton, Teri and Allen Gray; son and daughter-in-law, Robby and Kay Upton; grandchildren, Nicole Armburst, Shane Sample, Chandler Gray; great-grandchildren, Jaylin Daniel, Jagger Powers, Stephanie Sample, Camden Sample; as well as nieces and nephews.

Because of COVID-19, a private graveside service was held on July 27, 2020 at Lawnwood Memorial Park, Covington, GA. Condolences may be sent to Bob Upton and family via Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, P.O. box 630, Covington, GA 30015. A full obituary may be viewed at: <https://www.caldwellandcowan.com/obituary/Doris-Upton>.

Pat Snyder (1930-2022), Yukon, OK, a special friend of Dale Wilhite, passed away March 23, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Pat lived a short distance from Dale's house in Yukon, and she had been part of the USS Calvert reunion group since 2008 when Dale was the host of the USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion in Oklahoma City. She had attended every USS Calvert reunion for the past 11 years and only missed the 2011 reunion in Wichita because of her declining health.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Snyder, to whom she was married for 53 years. They had four children, 16 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren. They moved to Yukon in 1962, establishing Yukon's first supermarket, which became a chain of six stores known as Snyder's Foods. (A full copy of her obituary may be found at: <https://www.yandaandsonfuneralhome.com/guestbook/pat-snyder>)

A Celebration of life service was held on April 1, 2022, at the Covenant Community Church, 2250 Yukon Parkway, Yukon, OK 73099. Condolences to the family (and to Dale Wilhite) may be made in care of Yanda & Son Funeral Home, 1500 W Vandament Ave., Yukon, OK 73099.

The 2023 USS Calvert Reunion
Is scheduled to be held in Historic Saratoga Springs, New York
(Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters or on the
USS Calvert website: www.usscalvert.com

Hotel Reservation Form (phone hotel directly)

2022 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion

September 21-25, 2022

Ramada Inn by Wyndham at Spokane Airport
8909 W. Airport Dr., Spokane, WA 99224
Check-in time 3:00 p.m. -- Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.

NOTE: Special Reservation Phone: 1-509-777-3053 and ask for "Jean"
Tell her you want the "USS Calvert" reunion rates.

Note: Deadline date for Hotel Reservations: Sept. 10, 2022

Check-in time 3:00 p.m. -- Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.

Dates of Reunion: Wed., Sept. 21: Arrival day & Greet & Meet in Hosp. Rm.; Dinner on your own
Thurs., Sept. 22: Greet & Meet & Lunch in Hosp. Rm., Dinner at Hotel
Fri., Sept. 23: Spokane City Tour (begin 10 a.m.) & Box Lunch, Dinner at Hotel
Sat., Sept. 24: Greet & Meet, Lunch in Hosp. Rm, Business Meeting, Memorial Service, Dinner at Hotel
Sun., Sept. 25: Departure

Hotel Amenities:

* Complimentary hot breakfast	* Free Parking
* Business Center/copying/printing	* Free Airport shuttle
* Indoor pool	* Complimentary fitness center
* Remington Restaurant (breakfast 6 a.m.-10 a.m.); (dinner 5 p.m.-10 p.m.)	
* Bar 509 (open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.) appetizers & drinks	

Special USS Calvert Reunion Room Rates (per night) include complimentary buffet breakfast in dining guest rooms have a refrigerator, microwave, & coffeemaker. The hotel is a **non-smoking hotel**. Reunion rates per night:

\$130 + taxes for King Room

\$130 + taxes for Double Queen Room

Phone Reservations. Tom tells us there have been some problems with phoning the hotel for special rates. He suggests that you phone directly to Reservation Agent "Jean," M-Th Pacific time using this phone no: **1-509-777-3053** and ask for "USS Calvert" Reunion rate. The hotel is Ramada Inn by Wyndham at Spokane Airport, 8909 W. Airport Dr., Spokane, WA. The hotel regular reservation phone is **1- 509-724-0019**, but use the special phone no. **1-509-777-3053 for reservations** as Tom suggests.

Be prepared to provide information below when phoning in reservation

Guest Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone No.: _____

Room Type Requested: ☐ Single King Room ☐ Double Queen Room

No. of Rooms: _____

No. of Guests: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Your Credit Card No. & security code: _____

Hotel Room Confirmation # here: _____

2019 USS Calvert Reunion (Albuquerque, NM)

Willie and Susan Carrillo hosted the 2019 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 18 through 21, 2019.

Thursday began with a trolley tour of Albuquerque with lunch at Hacienda Del Rio in Old Town, followed by a tour of the historic old town. On Friday, the USS Calvert group had a scenic view of the city from Sandia Peak where they took the Aerial Tram. After lunch, they toured the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History.

Saturday, the bus took the reunion people to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center where they saw traditional Indian dances and also viewed the museum display. Lunch was enjoyed at the Route 66 Diner, after which the bus returned to the hotel for a business meeting and Memorial Service. The evening culminated with a banquet dinner held at the outdoor open air covered El Pinto Restaurant.

The following persons attended the reunion at Albuquerque:

Dan & Candyce Carlberg, Villa Park, CA
Willie & Susan Carrillo, Fort Morgan, CO
Bill Chester & family, Reeds Spring, MO
Lyn Cole Clarke, Kenyon, MN
William & Eleanor Conway, Washington Twp, MI
Paul & Elizabeth Foott, Lancaster, CA
Richard & JoNell Hickok, Downey, CA
Norman & Donna Jones, San Diego, CA
Lawrence & Betty Martin
& Loreta Bishop, Pineville, LA

Glynna Morse, Windsor, MO
John Regan, Ridgefield, NJ
Saretta Rowland, Weatherford, TX
Alan & Annette Sherian, Fresno, CA
Pat Snyder, Yukon, OK
Thomas & Shirley Upchurch, Spokane, WA
Bob Upton, Conyers, GA
Dale Wilhite, Yukon, OK



USS Calvert Reunion, Albuquerque, NM. Photo taken outside El Pinto Restaurant, Albuquerque, NM, September 21, 2019

2021 USS Calvert Reunion Held in Wichita, KS

The 2021 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion was held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Airport, Wichita, KS, on November 4-7, 2021, hosted by Glynna Morse with assistance of her daughters, Kathleen Morse Bariteau and Julia Morse.

Thursday, November 4, the reunion attendees arrived and spent time meeting and greeting in the hospitality room. Friday, Nov. 5 began with lunch in the hospitality room, followed by a tour of “Kansas Plains People & Landmarks” which included a visit to the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit, Keeper of the Plains Landmark, and the Mid American Indian Center. A business meeting was held after the tour in which Tom Upchurch offered to host the 2022 reunion in Spokane, Washington. The family of USS Calvert veteran, John Sira, Sr., offered to host the USS Calvert Reunion in 2023 in Saratoga Springs, NY. The USS Calvert Associates members voted to accept the offers to hold the 2022 reunion in Spokane and the 2023 reunion in Saratoga Springs. A pizza meal was held in the hospitality room in the evening.

Saturday, November 6, featured a Tour of the Old Cow Town Village depicting Wichita in the 1865 to 1870s. The bus returned to the hotel for a memorial service held at 5 p.m. honoring 11 deceased shipmates. An evening sandwich and vegetable buffet was held in the hospitality room followed with a dessert social and final meeting of the USS Calvert Associates.

The following persons attended the 2021 USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion in Wichita:

Laura Arkema, Evanston, IL
Kate Morse Bariteau & son,
Joseph Bariteau, Louisville, KY
Dan & Candyce Carlberg, Villa Park, CA
Willie & Susan Carrillo, Ft. Morgan, CO
Lyn Cole Clarke, Kenyon, MN
John & Cindy Hartman, Fayetteville, PA
Paul Foott & Helen Zillmer, Santa Paula, CA
Glynna Morse, Windsor, MO
Julia Morse, Assaria, KS
John Regan, Ridgfield, NJ

Saretta Rowland, Weatherford, TX
Alan & Annette Sherian, Fresno, CA
John P. Sira, Sr., Rebecca Sira, &
Susan DeRocher, Broadalbin, NY
John P. Sira, Jr., Northville, NY
Gloria Skillman, Garden Grove, CA
Thomas & Shirley Upchurch, Spokane, WA
Robert Upton, Conyers, GA
Ivan Vail, Fairbanks, AK
Dale Wilhite, Yukon, OK



Attendees at the **2021 USS Calvert Reunion, Wichita, KS**. Missing in the photo were John & Cindy Hartman, who had to leave the reunion early because of illness in their family.



*(Deceased shipmates are honored at a special memorial ceremony at each USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee Reunion. Below are names of USS Calvert or USS Harry Lee shipmates honored at the 2019 and 2021 reunion memorial services. 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.)

We mourn the Passing of these shipmates:

(2019 Memorial Service)

Rudy Bayerle, WW II, 2006
William H. Bridgford, LTJG, 1953-1956,
USS Harry Lee
Michael J. Caroselli, 1943-1946, 6-04-2018,
USS Harry Lee
Homer Evans. MM, 01-17-1019, *USS Harry Lee*
William Habrat, BMC, 1942-1951, 2-24-2019
Charles Montgomery, YNC, 4-30-2017
Phillip L. Roddy, HM3, 1960-1963
Peter Steichen, 1950-1953, 07-23-2008
Walter F. Ward, WW II, 2-05-2017,
USS Harry Lee
Hoyt Worthington, GM2, 1944-1946, 2-25-2019
and
Unnamed *USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee* Shipmates

(2021 Memorial Service)

Charles Bartley, WW II, 5-31-2013,
USS Harry Lee
Phillip Bullin, Engineer, 1952-1955, 3-20-2021
Lawrence D. Copeland, SM, 1942-1944,
USS Calvert & USS Harry Lee
Monty D. Crowdes, 1950-1951, 10-11-2003
Carl R. Hoffman, LTJG, 1964-1966, 1-05-2021
Paul Kloess, 1952-1954, 11-13-2020
J. S. May, Capt., 1964-1966, 5-1993
William Predham, RD 3, 1952-1955, 10-11-2003
William M. Smyrl, Jr., MM, WW II, 11-08-2019,
USS Harry Lee
Charles Frederick Stohrel, 1942-1945, 1-30-2020
Roman Weber, RM3, 1950-1951, 6 -2017
and
Unnamed *USS Calvert/USS Harry Lee* Shipmates

On the Lighter Side -- USS Calvert News – October, 1964

Chris Funck, USSCalvert.Com webmaster, sent this news item from the *San Diego Union*, Oct. 27, 1964, and Chris thought some of the readers of this newsletter will remember the incident, possibly the strategic work of some *USS Calvert* shipmates?

The newspaper stated, “**Cows Back in Pasture.**” “Two life-size fiberglass cows missing from the Admiral Kid Officers Club at the Naval Training Center (*the USS Calvert*) were back in their ‘pasture’ at Alpine yesterday. “

“Jack Austin, the club manager, who reported the cows missing Friday, said yesterday the pair of cows, worth \$650, were mysteriously returned to the base over the weekend.”

“Who took the cows and who returned them, he said, is anybody’s guess.”

“The hollow lightweight animals had been rented from a company in Alpine and used in a cheese festival display.”

Source: *San Diego Union*, Oct. 27, 1964