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### Presidents Corner

*I am very pleased to announce that we have a total of 32 shipmates tentatively signed up at this early date for our September reunion.*

*The scholarship money that was returned from our last recipient was awarded to this years graduate.*

*I was asked by one of our members to not dwell on the reunions but to spend more time on the news of the ship. I guess I would have to say that our reunions are what binds everyone together. The ship is gone but not in our fond memories. Certainly, I will try to give as much print towards the ship but it takes two to tango. You give me the information and I will see that it gets put in this newsletter.*

*Our web site is allowing us to reach out to many ex-Magoffinites. I have sent out about ten more information packets to prospective members since the last newsletter. Several have signed up and a couple have indicated coming to the reunion.*

*I'm sorry to report the loss of two of our active shipmates.*

*(see Taps), and one of our ladies. Our star raffle seller, Gordon Nass was just had an operation and I understand he is doing okay. Get well soon Gordon, I need help with those raffles.*

*This will be the last newsletter before the reunion and I hope to see you all soon. Those on the fence, make up your minds soon and lets meet at the Doubletree Hotel September 5th.*

Sam Rubin

### Patriotism

Many people think that being patriotic means celebrating the Fourth of July, but it is more. Most see patriotism as fighting in a war or dying for their country, but it can also be something less obvious. The truth is, being patriotic is not simply shooting off fireworks: Patriotism is defending, supporting, and dedicating oneself to their country.

Throughout our country's history, many people lost their lives defending it. From the Revolutionary War, when America fought to gain its freedom, through the twentieth century. When America fought for the freedom of others, millions of Americans risked and lost their lives to uphold their patriotic beliefs. During World War II, millions of men went to battle and fought patriotically, while others, mostly women, also helped in the struggle. They went to work in industry to build the machines of war and keep America running. Patriotism, revealed through defending one's country, is more than just fighting and dying. It is doing whatever it takes to serve one's country and maintain its success.

Fighting for one's country is definitely a form of patriotism, but wars do not happen everyday. Simple things people do daily can be patriotic. Paying taxes, for instance, is a basic way of showing support because it funds the government. Serving on jury duty is supportive, because without this system our courts could not function. Obeying laws can be patriotic because doing so helps to maintain order. Patriotism is clearly demonstrated through the supportive duties of citizens during their daily lives.

Having a patriotic spirit means living with dedication and principles throughout a lifetime. It means feeling pride, showing pride and having confidence in what it stands for. Adlai Stevenson stated that living with patriotism is "to walk with it in serenity and wisdom, with self respect and the respect of mankind; a patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts or emotions, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime" True patriotism involves a complete dedication to one's country.

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It is clear that being patriotic is more than celebrating a holiday. It means defending one's country regardless of cost. It means supporting one's country through the common responsibilities of citizenship. It means the steady dedication of oneself to their country for a lifetime. Although the demands of patriotism to one's country are great, the reward is a great country.

*Reprinted from the VFW Veterans News.*

*Gillian M. Linman, a 7th. Grader at Seattle Christian School is the Washington State Essay Winner as well as the National Essay Winner.*

## A DOUBLE WAR STORY

### STORY #1

Butch O'Hare, a naval carrier pilot, was one of the many people to be recognized as a WWII hero. Airborne on a mission, he ran short of fuel. His flight leader instructed him to return to the ship. On the way back, he saw a squadron of Japanese Zeros heading toward the fleet to attack. With all the fighters out on mission, he realized that he was the only defense. Single-handedly, he dove and attacked. After his ammunition was gone, he maneuvered to clip tails and wings off the Zeros—anything to destroy their ability to harm the fleet. Finally they turned away. Butch and his badly damaged plane limped back to the carrier. When his wing camera was processed, his bravery was evident. In addition to military honors, Chicago's O'Hare airport was named after him.

### STORY #2

Some time before the war, a fellow named "Easy Eddie" worked for the notorious Al Capone. Easy Eddie, in fact, was Al Capone's lawyer, and he was a very good lawyer. So good, that despite the murders committed by Capone, Easy Eddie was able to keep him out of jail. Naturally, Al Capone took care of Eddie financially. Eddie had a huge beautifully furnished house with live-in help and all of the modern conveniences available.

Easy Eddie had a son whom he doted on. He gave him everything of the best. He bought him cars and fancy clothes. He saw that his son got the best education possible. Easy Eddie, however was not happy. He realized that the one thing he was unable to give his son was a good name and a good example of how to live an upright life. Easy Eddie decided that this was more important to him than all the riches he received from Capone. Easy Eddie went to the authorities and agreed to testify against Capone. He did testify, despite knowing that he surely would be killed. Within a few months he was gunned down, but Capone went to jail.

What's the connection between the two stories?  
Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

*From January/February, 2000 TRNews*

## WAY BACK WHEN 'Old Ironsides'

Had it not been for a 24 –line piece of poetry, the 153 year old *USS Constitution*, the American Navy's second most venerable vessel, would not be in existence today.

Launched 21 October 1797 (44 days after her sister ship *Constellation*), *Constitution* had by 1828 recorded three decades of distinguished naval history. But between the years 1828 and 1830, she was decommissioned, surveyed and reported unseaworthy.

Estimated cost of repairs exceeded the original cost of building (\$302,917.00) and the Secretary of the Navy, upon recommendation of the naval commissioners, decided to have the ship broken up and sold for scrap. The proposition might have passed without serious opposition had not the vessels proverbial good luck once more intervened to save her.

When a law school student by the name of Oliver Wendell Holmes read that the famed frigate was to be so ingloriously disposed of, he dashed off on a scrap of paper the now famous three-stanza poem "Old Ironsides".

First published in the *Boston Advertiser*, the piece was quickly copied by newspapers throughout the country. It was even printed on handbills and circulated on the streets of Washington.

Lamenting the pending fate of the popular ship, the poem aroused such irresistible public opinion that the Navy Department order was revoked, and Congress appropriated the money necessary for rebuilding. In 1835, "Old Ironsides" once again put to sea to continue her illustrious career.

*Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!  
Long has it waved on high,  
And many an eye has danced to see  
That banner in the sky;  
Beneath it rung the battle shout,  
And burst the cannon's roar,  
The meteor of the ocean air  
Shall sweep the clouds no more.*

*Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,  
Where knelt the vanquished foe,  
When winds were hurrying O'er the flood,  
And waves were white below,  
No more shall feel the victor's tread,  
Or know the conquered knee;  
The harpies of the shore shall pluck  
The eagle of the sea!*

*Oh, better than her shattered hulk  
Should sink beneath the wave;  
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,  
And there should be her grave;  
Nail to the mast her holy flag,  
Set every threadbare sail,  
And give her to the god of storms,  
The lightning and the gale!*

### Scholarship Recipient 2001

Ryan Montgomery, son of Bill and Teresa graduated with a 4.0 grade point and was Valedictorian of the graduation class. He is enrolled at Moorhead State University this fall. A letter and photo will be sent soon. Congratulations Ryan.

## Active Membership

As of May 1, 2001 the following members have paid their dues for 2001:

Aguilar\*, Alexander, Andress, Anson, Arnold, Ayers, Barrick\*, Beals\*\*, Bellin, Beninato, Berglin, Betz, Bidinger\*\*, Bispo, Brady, Bryant\*, Calvert, Carey, Cassidy\*, Cheely, Church, Clayton\*, Drugan, Eagon\*, Empey, Engleman, Flanagan\*\*, Ford, B Foster, Frank, Furlow, Gehrlich, Gideon, Gray, Griffith, Gronvold, Guido, Hagg\*\*, Hancock, Heiken, Hogard\*\*, Hornor, Hummel\*\*, Jardine, Jennings\*, Guy Johnson, JH Johnson\*, JL Johnson\*\*, King, Krebs, Kuklinski\*, Latham, Leroy, Little, Lowther, Macioce, Marchese, Marcus\*, Maroney\*\*\*, Masters\*\*\*, Maxwell\*, McCants, Melsha\*, Miihlbach, Montgomery, Munger, Nass\*, O'Brien\*, Olson, Patterson, Pearce\*, Pelkey, Petruzzi, Phares, Phipps, Poortvliet, Pope, Raich, Reece\*, Renfro, Rich, Ring, Rubin\*, Sakers\*, Savage\*\*, Schaefer\*, Schanzenbach, Schirmer, Shropshire\*, Showler, Skow, Small, Sons, Spiese\*\*, Stein, Stutzman\*\*, Swary\*, Swanson, Truxillo, Tull, Vandewouwer, Walker, Whitely, Wilhelm\*, Williamson, and Wilson.

\* Paid 2002 dues. 105 have paid 2001 dues.

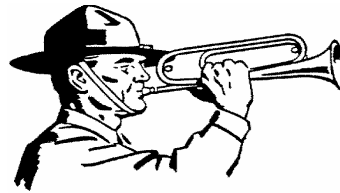
\*\* Paid 2003 dues.

\*\*\*Paid 2004 dues.

(If I accidentally missed you or made a mistake, let me know and it will be in the next newsletter.)

## Raffle Prize

Carol Bellin has again made a great looking afghan for our Sept. raffle. Her craftsmanship is outstanding. We will also have another afghan made by Wilma Phares at the reunion, Thanks gals.



## TAPS

Charles Jardine 50-52  
Wilton Schanzenbach 44-46

March, 2001  
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### *Comfort*

*There is a tower of strength  
For you and me-  
'Tis that which we call faith  
And as the sea  
Off dashes on the rocks  
To no avail  
So storms may come to us  
But in the gale  
We lean upon that faith  
And soon once more  
We see a beacon of light-  
It is the shore.*

Franklin Lee Stevenson

### Dee Tellefsen

It is with great sadness that I inform the Association of the passing of a real treasure. Dee, although committed to a wheelchair with several ailments was always one of the jolliest people at the reunions. I will miss her. I know we all wish Karl our sincerest condolences.

## Sea Story

In a conversation with Merble Bellin not long ago, he told me of an event that took place during the invasion of Okinawa that I thought you would all be interested in.

He was cox'n of one of the LCM'S and on the about the 7th. Day of the invasion returning from the beach he was unable to find the Maggie but going out to sea were a line of APA's. He determined one of them was our ship, mentally calculated their speed and his and took off after them. He did catch up and was hoisted on board, on the fly so to speak. His only comment was that he thought he should have been commended in some way for getting the boat and his crew back to the ship, but was never shown any appreciation for his timely return.

As an afterthought, if he hadn't caught the ship, he might have run out of fuel before getting back to the beach and no telling when he might have been rescued or when and if he might have ever gotten back to the Magoffin.

Sam Rubin

## Reunion Tours

### Thursday, September 6th.

Don your comfortable walking shoes, grab a jacket and board the bus for a ride into the past. First stop is a tour of the Cataldo Mission— Idaho’s oldest building—now a State Park and on the National Historic Register.

Then on to Wallace, once the largest silver producing area in the US. The entire town is now on the National Historic Register. Here we will board a trolley for a ride out to the Sierra Silver Mine Tour. We’ll also have the opportunity to take a tour of the Oasis Rooms now a Bordello Museum. This establishment also played a major role in Wallace’s past!! Or, you can stroll the streets soaking up history in this quaint mountain town. You might want to visit the Mining Museum or Railroad Museum on your own or just browse in the silver and antique shops.

Before returning to the hotel, we will end this day of history with dinner at the Enaville Resort another historic building in our region; it’s like dining in the museum.

Tour starts at 1130 and ends at 2045..... Price is \$ 45.00 per person.

### Friday, September 7th.

Today the ladies start the day with a Historic Tour of Spokane then meet the gentlemen for lunch before we all depart for a tour of a local chocolate factory specializing in products made with our local indigenous huckleberries—among other tasty products we will have an opportunity to sample. Then off to Arbor Crest Winery whose tasting room is located in an Italian Style villa high on a bluff overlooking the Spokane Valley. From there we will travel to the beautiful lake city of Coeur d’Alene for a brief historic driving tour and time on your own for dinner and enjoying the lakefront.

Ladies tour starts at 1000 and ends at 1200.....Price is \$ 7.25 per person.

Chocolate Factory tour starts at 1315 and ends at 2030.....Price is \$ 18.25 per person.

### Saturday, September 8th.

Today you will visit Farragut State Park, site of the former Farragut Naval Training Base, the second largest Naval Base during World War II. The base was situated on the shores of 45 mile long Pend Oreille Lake. You will have an opportunity to view the lake, visit the museum, and have a driving tour of the area where the base was located. Then we will board the bus for a short drive to Sandpoint where you can have lunch on your own, visit the Coldwater Creek retail center, the Christmas Store, Pend Oreille Brewing, or the many interesting shops and art galleries.

Tour starts at 0900 and ends at 1600.....Price is \$ 19.00 per person.

Note: The weather conditions in the Spokane Valley are very comfortable this time of year with daytime temperatures in the 70’s and 80’s with night time temperatures which can get into the 40’s so be prepared.

**Golfers— There are several wonderful golf courses in the area. Contact Chuck Whiteley direct if you wish to play any of the courses with him. He can be reached at 208 772 8268 or [cwhiteley@bigplanet.com](mailto:cwhiteley@bigplanet.com)**

**Doubletree Hotel**  
North 1100 Sullivan Road  
Veradale, WA 99037  
509 924 9000

**You must make your own reservations with the hotel and they must be in by August 8, 2001 in order to confirm the quoted prices. Requests after that date might be at the regular rates or availability.**

**Reunion Registration Form  
 Sept. 5-8, 2001  
 Spokane Valley, Wa.  
 Host Chuck Whiteley**

**FILL OUT THE FORM IN IT'S ENTIRETY, THE \$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. WHEN COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WITH YOUR SELECTIONS, WE CAN THEN DETERMINE HOW MANY PEOPLE TO PLAN FOR ON EACH TOUR. YOU CAN SELECT ONLY THOSE TOURS THAT YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN. ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2001.**

	PRICE PER EA.	X	NO. OF PEOPLE =	=	AMOUNT
Crew members registration which includes Hospitality Room and Administrative fees.				=	\$ 20.00
Sept. 6th. Thursday . Mine Tours.	\$ 45.00	X	___	=	_____
Sept. 7th. Friday, Ladies Tour	\$ 7.25	X	___	=	_____
Sept. 7th. Friday Tour to Factories.	\$ 18.25	X	___	=	_____
Sept. 8th. Saturday Farragut-Sandpoint.	\$ 19.00	X	___	=	_____
Sept. 8th. Saturday evening Banquet.	\$ 25.00	X	___	=	_____

Please indicate your selections below;

Lemon Basil Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roast NY Strip Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fresh Salmon Filet \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendees. \_\_\_\_\_

Send funds to:  
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 Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
 61 Sunrise Drive  
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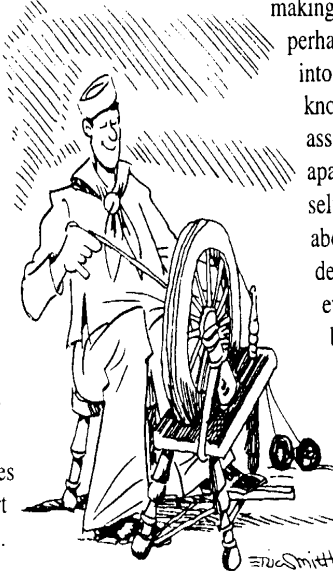
# Salty Talk

BY COMMANDER TY MARTIN, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)

“Yarnin’” is a tradition well-established in many remote areas. Telling stories to instruct the young, to preserve a heritage, or merely to pass a quiet evening is a practice common to many peoples in many places. But why “Yarnin’?”

Ships at sea, particularly small wooden sailing ships on an ocean crossing, must rely on whatever limited supplies their owners have put aboard them. Nothing is wasted. Old sparring may be used as dunnage to brace the cargo in the hold. Worn out sails may be used to direct a refreshing breeze below decks or to create windbreaks.

Using old rope for new purposes generally required that it first be taken apart and its components made up in new ways.



This was a tedious task where men unwound the “threads” making up the principal parts of a line or rope, and then perhaps further broke it down by unraveling the threads into their several “yarns.” Then it could be rewoven or knotted or spliced into new, useful items. Sailors assigned the task would sit around on deck, picking apart the rope and inevitably talking among themselves. Often, it was the “old salts” who would talk about how to do various seamanship tasks, or about the delights of a particular port of call or of people and events from their past. Sometimes, these tales would be pure fantasy, leading a new hand down his path of gullibility until he finds himself the object of much hilarity among his mates. Eventually, this tale telling became known as “yarn spinning,” and so it came ashore when Jack finally returned home and entranced his relatives and friends with stories of far away places.

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## FLAG DAY JUNE 14th.

### I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I am the flag of the United States of America.  
My name is Old Glory.  
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.  
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.  
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.  
I stand guard with power in the world.  
Look up at me and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.  
I stand for freedom.  
I am confident.  
I am arrogant.  
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,  
my head is a little higher,  
my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!  
I am recognized all over the world.  
I am worshipped-I am saluted.  
I am loved-I am revered.

I am respected—and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.  
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.  
I was there at San Juan Hill,  
The trenches of France, in the Argonne Forrest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam now me,  
I was there.  
I led my troops.  
I was dirty, battle worn and tired,  
but my soldiers cheered me  
And I was proud.  
I have been burned, torn and trampled  
On the streets of countries I have helped set free,  
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned torn  
And trampled on the streets of my country.  
And it's by those whom I've served in battle—it hurts.  
But I shall overcome—for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth  
And stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space  
From my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness  
To all of America's finest hours.  
But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips  
And used for bandages  
For my wounded comrades on the battlefield,  
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,  
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent.  
At the grave of their fallen son or daughter,  
I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY  
LONG MAY I WAVE  
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN  
LONG MAY I WAVE.

(writer unknown)

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Or  
Just use your search engine and enter  
USS Magoffin

**Ship's Store**

Coffee Cups (only 1 left).....\$ 8.75

Magoffin blue ball caps.....\$ 13.00

Veterans Association Lapel Pins.....\$ 4.50

All prices include shipping costs.  
The lapel pins are very colorful and attractive.  
Sales are very slow so, lets get some orders in.

**9th. Reunion  
Sept. 5-8, 2001**

**Wednesday September 5**

1200-1700 Registration Open  
1200-2200 Hospitality Room Open

**Thursday September 6**

0800-2200 Hospitality Room Open  
0900-1000 Executive Board Meeting  
1130-2045 Silver Valley Tour

**Friday September 7**

0800- 2200 Hospitality Room Open  
0900-1200 Crew's Business Meeting  
1000-1200 Ladies Tour to Spokane  
1315-2030 Coeur d'Alene Tour

**Saturday September 8**

0800-1800 Hospitality Room Open  
0900-1600 Farragut-Sand Point Tour  
1800-1900 Cocktail hour-Cash Bar  
1900-2130 Banquet and Awards

**Sunday September 9**

0700-0900 Buffet Breakfast, farewells and Departures

**Note: Our motley crew will be selling Scholarship Fund raffle tickets throughout the reunion with the drawing to take place at the Banquet.**

**Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Nr \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Item name	Quantity	Subtotal
Total		

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