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Presidents Corner

Many things have happened since our last newsletter. The world is changing rapidly and our country is at a crossroads. We can't afford to allow terrorists the freedom to do as they will to our interests at home and abroad. The threat of war doesn't seem to change the attitude of the Iraqi government. We know the sacrifices that war can bring and must support our men and women who are serving in our armed forces during these unsettled times.

We will be voting for a new President and Vice President at the crews meeting in May. I highly recommend that those nominees are computer literate and can do emailing. I found it to be a very important part of my job and timesaver.

Our recruiting effort has been going very well with numerous inquiries from both the web page and our reunion ads in the Veterans Magazines.

I want to thank all the effort put forth by Tom Haglage on our behalf as the reunion coordinator and Secretary of the Association. You will see how those efforts have paid off when you arrive in Lexington.

Fortunately Taps is not included in this publication.

I understand that there will be two or three locations for our next reunion in the Central Time Zone to vote on. Thanking those folks in advance for their preparation work.

Reunion Notes

- 1. We must get signed up for our tours and the hotel rooms by April 1, 2003. We have a commitment to be paying in advance for the tours by April 5th. and the hotel rates can go up after that date as well.**
- 2. Our room rates will remain as noted in the previous newsletter if you arrive early and stay after the reunion. You can make your reservations direct to the hotel as well rather than go through their national reservation desk. Sometimes they are vague about the rates our Association is getting so use this number, 859 288 6144.**
- 3. I made an error on our banquet meals as shown in the last newsletter. All entrees will be provided with the following; red potato mashed with garlic, green beans with red peppers and garden salad with choice of Italian or Ranch Dressing.**
- 4. If you are interested in bringing any mementos that you wish to turn over to the Magoffin County Historical Society, please bring those along.**

I will see you in Lexington and until then, fair winds and following seas.

Sam Rubin

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Just use your search engine and enter
USS Magoffin

NOW READ THIS

Check your mailing label for the year listed.

If your dues are not paid for 2003, please send check to our Treasurer.

If there is a discrepancy or a hardship exists, contact the Treasurer. All inquiries are kept confidential.



PROGRAM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAREWELL

Haul Down Colors, Jack, and
the Commissioning Pennant

SECURE THE WATCH

Commanding Officer Reports to
Officer in Charge, Naval Inactive
Ship Maintenance Facility, the
USS MAGOFFIN (APA-199) is Decommissioned

Officer in Charge, Naval Inactive
Ship Maintenance Facility, Accepts
USS MAGOFFIN (APA-199)

BENEDICTION



CAPT RICHARD Y. SCOTT, USN

Captain Scott was born in Pratt, Kansas. He attended Pratt Junior College for one year prior to his enrollment in the U.S. Naval Academy. After receiving his commission in 1945, he reported aboard USS COWELL in September and served as Assistant Gunnery Officer until February 1946.

In April 1946 he assumed the duties of Engineering Officer on USS H. J. THOMAS. He served in this capacity until June 1948.

After five months of Mine Warfare School, he took over as Commanding Officer of USS PLOVER from December of 1948 until June 1951.

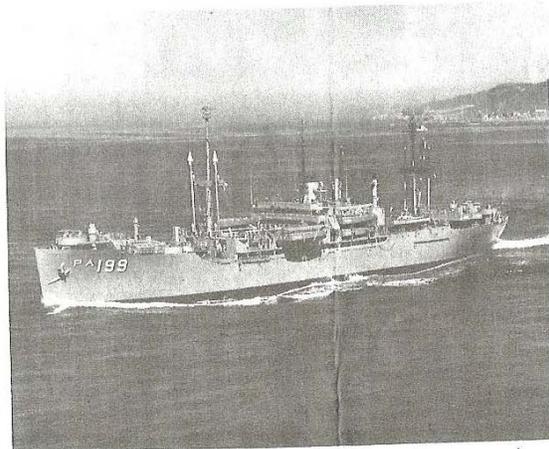
Captain Scott returned to the Naval Academy in July 1951 and worked in the Executive Department until July 1953. The following month, August 1953, he assumed command of the minesweeper USS CONFLICT. He commanded "CONFLICT" until July 1954, at which time he spent ten months as a student at the famous Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. In August 1955, Captain Scott became the Air Defense and Gunnery Officer on the heavy cruiser BREMERTON. From July 1957 until September 1959 he worked with College training programs for the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Reporting aboard the destroyer ISHERWOOD in October 1959, he undertook the duties of Executive Officer.

After commanding the destroyer USS BAUSELL from May 1961 until July 1963, Captain Scott served as Capabilities Plans Officer for the Chief of Naval Operations until August 1966. Before reporting to the MAGOFFIN in October 1967, Captain Scott attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Captain Scott will now report to the USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) to assume the duties of Commanding Officer.

Captain Scott is married to the former Melba Norby of Pratt, Kansas. They have six children: Andrew, Janene, Jo Allyn, Timothy, Jonathan, and Daniel.

DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY



USS MAGOFFIN (APA-199)

10 APRIL 1968

USS MAGOFFIN HISTORY

The USS MAGOFFIN (APA-199) was built at the Kaiser Shipbuilding Facilities in Vancouver, Washington and was commissioned in October 1944. By 1 February 1945, MAGOFFIN was attached to Transport Division 54, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and was busily preparing men and equipment for the invasion of Okinawa in April: her first combat participation. The remainder of World War II was spent transporting men and supplies in the forward areas of the war zone. The war over, MAGOFFIN was inactivated and decommissioned on 15 April 1946 at Richmond, California where she remained until called back to service for the Korean Conflict. On 4 October 1950, exactly six years after her launching, the MAGOFFIN was recommissioned. Deploying to WESTPAC in the spring of 1951, the attack transport utilized her troop and cargo carrying capabilities in ferrying troops from Okinawa and Japan to Inchon and Pusan.

Throughout her entire career, the MAGOFFIN has been no stranger in Far Eastern waters having steamed countless miles and participated in scores of operations, two of the most noteworthy being the Atomic Bomb Tests at Eniwetok in May 1958, and the ready force during the 1961 Laos Crisis.

As a unit of Amphibious Squadron FIVE, the MAGOFFIN has made four deployments in support of the Viet Nam War effort transporting Marines, their equipment, munitions and supplies to Qui Nhon, DaNang and Cam Ranh Bay. Just having returned from her most recent cruise on 9 December 1967, MAGOFFIN spent seven months operating with the U.S. Seventh Fleet and participating in various exercises ranging from Korea to Thailand.

Definite news concerning the end of the attack transport's career with the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet came upon arrival in San Diego. The inactivation process began on 10 January 1968 and up until this day has continued at a steady and continuous pace.

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE USS MAGOFFIN

COMMANDER E. L. McMANUS
OCT 1944 - NOV 1944

CAPTAIN J. J. HUGHES
JUL 1959 - JUL 1960

COMMANDER GRAYBILL
NOV 1944 - MAR 1946

CAPTAIN J. M. ROBERTSON
JUL 1960 - JUL 1961

CAPTAIN W. B. MOORE
OCT 1950 - FEB 1952

CAPTAIN F. J. FITZPATRICK
JUL 1961 - OCT 1962

CAPTAIN T. E. CHAMBERS
FEB 1952 - JAN 1953

CAPTAIN A. F. RAWSON, JR.
OCT 1962 - DEC 1963

CAPTAIN I. E. McMILLAN
JAN 1953 - FEB 1954

CAPTAIN L. SAVADKIN
DEC 1963 - DEC 1964

CAPTAIN F. O. IFFRIG
FEB 1954 - OCT 1955

CAPTAIN R. D. GREER, JR.
DEC 1964 - DEC 1965

CAPTAIN C. M. KEYES
OCT 1955 - NOV 1956

CAPTAIN J. F. BRADLEY, JR.
DEC 1965 - OCT 1966

CAPTAIN N. G. DOUKAS
NOV 1956 - MAR 1958

CAPTAIN E. H. DOOLIN, JR.
OCT 1966 - OCT 1967

CAPTAIN J. A. HEATH
MAR 1958 - JUL 1959

CAPTAIN R. Y. SCOTT
OCT 1967 - APR 1968

(news article as it appeared in The Iron Mountain News Jan. 1946)

“Maggie” Has Impressive Travel Record

“So Norman Raisanen of Iron Mountain thinks the terrier he brought back from Australia holds the long-distance dog-travel record with only 20,000 miles,” writes **Robert Paquette**, 612 Lyman Street, Kingsford (Michigan), now serving on the **USS Magoffin** in Pacific waters. “Well, listen to this.”

“We pulled into ‘Frisco about ten days ago (Jan. 8, ‘46) with a load of troops from Japan. I’m one of the lucky men who gets The Iron Mountain News (by the way, Mrs. Marie Brenner is the generous person who sends it to me). So, in your issue of November 24, I saw this article about Raisanen and his dog.”

“Now, I am not the sole owner of the dog that I am going to tell you about. It is actually owned by four of us aboard this ship (**USS Magoffin**). And we will furnish affidavits, sworn statements or whatever else it takes to prove that our dog has traveled **86,000 miles**, and is still going strong.”

The Dog Changed Hands

“We acquired our dog in somewhat the same manner that Raisanen got his. We were in Pearl Harbor, at a medical supply house, drawing supplies for our ship when we saw a girl walking along with this dog as her escort. Well-one thing lead to another, with the result that the dog changed hands, and went with us to the ship.”

“Our dog-‘Maggie,’ named after our ship-has her own service and health record, and around her neck hangs her own ‘dog-tag’ with complete identification. On one of our trips, Maggie had a blessed event and four puppies were added to the kennel on shipboard. For some time prior to the event, bets were flying thick and fast as to how many pups Maggie would produce.”

“As pharmacist’s mates, we have access to the elaborate medical facilities on our ship. A very thorough X-ray examination of Maggie revealed the number of pups she expected to bring into the world-so those of us who were ‘in the know’ laid our bets high, wide, and handsome. Maggie didn’t double cross us, either. She hit right on the nose, and we cleaned up.

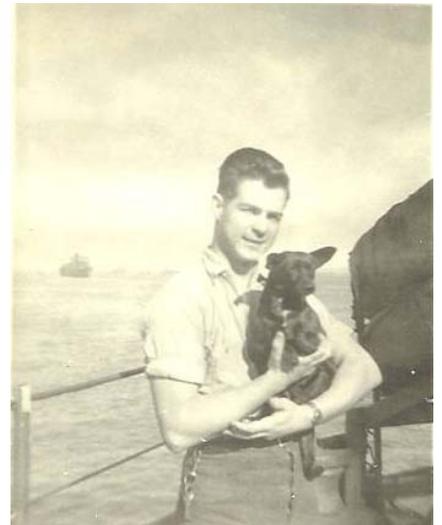
Well-Traveled Pup

“Maggie’s pups have made two trips from the states-one from ‘Frisco to China and another from ‘Frisco to Japan. At four and a half months of age, they have now covered some 20,000 miles, but have quite a stretch to go before they catch up to Maggie. If Maggie could talk-and sometimes we think she can-she could tell you all about Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, the Philippines, Marshall and Russell Islands, Shanghai, Korea, the Florida and Caroline Islands, Tokyo, Yokohama, Guam, the Solomon, Ryukus, and Marianas Islands, the invasion of Okinawa, and many other places.”

“So-there it is. We are willing to listen, if you know of a better record, but you’ll have to prove it.” **R. J. Paquette PhM3/c, USS Magoffin APA 199**



Maggie



**Bob Paquette With Maggie
San Francisco Bay 1946**

Both photos provided by Bill Hancock

MAGOFFIN ROGUES GALLERY



A. Clyde Alexander



B. Bill Betz Jr.



C. George Latham



D. Bill Hancock



E. Sam Rubin



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Well, here are the first five submittals to our Rogues Gallery. See if you can match them up.

Hopefully we will have another group to enter in the next Magoffin Messenger. Reunion attendees can deliver their photos to me directly.

Editor.

Clyde Alexander—4, Bill Betz—2,
George Latham—5, Bill Hancock—1,
Sam Rubin—3,

Active Membership

As of MARCH. 10, 2003 the following members have paid their dues for 2003:

Aguilar*, Alexander, Andress, Anson*, Anderson, Arnold*, Barta, Beals, Berglin, Bellin, Betz***, Bidinger, Blomgren, Brady, Bryant*, Calvert, Carey, Carper, Cheely*, Christy, Church, Clifton, Dejarnette, Dickenson, Duncan, Durham, Dut-terer, Eagon*, Earven, Engleman, Fitzpatrick, Flanagan, Ford, Foster, Frank, French, Furlow, Gehrlich***, Gideon, Gillivan, Griffith, Guido, Hagg, Haglage, Hammond*, Hancock, Heiken, Hellman*, Hogard, Horner, Hummel, Jennings*, Guy Johnson, JL Johnson, Jones Roy, Jordan, Joslin, Kennon, Kopczynski, Kuklinski, Kyle*, Lackner, Langlo, Larsen, Latham*, Little*, Lopez, Lowther, Lukensow, Lutz*, Macioce, Mackey*, Marcus*, Maroney*, Masters*, McCants*, Melsha, Mihlbach, Mozis, Montgomery*, Muller*, Munger, Nass**, O'Brien*, Olivera, Olson, Patterson, Pearce*, Phares*, Phipps, Poortvliet*, Pope, Raich, Reece, Renfro, Rhodes, Riley, Ring*, Rogers, Bubeling, Rubin, Saeugling, Sakers**, Savage, Scadlock, Schaefer*, Schulz, Schirmer, Sharp, Shultz, Skow, Sluka*, Small, Snodgrass*, Spiese*, Stein*, Stutzman, Swanson*, Swary**, Tull, Unertl. Vernoy, Wall, Ward, Whiteley*, Wilson, Wood and Woodall.

Paid 2003 dues. 128 have paid 2003 dues.

* Paid 2004 dues.

**Paid 2005 dues.

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

A REAL SAILOR

I like standing on the bridge wing with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe - the ship beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drive her through the sea.

I like the sounds of the Navy - the piercing trill of the boat-swains pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ship's bell on the quarter-deck, the harsh squawk of the IMC and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I like the vessels of the Navy - nervous darting destroyers, plodding Fleet auxiliaries, sleek submarines and steady solid carriers. I like the proud names of Navy capital ships: Midway, Lexington, Saratoga, Coral Sea - memorials of great battles won. I like the lean angular names of Navy "tin cans" Barney, Dahlgren, Mullinix, McCloy, - momentos of heroes who went before us. I like the tempo of the Navy band blaring through the topside speakers as we pull away from the oiler after refueling at sea.

I like liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port. I even like all hands working parties as my ship fills herself with the multitude of supplies both mundane and exotic which she needs to cut her ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there is water to float her.

I like sailors, men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the cities, the mountains and the prairies. From all walks of life. I trust and depend on them as they trust and depend on me - for professional competence, for comradeship, for courage. In a word they are "shipmates."

I like the surge of adventure in my heart when the word is passed "Now station the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to quarters for leaving port", and I like the infectious thrill of welcome from family and friends waiting at pier side. The work is hard and dangerous, the going rough at times, the parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the "all for one and one for all" philosophy of the sea is ever present.

I like the serenity of the sea after a day of hard ship's work, as flying fish flit across the wave tops and sunset gives way to night. I like the feel of the Navy in darkness - the masthead lights, the red and green navigation lights and stern light, the pulsating phosphorescence of radar repeaters - they cut through the dusk and join with the mirror of stars overhead. And I like drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad

USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION

Bank Reconciliation

YTD

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/03	\$9,585.06
Cash Receipts	5,980.97
Check Disbursements	0.00
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$15,566.03</u>
Checking Account Balance 03/10/03	<u>15,566.03</u>
(Broken Down as Follows:)	
Education Fund Beginning Balance	\$3,172.11
Disbursement	-
Receipts	-
Education Ending Balance Year To Date	<u>3,172.11</u>
Net Operating Account Balance 03/10/03	<u>\$12,393.92</u>

(Includes funds received for Reunion activities)

noises large and small that tell me that my ship is alive and well and that my shipmates on watch will keep me safe.

I like quiet mid-watches with the aroma of strong coffee - the lifeblood of the Navy - permeating everywhere. And I like hectic watches when the exacting minuet of haze-gray shapes racing at flank speed keeps all hands on a razor edge of alertness.

I like the sudden electricity of "General Quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations" followed by the hurried clamor of running feet on ladders and the resounding thump of watertight doors as the ship transforms herself in a few brief seconds from a peaceful workplace to a weapon of war - ready for anything. And I like the sight of space age equipment manned by youngsters clad in dungarees and sound-powered phones that even their grandfathers would still recognize.

I like the traditions of the Navy and the men and women who made them. I like the proud names of Navy heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut, John Paul Jones. A sailor can find much in the Navy: comrades-in-arms, pride in self and country, mastery of the seaman's trade. An adolescent can find adulthood.

In years to come, when sailors are home from the sea, they will still remember with fondness and respect the ocean in all its moods - the impossible shimmering mirror calm and the storm-tossed green water surging over the bow. And then there will come again a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine and rudder orders, a vision of the bright bunting of signal flags snapping at the yardarm, a refrain of hearty laughter in the wardroom and chief's quarters and mess decks. Gone ashore for good they will grow wistful about their Navy days, when the seas belonged to them and a new port of call was ever over the horizon.

Remembering this, they will stand taller and say "I was a Sailor. I was part of the Navy and the Navy will always be a part of me.

Author unknown.

Letter to the Editor

Saw the reunion posted for the Magoffin in the VFW Magazine. I was on the Magoffin in the 2nd. Battalion 9th. Marines in the first part of August 1964. We left Japan early from a 6 week stay at Fuji. We went to Danang and a company was off loaded to guard the air base. I remember a sailor who was killed by a sniper as he worked on a landing craft. I can't remember his name. He worked on equipment that we had in the bake shop. I checked the names on the Wall and the Sailors who died around that time but couldn't find him. I remember we had a service for him aboard ship. Dale Landon

DUES POLICY: A notice to pay dues is not sent because of the cost involved. There are four (4) issues of the *Magoffin Newsletter* published each year. After we have mailed an individual two (2) issues, we determine if he has paid dues for the current year. If NOT, one more issue will be mailed. If dues have not been received by this time, we assume that the individual is not interested in the Association. The name will be eliminated from the mailing list.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Nr _____ Email _____

Item name	Quantity	Subtotal
Magoffin ball caps	\$13.00 ea	
Lapel Pins	\$ 4.50 ea	
Prices include shipping costs		Total

Send checks to: USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION
SHIP'S STORE
104 214TH. N.E.
SAMMAMISH, WA 98074

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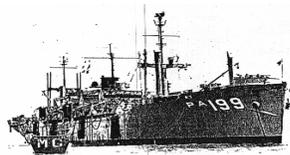
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