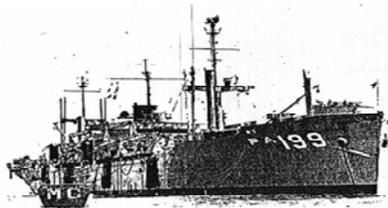


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www.ussmagoffin.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I goofed! In my last message to the Crew I stated that the Battle of Okinawa as fought between March and June of 1944. The correct time frame was between March and June of 1945. I of course, noted my error a few days after sending off my notes to the Web-Master, while reclined on the couch watching the History Channel. Terry said the Messenger was in the mail and I would need to make a correction. Terry was right, correction noted with an apology.

The year has gone so quickly. Within a few weeks we will be into November with the Holidays just around the corner. Before we realize it we will be meeting in Norfolk for the Associations' Reunion. I know that Jim and Kay have worked very hard to make this great event for all who will be able to attend. Please make note of the deadlines involved in making your reservations so that we will have an accurate number of attendees as early as possible. If you have family members or friends who would like to attend, they too are very welcome.

We will again have a raffle this year as is the custom. Please bring your items with you or send ahead to Jim and Kay so we can raise sufficient funds for both the Association and the Scholarship Fund at Morehead State University. Don't forget that your donations to the Magoffin Scholarship at Morehead State are fully tax deductible.

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Donations made to Morehead State should be sent to Palmer Development House, Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. 40351-1689. Note account #3116 on your check.

Our Association is only as strong as our membership. Your dues are important in keeping the Association strong and viable. Please check the Messenger and see if you are up to date with your membership. If not, please send off and check, and consider paying a few years in advance to help cut down on the book keeping.

Doris and I wish all of you the best for the coming holiday season.

Mike Stein
President

Vice President's Message

Fall has arrived. The temperatures here in the Shenandoah Valley are cooler, and the fall foliage is beautiful. The Holidays are coming faster than I would like, and the New Year is just around the corner. This all reminds me that the reunion in Norfolk VA is rapidly approaching. Kay and I are in the process of getting the final touches taken care of. We are really looking forward to seeing you all in May. Please remember to let me know of any special medical needs you might need.

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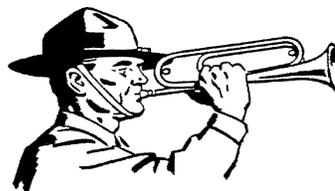
The tour people have busses with chair lifts, and the hotel is totally accessible. Arrangements can easily be made for all the tour destinations, so don't let worries influence your choice of activities you would like to sign up for. Let's start getting our reservations sent in and getting a hold of our shipmates and trying to encourage them to join in on the great time we are putting together for this reunion. If anyone has questions, please feel free to give me a call. My contact information will be posted below. I would like to send out a special hello to Dan Biggio, and Rick Rakar. It was really great to talk to both of you on the phone, and reminisce about our time together in Boat Group. You guys always worked hard and made me look good.

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"Auctioneers Needed!"

If you are planning to attend the "Norfolk Reunion" you might consider volunteering to help with the auction and raffle. No prior experience is required. Running the raffle and auction is a great opportunity to help out plus meet everybody who is attending. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Jim "Bucky" Earven at 540-337-0290 or by email at Earven@verizon.net



TAPS



Larry Milton Porter

Larry Milton Porter of Lynchburg, VA died Thursday, October 16, 2008, at his home after a lengthy illness. Born in Lansing, MI., he is the son of Alyce Vera Slatter of Swansea, SC and Lyle Dean Porter of New Port Richey, FL.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Brenda (Brown) Porter; sons, Craig of GA; Robert (Stacy); Kevin (Tommylyn); and daughter, Alyson (Justin), all of MO; son, Christopher (Jennifer); daughter, Erin, all of OH; stepsons, David and Richard Davis of Lynchburg; and 10 grandchildren. Additional survivors include his sister, Lynell Williamson (Michael) of SC.

Mr. Porter served as a member of the U.S. Navy assigned to the USS Magoffin (APA-199) during the Vietnam War, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1965.

He retired in 1998 as Medical Administrator of the Veteran's Outpatient Clinic in Toledo, Ohio after 18 years service.

Mr. Porter was a member of American Legion Post 553 in Toledo, Ohio for 19 years. Prior to leaving the area in 2000, Post 553 presented a Resolution recognizing him as Honorary Post Commander.

If you want to read a very touching and personal account of Larry's battle with cancer please visit

<http://porter-connection.blogspot.com/>

WW-II Thirst Quencher

From Ed Jenkins, Former Chief Yeoman, USNR

Both Cliff Clemens (who was junior officer of my division on Maggoffin) and I had sent messages in past relating to World War II events of Magoffin... and both of us mentioned our short stay at the Naval Base at Ulithi in the Carolines just prior to Okinawa.

Earlier, after a heavy training schedule, the Magoffin spent a day in a small anchorage at Tulagi in Solmons, to give us a "break" We were allowed ashore for a few hours ... nice beach there ... there was a Quonset hut where chiefs could sit and spend a few hours ... and for the first and only time ... free beer was provided!

In those times I could take or leave beer ... not my first choice (if I had one). Chiefs were given 6 bottles each ... so I had a couple with our chiefs and left rest of my allotment with a friend, with understanding he would save me one of them ... took a short walk up path nearby to see if there was anything of interest (I was always anxious to see as much as I could of any new place) ... but only thing of interest I found was a few banana trees (without any fruit), and a lizard up a tree being goggled by a bunch of sailors), so returned to Quonset hut, had another beer and went back to ship.

Soon afterwards it was discovered that 2 cases of beer had been stolen by someone handling the beer. After thorough search failed to find the beer or the culprits .. the Captain advised that until someone admitted to the theft, there would be no more "free beer" (but, of course, no one owned up, and, I assume they had soon disposed of all the "evidence").

The "no free beer" policy was still in effect when we arrived at Ulithi. From the scuttlebutt, we all soon knew that the liberty area Ulithi was nothing to rave about, so I was the only chief in the liberty party the first day (and I again went still hoping to see something interesting). It didn't take me long to decide I had made a mistake ... but then I noticed a building just outside a fence there, set in a grove of trees. When I walked over, I found a Marine sentry by a gate to the building, which he told me was a Chief Petty Officer's Club ... and that I could join by simply buying a book of beer chits inside!.... so I did.

It was a nice, newly built building; there was a nice long bar, (where I bought a book of 20 chits for \$2.00, each allowing me to obtain a beer. There were several picnic-tables where I saw 3 or 4 groups of chiefs sitting and drinking, but as I didn't recognize any of them .. I sat alone, had a couple of beers, by myself. I asked if I could use my chits to buy some beer to bring out on the beach and give them to some of the guys from our ship (lower rates) who had come ashore ...

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but was told that the "rules" didn't allow this .. that was reason for the Marine sentry! So I simply took the book of chits in my pocket and took first boat back to the ship.

When I got back, there were 3 or 4 chiefs sitting around and one of them asked: "Just got back from liberty? Here is isn't worth the trip." "That pretty well sums it up," I said, "however, at least I had a couple of beers." "Yeah, I'll bet" one of them replied ... So I then threw the book of beer chits on the table ... and they couldn't believe the "proof" ... One of them remarked: "Jenkins doesn't even care that much for beer and he falls in a barrel of it! Can you believe it???".....

It didn't take long for the word to get around ... and the next day the liberty boats were loaded with chiefs, one of them carrying my book with (still 18 uncashed beer chits!)....

The following morning we sailed for Okinawa ... at least most of the chiefs on board at least had been able to satisfy their thirsts a bit.

Ed Jenkins, former Chief Yeoman, USNR

Who is our Oldest Surviving Shipmate?

In the last newsletter Bill McIntyre said that he thought that he might be the oldest surviving member of the Magoffin crew. Since then I have had messages from Eugene Crowley, Guy Johnson and Ross Saker.

Eugene Crowley posted a message to the Ship's Log on the web site - "In reference to Bob Pacquette letter as to the oldest surviving Magoffin shipmate. I served on board the Magoffin from the time she was commissioned in Astoria until the end of WW 2. I was born 7/3/1918 and just celebrated my 90th birthday. I still live alone after my wife of 55 years passed away"

Guy Johnson wrote to me and said, " Guy D. Johnson born November 27, 1917. Guy is a plank owner, was on the shakedown cruise from Astoria, Oregon in October 1944. He served in the party from October, 1944 and later transferred to the ship's company.

Ross Saker called me and said that he was born on 24 March, 1916 and is still driving, caring for himself and living on the third floor where he walks up the stairs every day.

So at this time it looks like Ross Saker may be the oldest surviving member of the crew. If you know of anyone who is older, please let me know.

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**USS MAGOFFIN APA-199
Veteran's Association
May 19 – May 24, 2009**

Doubletree Hotel Norfolk Airport
880 N. Military Hwy
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
757-461-9192
www.norfolkairport.doubletree.com

Standard King or Double-Bedded Rooms with a full hot breakfast buffet
\$94.00, plus applicable taxes per night

Hotel rooms include complimentary high-speed internet access, Wolfgang Puck coffee makers, hair dryers, irons/ironing boards, 27" televisions with premium cable channels and Pay-Per-View and the Sweet Dreams by Doubletree sleep experience featuring a plush-top mattress, luxurious linens topped with a down comforter and an abundant supply of jumbo pillows.

The hotel offers complimentary shuttle to and from the airport between the hours of 4:30am – 12:00am each day. We have a full service restaurant and lounge open for breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Our new "Pre-Cor" Fitness Center is open 24 hours a day.

Please call **1-800-284-4292** by April 19, 2009 to reserve your room for the reunion. Please identify yourself as members of the **USS Magoffin - APA-199 Veteran' Association** to secure the group rate. Reservations may also be made by using the Personal On-line Group page created for the USS Magoffin APA-199 Veteran's Association.

The reunion group rate is available (3) days before and (3) days after the scheduled reunion dates.

If you should encounter any difficulties during the reservation process, please contact Marianne Collins, the Hotel Sales Manager for the reunion at her direct line 757-893-1463. She will be more than willing to assist you.



Itinerary for the 2009 Magoffin Reunion
May 19 – May 24, 2009

Wednesday - May -20th - AM
Ladies Tour

ROWENA'S

• Board the coach with your guide to visit Rowena's, one of the country's leading mail-order companies for fresh baked pound cakes and unique jams, jellies and sauces. Now located in Norfolk's historic Ghent section, the business began modestly in Rowena's family kitchen with gourmet holiday gifts for friends and neighbors. In May 1983, Rowena opened her gourmet manufacturing facility with one full time employee and a strong determination to succeed. In the twenty-two years since, Rowena's has grown to 20 full time employees and up to 100 part time workers during the holiday season. Her facility now includes a retail store, tearoom, staff offices, two spacious kitchens and two warehouses. A number of national publications have featured Rowena's including Bon Appétit, Gourmet, Ladies Home Journal, Taste of Home, Redbook and Southern Living. Rowena has appeared nationally on PBS, the 700 Club and the Food Network. During your visit, you will be treated to a tour of the production facility – have a chance to see the warehouse as well as the retail shop. Enjoy tasting the delicious samples following your tour.

Crew Meeting for Men - AM
BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN

• Visit the Battleship Wisconsin, one of the famous Iowa class Battleships permanently berthed on the downtown Norfolk waterfront. A crew meeting will be held on board for the association members. (Pending approval)** Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel should the Wisconsin not be available.

LUNCH AT FREEMASON ABBEY RESTAURANT

• Both groups will join for lunch together at Freemason Abbey Restaurant is located in a turn of the 19th century converted church. Enjoy a delicious lunch amidst the charming surroundings.

VICTORY ROVER HARBOR CRUISE

• Following lunch, board the Victory Rover for a two hour cruise through the bustling Hampton Roads Harbor, one of the largest in the world.

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Enjoy fascinating and entertaining commentary along the way aboard this naval themed vessel. You will thrill to the sight of aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, guided cruisers and all of the other ships that form the world's most powerful armada. Light snacks will be available on board.

Package Price: \$68.00 per person, inclusive.
LUNCH INCLUDED.

Thursday, May 21, 2009, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

WASHINGTON, D.C. DAY TRIP

- Board the motor coach with your guide to depart for our nation's capital, Washington, DC.
- Stop at the WWII Memorial and the Korean War Memorial.
- Enjoy a visit to the United States Navy Memorial.
- Enjoy a guided driving tour of this beautiful and historic city – pass by the many famous memorials and monuments built to honor great people and historic events.

View the Washington Monument, The White House and the Lincoln Memorial. A photo stop will be included at the Lincoln Memorial. Drive past Capitol Hill and enjoy a photo stop on the steps of the United States Capitol Building (if security measures permit).

• Departure from Washington will be in late afternoon, with a dinner stop en route (payment on own) back to Norfolk.

Package Price: \$95.00 per person, inclusive. Box lunch included, dinner on own.

Friday, May 22, 2009, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THE NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK

• Visit The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek which is the major operating base for the Amphibious Forces in the United States Atlantic Fleet. Home to 27 ships of the Atlantic Fleet's amphibious forces and 15,000 personnel, the Amphibious Base, Little Creek is located on 2,120 acres adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and provides many of the troop and tank carrying ships for the Marine Corps. The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek is the largest base of its kind in the

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world. Enjoy a windshield tour of the base, and view an amphibious training film and simulator (scale model of an amphibious assault).

LUNCH INCLUDED ON BASE

- Lunch will be included on base at the CPO Club.

SHIP VISIT (Pending Approval)

- Enjoy a tour of an active duty naval ship, pending approval.

**Package Price: \$43.00 per person, inclusive.
LUNCH INCLUDED.**

Friday, May 22, 2009, 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

SPIRIT OF NORFOLK DINNER CRUISE

- Board the coach with your tour guide for downtown Norfolk to enjoy a three-hour dinner cruise on the magnificent spirit of Norfolk. The ship leaves the waterside pier area and travels north on the Elizabeth river, passing Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, Portsmouth Naval hospital, Portsmouth Marine Terminals, the Lamberts Point coal piers, and Norfolk Naval Base, the world's largest operational naval base and home of the Atlantic fleet. The Spirit features a top-of-the-line buffet with several hot entrees. The selection includes beef, poultry, and seafood, fresh vegetables, potato, salad, rolls and butter, and dessert. Following dinner enjoy a live band playing all your favorite hits. In addition, the spirit features professional performers who provide lively entertainment throughout the cruise. The ship has two fully enclosed, climate-controlled lower decks and an open-air upper deck.

Package Price: \$79.00 per person, inclusive.

**Saturday, May 23, 2009, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
RIDING VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR**

- Enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay as you ride through Virginia Beach. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607. Walk out on the overlook to see where the bay and the ocean meet, and where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War. Ride down the resort strip and past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, a unique structure which pays homage to veterans everywhere.

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Friday, May 22, 2009 Continued

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

- Next enjoy a visit to the MacArthur Memorial for a glimpse into our country's history. During your visit you will view the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur. You will also have the opportunity to view the 25 minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and tell the story of General MacArthur and the millions of American men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces from the Civil War through the Korean War. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises.

MACARTHUR CENTER

- Visit the MacArthur Center and enjoy free time to shop and browse. MacArthur Center is home to numerous specialty shops as well as Nordstrom and Dillards. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants or in the Food Court.

DOUMAR'S

- Before returning to the hotel, enjoy a stop at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the World's Fair of 1904 in St. Louis. It was so successful that he designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the Jamestown Exposition of 1907. Today, the family business still bakes cones on the original cone machine. While at Doumar's, Mr. Doumar will give you an introduction and all passengers will be treated to an ice cream cone before boarding the bus.

**Package Price: \$37.00 per person, inclusive.
LUNCH ON OWN.**

Please note: It is important to reserve early in order to insure that we are able to hold the dates and places.

**USS MAGOFFIN APA-199
Veteran's Association
Dinner Banquet
Saturday, May 23, 2009**

Fresh Garden Salad with assorted dressings

Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef

10 ounces of slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus

Chicken Piccata

Boneless Breast of Chicken Battered Dipped and served with a Lemon Caper Sauce

Vegetarian Delight

Penne Pasta and Fresh Garden Vegetables tossed in a light Alfredo Sauce

Each Entrée will be accompanied with the
Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable
Warm Rolls and Butter

Freshly Brewed Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee
Dessert

\$26.00, plus taxes = \$34.21 per person

Order form for the Reunion
Please fill out this form and mail it with a check made out to
USS Magoffin Veteran's Association to
Mr. Joe Beninato, 61 Macy Street, Raynham, MA 02767

Name _____

Spouse or significant other _____

Street Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Wednesday, May 20th

Tour and lunch - \$68.00 Per Person - Number of people _____ Total _____

Thursday, May 21st

D.C. Tour and lunch - \$95.00 Per Person - # of people _____ Total _____

Friday, May 22nd

Tour and Lunch - \$43.00 Per Person - # of people _____ Total _____

Friday, May 22nd

Dinner Cruise - \$79.00 Per Person - # of people _____ Total _____

Saturday, May 23rd

Riding Tour - \$37.00 Per Person - #of people _____ Total _____

Saturday, May 23rd

Banquet - \$34.21 Per Person - #of people _____ Total _____

Please circle entrée for first person

Prime Rib

Chicken Piccata

Vegetarian Delight

Please circle entrée for second person

Prime Rib

Chicken Piccata

Vegetarian Delight

Registration Fee for each member \$30.00 _____ **\$30.00**

Grand Total \$ _____

Changes at the Ship Store

Ray Furlow, our Ships Store proprietor and chandler has added another new item to the inventory. In addition to all of the other great Magoffin items, he is now stocking embossed letter openers. These are light weigh, navy blue and very inexpensive. Only \$1.50 each (plus shipping)



Additionally, Ray now has a toll free number so that you can call him with your order. Just call 1.888.893.4347

Now the bad news. Due to the increases in postage and packaging costs, the Ships Store must now add shipping costs to your order.

Ray also has some other great news to announce soon. He is in the final negotiations to be able to produce collared polo shirts in a variety of colors, with or without pockets that have the Magoffin Logo and the option for having it personalized with your name. *Note: These shirts are not yet available and are not priced. As soon as the contract is signed the information and order forms will be available on the ships website at www.ussmagoffin.org and will be published in the Magoffin Messenger.*

The items that are currently available from the store and their prices are listed in the next column. Please fill out the form and mail with your check made out to USS Magoffin Association to

Ray Furlow
USS Magoffin Association
2525 Cobden School Rd,
Cobden IL 62920

Ship's Store

Get all of your genuine Magoffin items right here!

To order items, please include this form -

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____

Zip _____ Phone Number (____) _____

___ "T" Shirts @ 15.00 ea = \$ _____

XL ___ Lge ___ Med ___ Small ___

___ Ball Caps (1 size fits all) @ \$15.00 ea \$ _____

___ Patches @ \$5.00 ea \$ _____

___ Coffee Mugs @ \$10.00 ea \$ _____

___ Magoffin Pins @ \$5.00 ea \$ _____

___ Colorado Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 ea \$ _____

___ California Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 ea \$ _____

___ Magoffin Coozie's @ \$3.00 ea \$ _____

___ Black

___ Red

___ Green

___ Light Blue

___ Navy Blue

___ Letter Openers @ 1.50 ea. \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Shipping Charges --

Up to \$25.00 order - add \$7.00

\$25.01 to \$50.00 order - add \$9.00

\$50.01 to \$75.00 order - add \$12.00

\$75.01 to \$100.00+ order - add \$16.00

Shipping Charges \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Members with unpaid dues who are still carried on the rolls

Clifford Barrick, John Barry, Phil Berker, Rolland Bispo, William Calvert, Charles Cassidy, Jimmy Charlton, Pettis O. Clayton, August Cooper, Eugene Durham, Joe Flanagan, James Ford, Jim Gillivan, Marvin Gray, Hugh Griffith Jr., Larry Guenther, David Hammond, Jack Heiken, James Housley, Paul Houze, David Johnson, Sheldon Jones, Sid Jordon, James King, Robert Kuklenski, John Martin, Carl McCann, Thomas McCants, Gary Miller, Tom Moore, Bill Munger, Kenneth Nelson, Charles Peterson, Merval Rhodes, Emmon Rogers, Wallace Schaeffer, Gerald Schultz, John Sharp, Larry Skero, Vince Skero, Kent Skluka, Richard Snodgrass, Marinus VanDeWouwer, Lawrence Wolf

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John Adams - Pete Agostini - Junior Carey- Bernie Currie, James DeWitt, James Graves - Lawson Hornor- Charles Jardine - William Kershner, - George Latham Jr. - Billy Joe Logson - Harold McElroy- Tom Nass - Joseph Petruzzi- Richard Phares- John Pope - Luke Raich - Harold Reece - Wilton Schanzenbach - Thomas Tessar

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Members with dues paid past '08 Continued

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Renew Your Membership!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Phone number (_____) _____

What year(s) are these dues for? _____

Spouses Name _____

Rate/Rank _____ Division _____

Years on the Magoffin - From _____ To _____

Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Please make checks payable to - USS Magoffin Association

Please mail dues to:

**USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION
Mr. Joe Beninato, Treasurer
61 Macy Street, Raynham, MA 02767**

**USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION
Bank Reconciliation
Year To Date**

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/08	\$16,213.50
CASH RECEIPTS	
Dues	\$ 1,060.00
Ship Store	626.00
Reunion	
Scholarship Fund	
Welfare Fund	
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Total Receipts	\$1,186.00
CHECK DISBURSEMENTS	
Postage	(\$219.00)
Awards	
Telephone (800)	
Ships store	(924.67)
Reunion Expenses	(350.00)
Adimn	(65.00)
Moorhead State Transfer	(316.00)
Newsletter/Postage	(635.95)
Scholarship	
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Total Disbursements	(2,510.62)
ENDING BALANCE	\$15,388.88
<i>(Broken Down as Follows)</i>	
Welfare Fund	\$1,316.00
Education Fund beginning 01/01/08	\$316.00
Disbursement	
Transferred to Moorehead State	(316.00)
Donations Jan - Dec 2008	
Education Ending Balance 03/31/08	
General Operating Fund 03/31/ 2008	<u>\$ 14,072.88</u>

Welcome Aboard

Larry Church - Parkersburg, WV. Larry was in "E" division from 1960 to 1961. He was an EN

Joe Ford - Houston TX. Joe was in the Boat Group from 1951 to 1958. He was a PO3.

Orchids and Onions

Some opinions from the editor

Don't forget to vote! - It doesn't matter if you are a Republican, Democrat, Green Party or independent - November 4th, 2008 may be one of the most important dates in your life. This year's election is going to be pivotal and could affect the us for the rest of our lives - and our children and grandchildren for theirs. It isn't just about the White House but the Congress as well. I have made my decision and I will vote it. I hope that each of you will do the same.

Membership Dues - Thanks to all of those who paid their dues since the last newsletter. Shame on those who continue to accept the newsletter without paying for it. FYI printing and mailing each newsletter costs the association about a dollar a copy. Come on guys - it's only \$10.00 a year.

Raffle and auction - Don't forget that when you are packing your suitcase for the reunion be sure to include a couple of items for the raffle and auction. The sale of these items is what funds the "Shipmate Assistance" program.

Thanks - I want to say that I very much appreciate the feedback and information that the members of the association send me every month. Please continue to keep up the good work. You are the keepers of the history of our ship and I need you keep telling your stories, sharing your pictures and offering your suggestions.

Help Wanted - I have a number of VHS videos that show converted film shots taken on the ship from various eras. Unfortunately, I have yet to find a way to convert these to a digital form that can be used to show them on the website. If you know how to do this and/or have the equipment to do so - please let me know.

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Paul Newman

From the Navy Times -

Most Americans know actor Paul Newman had an Academy Award to his credit, but few know his list of awards also include a Navy Combat Action Ribbon and the coveted Combat Aircrew Wings he got while serving as an aviation radioman and aerial gunner during World War II. Newman, 83, died Sept. 26 after a long battle with cancer.

According to information provided by Navy Personnel Command and the Naval Historical Center, the future blue-eyed actor enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 22, 1943 — four days before his 18th birthday — with the hopes of becoming an officer and an aviator flying off carriers. While waiting for his application for officer training to go through, Newman attended Ohio University in Athens.

When his approval came through, he was ordered to report on July 1 to the Navy V-12 program at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. His hopes for a commission and pilot's wings were dashed four months later after a flight physical discovered he was color-blind. Instead, he was shipped a few miles down the road to the Navy's boot camp at Newport, R.I.

Graduating three days after Christmas, Newman was selected to train as an aviation radioman and reported to the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 8, 1944. He would not leave Jacksonville until July 20, having completed radio school and qualified as an aerial gunner — enabling him to be aircrew on carrier-based aircraft.

Aviation Radioman 3rd Class Newman spent a few months at Naval Air Station Miami before transferring to NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii, where he would serve in three Pacific-based replacement torpedo squadrons, VT-98, VT-99, and VT-100. While he was with VT-99, training personnel in TBM-1Cs, TBM-3s and TBF-1cs, the squadron moved to Eniwetok, then to Guam, and in January 1945 on to Saipan.

The squadron would ferry replacement pilots and aircraft to carriers around the fleet. Though Newman did see scattered combat, his closest brush with death came in May 1945. Operating from Saipan, Newman and a number of other aircrews from his squadron had been ordered with their TBM Avenger aircraft to be replacements onboard the Essex-class aircraft carrier Bunker Hill operating off Okinawa.

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But Newman's pilot got sick, grounding the aircraft and crew until he could recover. Just days later, on May 11, two Japanese kamikaze aircraft hit the ship within 30 seconds and in the resulting fires and explosions 346 sailors were killed — among them, the entire contingent from Newman's squadron.

A VT-99 contingent including Newman was aboard the escort carrier Hollandia, which was operating about five hundred miles off Japan when the Enola Gay dropped its atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Returning home after the Japanese surrender, Newman served with Carrier Aircraft Service Unit 7 in Seattle, Wash. before being discharged Jan. 21, 1946.

Along with his aircrew wings and CAR, he was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Area Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Contributed,
YNCS Don Harribine, USN(ret)
Sent in by Mac Christy. (Thanks, Mac)

Do you know of a Shipmate in need?

The Association would like every member to be able to attend the upcoming reunion in Norfolk, Virginia and it is aware that some shipmates who might like to attend will not be able to due to the economic hardships they face.

If you know of such a member or are in that situation yourself, please let Vice President James Earven know as soon as possible. There is a "Shipmate Assistance" program that might be able to help.

Please contact Jim by writing him at
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385 Howardsville Road
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Or you can email Jim at
earven@verizon.net

Veterans Day - November 11

Tuesday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Here in Murray, KY we will be holding a parade complete with speeches, floats and marching bands. Being as close as we are to a number of military bases, along with the fact that our local National Guard unit, the 438th M.P.'s are currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, we should have a big turnout even if it is in the afternoon - mid week.

No matter where you are you should be honored on this day and in turn you should honor others. A great many Americans have given of themselves and even their lives to help not only other Americans but people through out the world to be free. You are one of those people who have given of themselves.

Here are a few thoughts on Veterans Day

A Veteran's Prayer

Lord, when I was a serviceman
I wore my uniform with pride
So I pray for those serving now
And for the families
Of those who've died.
I always get a lump in my throat
When I see Old Glory wave
And I always shed a tear
When I stand by a veteran's grave
So I come to you tonight
With bowed head on bended knee
Praying you'll keep
our military safe
As they fight to keep us free

*Written from the heart by Joel T. Bailey
U.S. Navy Veteran*

Veteran's Pride

Sailed I have many oceans
Above the stormiest of waves,
Visited lands with castles tall,
Seen the many hues of man.

For twenty years I served my flag,
With pride and honor too.
But was once at home,
Where I saw the price
Of what our freedom took.

A Veteran from long
forgotten wars, a hero
Quiet and proud.
He did not labor
On what freedom cost
Or the scars he carried within
The limb he had lost.
He spoke of pride,
Honor,
Flag,
Of the county he did so love.

His eyes did gleam
When the night skies flared,
Slight twitch from memories past.
Freedom bells glared with sound,
Many people cheered.

A silent tear
From a hero fell.
For comrades lost through years

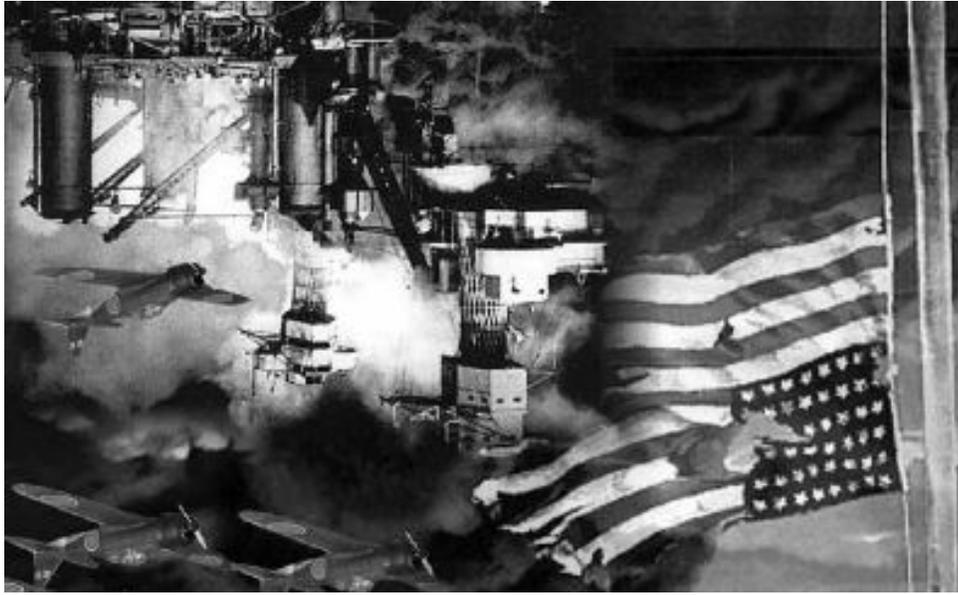
Smile, my friend,
Enjoy the night
For when you to bed you go,
Know your freedom
Shall be in hands,
Of hero's laid in rows.

GSMC (SW) Jose G. Acosta, USN (Ret)

The Voice of the Sea

Now, The Voice of the Sea flows clear to me,
With a restless peace resounding fast and free,
Those billowy depths rolling out with a bubbling groan,
Like mirrored glass changed suddenly in tempests flown,
Calm, convulsed by breeze, gale, then thrust in storm
and time,
From icing poles it floods into that settled, heavy torrid
clime,
Vast, powerful, swirling, dark heaving; boundless, end-
less, yet sublime,
Like the image of eternity, its throne shown through the
visible maritime,
Since each ocean obeys Him who moves in those fath-
omless depths unknown,
Waves shouting, The Voice of the Sea argues, and then
proves One Holy God alone.

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