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President's Message

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

Well, here we are in the middle of the holidays, and near the end of another year. I hope 2012 has been good to you and your families. The year has been good to Kay and me, and we are looking forward to 2013 and the reunion in New England.

Joe Beninato is working diligently on getting thing organized and the prices look especially good. Joe is following the same idea we tried in San Antonio, to dial back on the organized tours, to give us more time to spend together and go as you please to see the sights. There is a letter from Joe in this newsletter, so get your calendars out, mark the dates and start making plans to attend. I would love to see a turnout like we have never seen before. We are all getting older, and there is really no way of telling how many more organized reunions we will be able to hold. It may come to just a few people getting together on their own somewhere. With this in mind, let's get to them as often as we can.

The replica of the USS Magoffin, that took over four years for Bob Mardt to make, is in the Association's possession and the final placement of it will hopefully be worked out in the next few months. Depending on the time-line and transportation issues, the ship might make the trip to the reunion for the attendees to see.

Emmon will be getting the information and applications completed for the design and placement of the ships plaques at the Navy memorial in D.C., and the Pacific War Museum in Fredericksburg, TX. We hope to be able to have them in place and dedicated in the near future. I'm sure information will be available as to when that will happen, so that some of the crew could be present for the placing of the plaques. If necessary a special mailing will go out to notify you so you can make plans to be there if you desire.

If you do not have your laminated Association ID card would you please write, E-Mail or call me with your information, so I can get them made and sent to you.

I again want to thank the officers, crew, and all the wives and friends for their support this past year. Kay and I send out our best wishes to all, and hope your Christmas is a blessed one. Looking forward to seeing all of you in New England. Fair winds and trailing seas. God Bless.

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Vice-President's Message

Greetings from San Diego, California, former homeport of the USS Magoffin APA-199. I was thinking in early November about our city, its relationship to the U.S. Navy and other services as we celebrated both Veterans Day and the 237th birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Although the Navy and the Corps are not as large as they were during the 50's and 60's when the vast majority of our membership served on the Magoffin, San Diego and the region continue to have a very large military presence.

Navy ships continue to be home-ported at Naval Station San Diego, with the exception of our three carriers that are in port at Naval Air Station Coronado. Did you know that young sailors no longer sleep aboard their ships while in port? Bet you didn't. The Navy has built highrise apartments at the Naval Station and that is where the sailors stay while in port.

Veterans Day was noted in San Diego by two national television events that you might have seen. On Saturday morning ESPN's College Football's "Game Day" was presented from the helicopter deck of the USS San Diego (LPD-22). This is the navy's newest LPD and San Diego will be its homeport. I know you are pleased to hear that the "Gator Navy" still has a strong presence in San Diego.

On Sunday the USS Midway Museum hosted a college basketball game between Syracuse University and San Diego State. Shipmates who attended the San Diego Reunion in 2006 will remember touring the Midway. Since our tour, the ship has been able to open more areas for touring and it is one of the most successful ship museums in the country, hosting over one million visitors per year. If you should visit San Diego sometime in the future, this is a must stop.

Doris and I are very excited to be coming to Boston next fall. We look forward to seeing all of you and probably staying on extra to visit the sites of the New England area.

Don't forget your auction items for the raffle. I did some searching on the internet and found an item that most of us had a least one of, carried it everywhere, shared it with shipmates, and found it useful both day and night.

Mike Stein

Vice-President, USS Magoffin Veteran's Association

Treasurer's Report

Joe Beninato has provided the following Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2012

USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION		
BANK RECONCILIATION		
Year-to-Date November 30, 2012		
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/2012		\$18,698.39
<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>		
Dues	\$2,590.00	
Ship's Store	548.86	
Reunion	3,965.00	
Scholarship Fund	1,485.00	
Plaques	50.00	
Total Receipts		8,638.86
<u>CHECK DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Postage	(\$100.00)	
Awards	0.00	
Telephone (800)	(8.30)	
Ships Store	(328.68)	
Reunion Expenses	(4,173.89)	
Plaques	0.00	
Moorhead State Transfer	(2,620.00)	
Newsletter	(530.99)	
Membership Cards	(500.00)	
Checks & Deposits Tickets	0.00	
Total Disbursements		(8,261.86)
ENDING BALANCE 11/30/2012		\$19,075.39
(Broken Down as Follows)		
Welfare Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Education Fund Begin. 01/01/12	\$1,135.00	
Reunion	1,485.00	
Disbursement	0.00	
Transferred to Moorehead State	-2620.00	
Donations Jan-Nov 2012	0.00	
Education Ending Balance		\$0.00
General Fund Ending Balance 11/30/2012		\$17,575.39

Boston Reunion – September 18 to 22, 2013

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

In 1629, Boston was founded by the first English immigrant, Reverend William Blackstone, and he called it Shawmut. A year later John Winthrop and his Puritan settlers of the Massachusetts Bay colony arrived in Salem. Blackstone invited Winthrop to Shawmut. Winthrop decided to make Shawmut a permanent settlement and he renamed it Boston, after his hometown in Lincolnshire, England.

In 1742 Faneuil Hall was built and today it's rated the #4 attraction of Americans top 25 tourist spots. Faneuil Hall is the site where the Sons of Liberty met and it was the site at which Ted Kennedy announced his candidacy for President. It's also the site where Daniel Webster eulogized both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. On December 3, 1773 a meeting was held at Faneuil Hall to discuss the tax on tea. And as history tells us the outcome of that meeting resulted in throwing the tea into Boston Harbor on December 16, 1773 which later became to be known as the Boston Tea Party.

The Union Oyster House, which is the oldest restaurant in Boston and a couple steps away from Faneuil Hall was a favorite place of Daniel Webster. He would stop there for his brandy and oysters on a regular basis.

On March 5, 1770 not to far from Faneuil Hall on King Street shots were fired by British Soldiers on Colonists and that incident became to be known as the Boston Massacre. It is reenacted each year on March 5th. Although it would be another five years before the actual revolution this incident is considered a significant event towards the independence of colonies from King George.

In the Charlestown Naval Yard an old sailing ship, the USS Constitution, better known as Old Ironsides is berthed. This past year the ship actually sailed under its own sails in remembrance of the War of 1812. It was during this war she was dubbed Old Ironsides by a sailor who witnessed cannon balls bouncing off her sides and falling into the water.

These historic places and many others are all points of interest along the Freedom Trail which is a must see for anyone traveling to Boston for the first time. Boston has something for everyone to see and experience. Most of all the places of major points of interest are less than a mile from where we are staying.

The date has been set for September 18th through September 22nd of 2013. We are staying at the Constitution Inn in the Charlestown Naval Yard. We will receive a military group rate of \$109 per night with no tax included. There will be more information in future newsletters.

Angela and I are looking forward to making your stay in the Boston area a very enjoyable and memorable one. If you have any questions or need information please let me know. I know Bob Youngs is very interested in touring Roxbury. We have less than ten months left to go, so start making plans on attending and experiencing historic Boston.

Joe Beninato

USS Magoffin (APA-199) Model Constructed by Bob Mardt

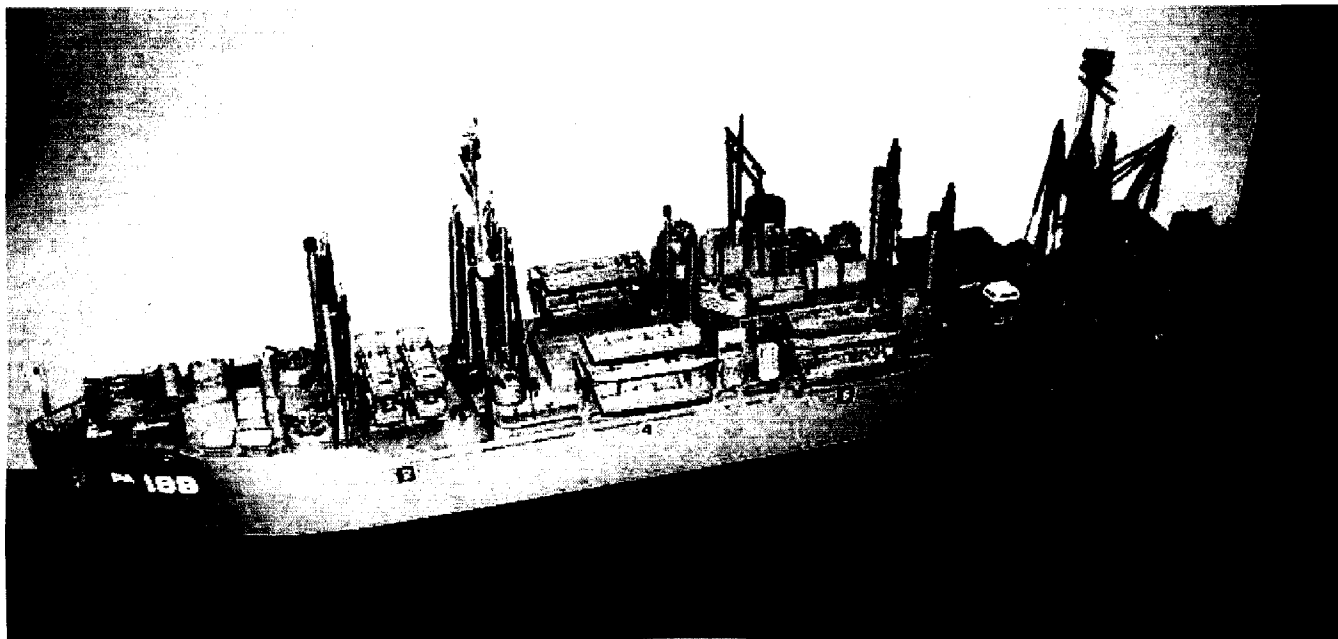


Photo by Dave Mardt, son of Bob Mardt

The above photograph is from the website <http://www.diadav.com/misc/modelboat/> which has photos showing the construction and finished model constructed by Bob Mardt. This model has been purchased by the association from funds donated by a long time member. The model is 5 feet long, 1 foot wide and 1½ feet tall. Please check out the website – you'll enjoy seeing the great workmanship.

Here are comments from Bucky Earven's President's letter in the Summer 2012 Magoffin Messenger newsletter regarding the Magoffin model:

I talked to the crew and showed pictures of a scale replica of our ship that was hand built by Mr. Bob Mardt. Bob was a WWII veteran of our ship and went on to be a tool and die maker. He spent four years building the Magoffin model. Everything is hand made, and there are no kit pieces used at all. It is remote control capable, and passed its sea trials in a small lake close to where Bob lives. Earlier this year he made contact with me to see if the association would be interested in purchasing it for the sum of \$500. Prior to the meeting I was showing the photos that were taken in steps of it being built and also as a finished product and relaying what Mr. Mardt had asked. The response was amazing and from over my left shoulder came "It's a done deal, I'll pay for it". I presented the idea to the crew and it was a done deal. Kay and I were planning to drive up to Laurel, Maryland on July first and pick up the ship, but a little storm here in our area made us change our plans. We will schedule the trip for later in July, and work to place it in the proper location.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS LISTING

Here's a listing as of November 30, 2012 showing the membership status of Crew Members:

Life Members

Jane Adams, Evelyn Agostini, Barbara Andress
Charleen Anson, Dorothy Ayers, Elsie Betz, Carol
Carey, Betty Jo Childress, Margaret Curry, Jackie
Gehrich, Celeste Graves, Dianne Guido, Marylou
Jardine, Ruth Kennon, Ruth Latham, June Marcus, Betty
Noll, Madeline Peterson, Marilyn Petruzzi, Wilma
Phares, Charlene Pope, Betty Raich, Macky Reece,
Wilma Schanzenbach, Betty Jo Taylor, Donna Tessar,
Betty Wilson, Keta Woodall

Members with dues paid thru 2011

Craig Anderson, Joe Beninato, Bob Blower, Mac Christy,
John Crowley, Wesley Eaton, Don Hummel, Robert
King, Dan Lukensow, Andrew Miller, Emory Riseley,
Ronald Shreffler, John G. Spiese, Mark Strohmman, Bill
Stutzman, Robert Tyler, Bill Wall, Gilbert Wayson,
Walter Wellman III, Wallace Wilhelm

Members with dues paid thru 2012

Terry Barta, D.A. Beals, Richard Bee, Vernon Bidinger,
Kitt Birkett, Floyd Carper, Jr., L.G. Duncan, David
Engleman, Robert Foster, William Gossett, Jr., Jack W.
Hagg, Thomas Haglage, William Hancock, Don
Hellmann, Donald Henry, Paul Houze, Manuel Ingle,
Carl Jennings, Guy Johnson, Terry Key, Tom Lopez,
Herald Lowther, George Macioce, Richard McDonald,
Michael McGraw, Jerry Miihlbach, David Moore, HJ
Morehead, Daniel Mullen, Michael O'Hara, Albert
Oliveria, Richard Phillips, G. Rasmussen, William Ring,
Emmon Rogers, Sam Rubin, William Schulz, Don
Schirmer, , Lawrence Schueler, Fred Small, Gene
Spores, Gerald Swanson, Jack Tyson, Jesse Wilkensen,
Thomas Williamson, Howard Wood, Richard Wood

Members with dues paid through 2013

Forest Albertson, Clyde Alexander, Merble Belin, Bill
Berglin, Larry Brooks, Wayne Chapman, F. E. Bud
Church, Daryl Elliff, Ray Furlow, Al Gaskill, Lester
1Gideon, Erwin Langlo, William McIntyre, James Mozis,
Charles Phipps, Ralph D. (Tex) Railey, E. E. Renfro,
Wallace Shropshire, Martin Sours, Mike Stein, Thomas
Ward

Members with dues paid thru 2014

Dan Biggio, Dick Dickerson, Jack Donnell, M. Allen
Frank, Jack L. Johnson, Keith Kyle, Terrence Little,
Robert Mancuso, Fred Miller, Robert O'Brien, Robert
Olson, Ray Spinks, Ralph Springer, Ted Vonasek,
Richard Wall, Robert Youngs

Members with dues paid thru 2015 and later

James Earven 2015, John Masters 2015, Pat Patterson,
MD 2015, James Saeugling 2015, Raymond Cheely
2015, Arthur Corral 2016, Joe Ford 2016, George Fotis
2016, Thomas Lovett 2016, Terry Mackey 2017, Billy
Maxwell 2017, Don Culpepper 2018, Jeff Eagon 2018,
Karl Tellefsen 2019, Paul Goguen 2020, Charles Krebsb
2020, Derrell Maroney 2020, Al Poortvliet 2020

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Dues for 2013 and future years are presently \$20.00
per year, as approved by the membership at the Crew
Meeting at the Norfolk Reunion in May 2009. Dues
payments received after November 30, 2012 will be
reflected in the next issue of the Magoffin Messenger.
Please us the form below when paying your dues:

MAGOFFIN MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dues Payment for which Year(s) _____ (\$20/year)

Years Onboard Magoffin _____

Rate/Rank _____ Division _____

Spouse's Name _____

Please make checks payable to *USS Magoffin
Association* and mail payments to:
USS Magoffin Association
Mr. Joe Beninato, Treasurer
61 Macy Street, Raynham, MA 02767

NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN 2012

"Welcome Aboard" to the following new members:
Larry Brooks, Blackhawk, SD was in Ops, 1965-1966
Donald Henry, San Diego, CA was in R Div. 1944-1946
Manuel Ingle, San Antonio, TX was in N Div. 1956-1959
HJ Morehead, Kerrville, TX was onboard 1944-1946
Laurence Schueler, Marysville, WA was in OI Division
1954-1957
Richard Wood, Broomfield, CO was in the Boat Group
1965-1967

THREE FORMER CREW MEMBERS PASS AWAY

The Association has been notified that the following
former crewmembers have passed away:

Claude A. Rubeling, a Laramie, Wyoming native, died on
March 9, 2011. He was a WWII Veteran (BM2 in 2nd
Division, 1944 to 1946) and was an engineer for the
Union Pacific RR before he retired and moved to Orcas
Island, Washington.

Michael Stevens died on August 16, 2009 in Marion,
Indiana. He was a Viet Nam Veteran and served in M
Division from 1963 to 1966. He was the well-liked
retired Police Chief of Marion, Indiana.

Eugene M. Walker of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on May 8,
2011. He was in E Division, 1950 to 1952. He was a
WWII & Korean War Veteran and a Kearney, NE native.
He retired as a CWO3 in 1959 with 22 years service.

ORDER FORM

USS Magoffin Association - The Ship's Store

Please fill in this form and mail it along with a check or money order for the total order amount payable to USS Magoffin Association and mail the form to:

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

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Item Name	Size	Quantity	Subtotal
Magoffin Ball Caps @ \$15.00 each			
Magoffin Lapel Pins @\$5.00 each			
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Small		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Medium		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Large		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Extra Large		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Extra Extra Large		
Magoffin Coffee Mugs @\$10.00 each			
Magoffin Patches @ \$5.00 each			
Magoffin Can Coolers @ \$3.00 each	Circle color(s) you want:		
	Red - Green - Black		
	Light Blue - Navy Blue		
Magoffin Letter Openers @ \$2.00 each			
Colorado Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
California Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Norfolk Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Nashville Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
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		
		Total	

SHIRT ORDER FORM

USS Magoffin Association - The Ship's Store

Use this form to order special order Magoffin Collared Polo Shirts. The shirts are available in a variety of colors and may be ordered with or without a pocket. Please fill in this form and mail it along with a check or money order for the total order amount payable to USS Magoffin Association and mail the form to:

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

Call Ray Furlow at 1-888-893-4347 if you have any questions regarding the special order shirts.

Name: _____

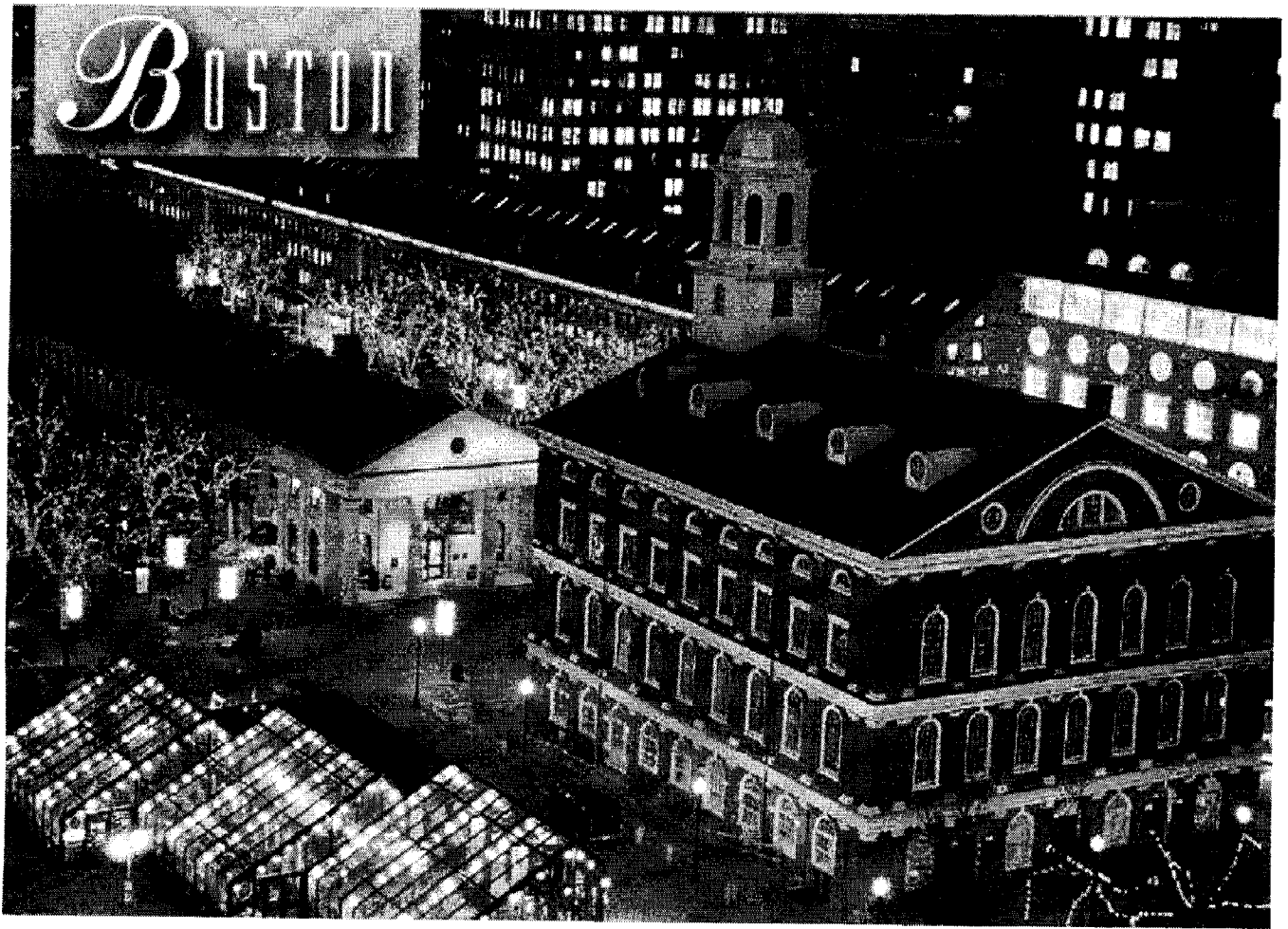
Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Item Name and Price	Size	Circle the Color you are ordering	Quantity	Subtotal
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Small	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Medium	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Large	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Extra Large	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$20.99	Size 2XL	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$20.99	Size 3XL	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Small	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Medium	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Large	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Extra Large	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$22.99	Size 2XL	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$22.99	Size 3XL	Red Maroon Oxford Gray Navy		
		Shipping Charges	1 Shirt \$5.00	
			2 Shirts \$6.00	
			3 Shirts \$8.00	
			4 Shirts \$12.00	
			Total	



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Amphibious Force,
United States Pacific Fleet
1944 to 1946 and 1950 to 1968
WWII, Korea, Cold War & Viet Nam

“No Beach Beyond Our Reach”

See information inside on the Boston
Reunion on September 18 to 22, 2013

SAVE THE DATES

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