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President's Message

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

Well, here we are, six months out from our deployment to the Boston Navy Yard. Joe Beninato has been working hard to put together a package that will make this reunion a great one. Get you sea bag packed, arrange for transportation and report for duty on or before September 18, 2013.

Our ship's plaque for the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. is being manufactured at the present time, and will probably be on display before our reunion. We will have a dedication ceremony, but the date has not been set. If any of you are planning to be in the Washington, D.C. area in the near future, let me know. Who knows, we might be able to schedule the ceremony at that time.

I will be working with the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas to get a similar plaque put on the wall there. I now have the artwork ready and all I need to do is to send it to them for production.

I really hate to bring this subject up, but here goes! I guess due to our age, health issues, lack of interest, or the fact that some of you are unhappy with how the Association is operating, our reunion numbers have been a steady decline for the past few years. It is getting harder for us to negotiate reasonable rates for hotel, tours and meals because of our low numbers. The hotels and tour operators want higher numbers in order to give us lower prices. Our attendance numbers just aren't there. We might be getting close to the time where we can no longer put together a big organized reunion. It has been mentioned that maybe Boston might be the last one. I, for one, want to have at least one more reunion after Boston, so if it is going to be the last, we can go all out.

At the meeting in Boston there will be a discussion about moving the majority of the funds from our checking account to the Scholarship Fund, and just maintaining enough to keep Association business running. Joe has informed me that after thirteen years, he is resigning as Treasurer after the bills are paid in Boston. I am on the bank signature card with Joe and he will give me all the records, so in the event we end up without a replacement for Joe, the bank account will be in functioning order.

It is not too late for you all to show me that I am all wet, and show up in droves to the reunion at the Constitution Inn in Boston. Let's make this the largest reunion turnout we have ever had. We still have it in us to get together and show our love for one another and pride in our ship.

Kay and I send all of you our love, and I thank each and every one of you for your service to our country. God Bless, Fair Winds and Trailing Seas.

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Vice-President's Message

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

Doris and I send you greetings from out here in San Diego. This newsletter will probably be the first time that many of you hear of the passing of our dear shipmate, Harlan Truxillo. Doris and I attended our first reunion in Tucson, Arizona in 2000 and of course that was when we first met Harlan. Harlan was a fixture for us at every reunion since Tucson, as we have both been fortunate to have the good health to be able to make every reunion since then.

I know that not a reunion dinner would have been as enjoyable to shipmates, wives, and guests without an update on the goings-on of Harlan's relatives back in Louisiana. I would like to express the Association's appreciation to Ronnie Brantley (USMC), Harlan's nephew and chauffeur, for making sure Harlan was able to attend all of our reunions over the many years. Semper-Fi, Ron.

Doris and I want to express our deepest condolences to Wally and Mayna Shropshire who had the pleasure of knowing Harlan since 1944. Fortunately, they like all of us, will have our wonderful memories of this great friend and shipmate.

Doris and I want to let all of you know how excited we are to be able to attend our next reunion in the great city of Boston. I know that Joe Beninato is working very hard to put everything in place for a great event. Please remember to bring items for the auction to help provide funding for our scholarship at Morehead State University.

See you in September,

Mike Stein

Vice-President, USS Magoffin Veteran's Association

Treasurer's Report

Joe Beninato has provided the following
Bank Reconciliation as of February 28, 2013

USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION		
BANK RECONCILIATION		
Year-to-Date February 28, 2013		
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/2013		\$18,600.75
CASH RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$780.00	
Ship's Store	160.97	
Reunion	0.00	
Scholarship Fund	0.00	
Plaques	0.00	
Total Receipts		940.97
CHECK DISBURSEMENTS		
Postage	--	
Awards	--	
Telephone (800)	--	
Ship's Store	--	
Reunion Expenses	--	
Plaques	--	
Moorehead State Transfer	--	
Newsletter	--	
Membership Cards	--	
Checks & Deposits Tickets	--	
Total Disbursements		0.00
ENDING BALANCE 02/28/2013		\$19,541.72
(Broken Down as Follows)		
Welfare Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Education Fund Begin. 01/01/13	--	
Reunion	--	
Disbursement	--	
Transferred to Moorehead State	--	
Donations Jan-Feb 2013	--	
Education Ending Balance		\$0.00
General Fund Ending Balance 02/28/2013		\$18,041.72

MEMBERSHIP STATUS LISTING

Here's a listing as of February 28, 2013 showing the membership status of Crew Members:

Life Members

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

Members with dues paid thru 2011

Craig Anderson, Bob Blower, John Crowley, Wesley
Eaton, Don Hummel, Robert King, Dan Lukensow,
Andrew Miller, Emory Riseley, John G. Spiese, Robert
Tyler, Bill Wall, Gilbert Wayson, Wallace Wilhelm

Members with dues paid thru 2012

Terry Barta, D.A. Beals, Richard Bee, Joe Beninato,
Vernon Bidingier, Kitt Birkett, Floyd Carper, Jr., L.G.
Duncan, Robert Foster, William Gossett, Jr., Jack W.
Hagg, William Hancock, Donald Henry, Paul Houze,
Manuel Ingle, Carl Jennings, Terry Key, Tom Lopez,
Herald Lowther, George Macioce, Richard McDonald,
Michael McGraw, David Moore, HJ Morehead, Daniel
Mullen, Albert Oliveria, Richard Phillips, William Ring,
Sam Rubin, Lawrence Schueler, Fred Small, Jack
Tyson, Richard Wood

Members with dues paid through 2013

Forest Albertson, Clyde Alexander, Merble Belin, Bill
Berglin, Larry Brooks, Wayne Chapman, Mac Christy,
F. E. Bud Church, Daryl Elliff, David Engelman, Ray
Furlow, Al Gaskill, Lester Gideon, Guy Johnson, Walter
Hagelgans, Erwin Langlo, William McIntyre, James
Mozis, Charles Phipps, Ralph D. (Tex) Bailey, G.
Rasmussen, E. E. Renfro, Emmon Rogers, Don
Schirmer, Wallace Shropshire, Martin Sours, Mike Stein,
Thomas Ward, Jesse Wilkenson, Thomas Williamson,
Robert Youngs

Members with dues paid thru 2014

Robert Beasley, Dan Biggio, Dick Dickerson, Jack
Donnell, M Allan Frank, James Gillivan, Thomas
Haglaga, Jack L. Johnson, Keith Kyle, Terrence Little,
Robert Mancuso, Fred Miller, Robert O'Brien, Michael
O'Hara, Robert Olson, Ronald Shreffler, Ray Spinks,
Gene Spores, Ralph Springer, Gerald Swanson, Ted
Vonasek, Richard Wall

Members with dues paid thru 2015 and later

James Earven 2015, Don Hellman 2015, John Masters
2015, Jerry Miilbach 2015, Pat Patterson, MD 2015,
James Saeugling 2015, William Schultz 2015, Mark
Strohman 2015, Walter Wellman III 2015, Howard Wood
2015, Raymond Cheely 2016, 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 Krebs 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 February 28, 2013 will be
reflected in the next issue of the Magoffin Messenger.
Please use 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 SINCE DECEMBER 2012

"Welcome Aboard" to the following new members:

Robert Beasley, Altoona, IA, 1st Div. 1960-1962

James Gillivan, Walnut Creek, CA, Eng 1964-1965

Walter Hagelgans, Whippany, NJ, M Div. 1950-1952

THREE FORMER CREW MEMBERS PASS AWAY

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

Richard E. Gehrich, of Bowie, Maryland died on October
26, 2010. He was a retired Lieutenant Commander and
was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on January
26, 2011. He served onboard as a LTJG in Engineering
1960-1962.

Harlan Joseph Truxillo, of Port Allen, Louisiana died on
December 21, 2012. He was born on May 11, 1926 and
served onboard Magoffin as a Signaller in 1944-1945.
He attended many reunions with his nephew, Ronald
Brantley, and we will miss Harlan's Cajun stories.

William L. Stuzman, 78, of Rolling Meadows, Illinois died
on March 3, 2013. He was born in Nappanee, Indiana,
and served onboard Magoffin as a Quartermaster Third
Class in 1954-1956.

Boston Sight Seeing and Tour Information

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

Below are some of the major attractions that are available in the Boston area. Because there is so much to choose from and everyone has different interests, we are not planning a large group tour. If you plan on touring with a small group, I would suggest making reservations before coming into Boston. This way you can be assured you can all be together. I would suggest looking over the websites to gain further information regarding each tour. I have also included a telephone number in the event you do not have access to a computer.

1. JFK Library www.jfklibrary.org Hours 9am to 5pm Senior Citizen Ticket \$10.00
866-535-1960
2. Boston Harbor Cruises www.bostonsbestcruises.com 617-770-0040
Lunch & Brunch Cruises
 - a. Whale Watching Seniors Ticket \$41.95
 - b. Boston Harbor Seniors Ticket \$11.00
 - c. Sunset Cruises Seniors Ticket \$22.00
3. Fast Ferry to Cape Cod Provincetown www.baystatecruises.com 617-748-1428
The cost of the ticket is \$85 round trip. Three departures daily
Provincetown is on the very tip of Cape Cod.
4. Boston Tea Party Tours www.BostonTeaPartyShip.com 866-466-4438
Visit website for all the information.
5. Sightseeing Tours www.trolleytours.com 877-521-3552
6. Duck Tours See Boston from an Amphibious water & land craft. 800-301-3239
Cost seniors \$31.86 time 80 minutes long. See Bunker Hill, State Capital and cruise on the Charles river to Cambridge. These are the authentic Amphibious Crafts DUKW that were used to bring almost 40% of all supplies to the Normandy Beach Head on D-Day.
7. Boston Tours www.bostontours.com 781-899-1454
See the freedom trail from a comfortable coach. Old Ironsides, Old North Church & Paul Revere's house just to name a few. An all day event
Tickets \$52.00 Pickup at Hotel
8. Lexington & Concord Visit the Battle Fields & Museums
Private Transportation is the only way to see these sites.
9. Overall website for a Massachusetts vacation: www.Massvacation.com
10. For you baseball lovers, take a tour of Historic Fenway Park and see the Green Monster which stands 37' 2 " overlooking left field. 617-226-6666
www.tours@redsox.com There are several package tours to choose from. The basic general tour is \$14.00 Senior rate and it lasts 60 minutes.

Additional Boston Information

11. For those of you who plan on staying extra time, put Martha's Vineyard on your list of things to do. It's an Island reachable by only by ferry from Woods Hole on Cape Cod. Buses pick you up from several parking lots on Cape Cod and will take you to Woods Hole. DO NOT take your car over on the ferry.

Cabs from Logan Airport to Hotel \$25.00

Cabs from Hotel to Quincy Market Area Between \$8.00 & \$10.00
There is also a free shuttle service across the street from the Hotel.

Cabs from Hotel to JFK Library \$25.00

Parking Area is one block from the Hotel at Mass General Hospital Parking Lot. The lot has an agreement with Constitution Inn with ticket Validation for \$10.00 per day.

Hotel Information

The hotel at which we are staying at does not have a restaurant so therefore we must use a caterer for breakfast and for our Saturday night dinner. Yes the price is up as compared to prior reunions but the cost of the hotel is only \$109.00. With the cost of the food added to the hotel price it works out to \$156.80 per day for two. That is less then we have paid for a hotel at prior reunions. We are getting a \$41 per night discount with no sales tax because we are a veteran's group. This hotel has hosted many veteran reunions in past years and I have been assured they are going to make our stay the very best.

Please call the Constitution Inn at 617-241-8400 before 5pm on August 18, 2013 to book your reservation. Tell the reservation person that you are with the Magoffin reunion group. After August 18, rooms assigned to the Magoffin Group will become available to the general public.

We are having a continental breakfast Thursday though Sunday. If we decide that on one day we would like a full breakfast it can be arranged the day ahead of time.

Trust me, when you get a sample of the food that is available in Quincy Market and the North End you will want to have a light breakfast. If you like Italian food you are really in for a great treat in the North End. And for you land-lockers there is nothing like the seafood in Boston. And I think Boston has more pubs then any place in America. There are very few places in America where you are going to find any structures west of East Coast that were built in the 1700's.

Boston is loaded with exciting history so I do hope you all come to see it and experience it for yourself. Hope to see you all in Boston.

Sincerely,
Joe Beninato

September 18 to 22, 2013 Boston, Massachusetts USS Magoffin Reunion

Please fill out this form and mail it along with your check payable
to the USS Magoffin Veteran's Association.
Mail to: Joe Beninato, 61 Macy St., Raynham, MA 02767

Name _____

Spouse or Significant other _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Wednesday Sept 18th

Arrival and Check in Tour at your leisure

Thursday Sept 19th

Continental Breakfast 8am \$8.90 per person \$ _____
Crew's Meeting 9am to 12pm Tour at your leisure

Friday Sept 20th

Continental Breakfast 8am \$8.90 per person \$ _____
Tour at your leisure

Saturday Sept 21st

Continental Breakfast 8am \$8.90 per person \$ _____
Tour at your leisure
Saturday Three Course Dinner 6pm to 8:30pm

Stuffed Chicken W/Spinach & Bursin \$60.00 per person \$ _____

Boneless Braised Short Ribs \$60.00 per person \$ _____

Veggie Plate Pan Seared Wild Mushroom Ravioli \$60.00 per person \$ _____

Sunday Sept 22nd

Continental Breakfast 8am \$8.90 per person \$ _____
Departure

Registration Fee for each Crew Member \$ 30.00

Grand Total \$ _____

Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room

Breakfast Juice, coffee, Assorted Muffins, Danish Fruit
Bagels, pastries and diced fresh fruits.



**Morehead State University Foundation, Inc.
Fiscal Year Accounting Report
June 30, 2011 – July 1, 2012**

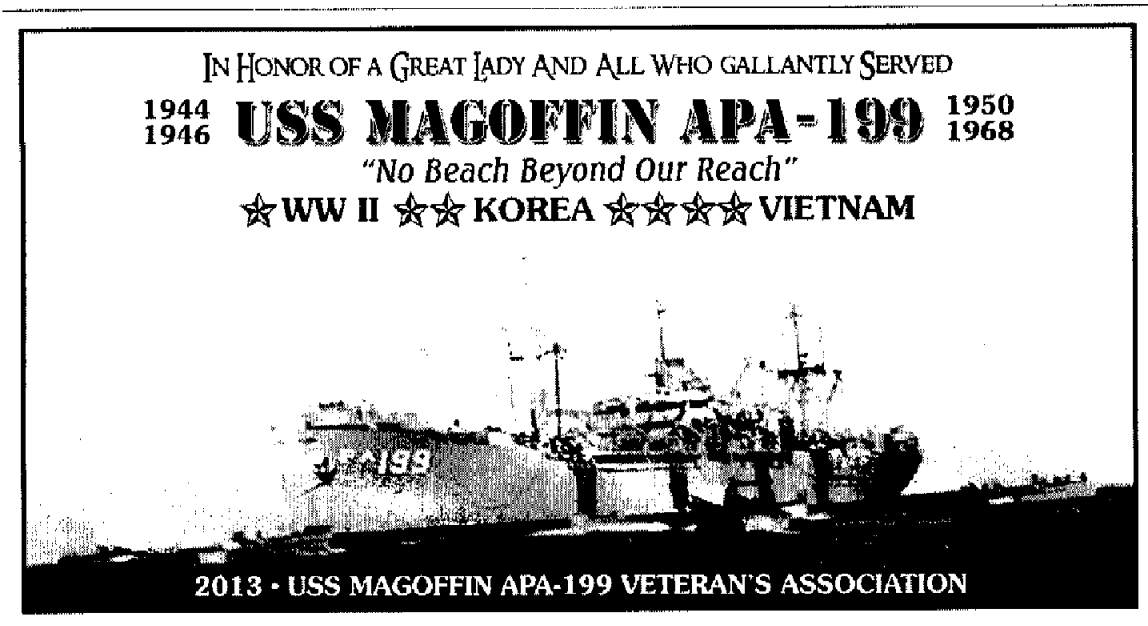
(Audited financials approved by the MSU Foundation Board on November 2, 2012)

USS Magoffin Veterans Memorial Scholarship
Account Number 4138

Beginning Balance		\$36,883.67
Contributions to Principal	\$2,820	
Contributions to Spending	\$0	
Interest and Dividend Income	\$924.20	
Realized Gains/Losses	\$1,071.32	
Unrealized Gains/Losses	\$-741.71	
Other Investment Income	\$43.84	
Endowment Expense	\$-371.76	
Scholarship and/or Support	\$-1,000	
Ending Balance		\$39,629.56

**The Beginning Balance and Ending Balance include all contributions and unspent accumulated earnings since the inception of the fund.*

Here's a preview of the USS Magoffin plaque to be dedicated at the US Navy Memorial



*Send Address Changes to above address
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Amphibious Force,
United States Pacific Fleet
1944 to 1946 and 1950 to 1968
WWII, Korea, and 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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