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Presidents Corner

I was just reviewing our active (158) and inactive (76) member lists, wondering how we can get the inactive into the fold again. I am including that list attached to the newsletter in hopes that those of us that have had previous contact with them or live in the same locality, contact them. At one time they showed interest in our organization and we need to touch base with them again to let them know all is well and exciting things are ahead.

We just finalized the dates and hotel for our Lexington Reunion and Tom and MaryPaul Haglage have done an excellent job in our behalf. We will be at a first line hotel. More elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We will need a host for the next reunion which after Lexington will take place in the Central Time Zone area to be presented at the crew's meeting. Someone that can take charge in the planning. Those interested can contact me for assistance.

My tenure as President was extended until the next reunion and I will be stepping down at that time. Please consider a replacement and have that available at the crew's meeting. I will continue as the Editor unless someone

would like to fill that spot as well.

We have a healthy organization and it is still growing, each week shows one or more interested shipmates finding out about us on the web site. I will include one received this morning.
Sam Rubin

10th. Reunion Marriot Hotel– Lexington, KY. May 7-10, 2003

Tom and MaryPaul Haglage have spent the last three months visiting hotels in the Lexington area and after many negotiations settled for the Marriot Hotel at Griffin Gate. It is a very modern facility but designed with Southern Charm in mind, located in Thoroughbred country among horse farms. Each room has a beautiful view of rolling lawns or the championship golf course. More details to be provided later.

The Haglage's have been working with a touring company and some of the things they have been looking at is visits to horse farms, distilleries, the Governors Mansion among others. The highlight is the visit to Magoffin County High School to present the Scholarship recipient with our check. This will take place on Thursday May 8th. Tom is also working towards getting the Magoffin Historical Society involved. We will have full details on the tours in later publications.

We want to have the largest turnout ever so set aside these dates, May 7-10, 2003.

Letters to the Editor

Sam,

Well I must say that the 2001 Reunion was a super one. The best we have ever attended. You and your host Chuck Whiteley did a "Well Done" job. Wilma and myself enjoyed every minute of the reunion. We saw a lot of new country and history that we hadn't seen before. I am glad to see you at the helm for another year. It must be a thankless job requiring a mountain of work, but the Association is much better off with your hard work and effort you have put into it.

Sincerely, Richard and Wilma Phares

Sam,

I just wanted to let you know how much Helen and I enjoyed the reunion at Spokane. It is really great to meet everyone, it seems I know them all even though only a few of us served on the Magoffin at the same time. Also I thought I should let you know about our extended vacation.

We were just about ready to board our the plane to Chicago on the morning of Sept. 11 when the passengers began to file back off the plane. Someone turned on the tv in the lobby we saw the plane hit the 2nd. Tower. Fortunately we were able to call my son's in-laws in Spokane and they picked us up and we stayed at our son's place for 4 more days. We had already been visiting them through Sunday, they really treated us great and we got to see much more of the Spokane area. We got on a plane by standby and arrived home on the 15th.

Magoffin Web Page

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Or

Just use your search engine and enter

USS Magoffin

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We hope everyone got home ok and we are looking forward to the reunion in Kentucky.
Sincerely, Jack Heiken.

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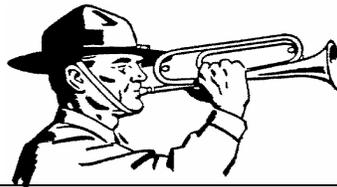
Eleven million vets are over the age of 60. And many have trouble paying for prescription medications. Veterans should know that free or low cost prescription drugs are available thru the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

A prescription filled by the VA is only \$2 for a 30 day supply. Disabled or low income vets can receive medications for free. This benefit is available to any veteran who was honorably discharged from the military. Veterans discharged after 1980 must have at least two years service.

To take advantage of this benefit, a veteran must enroll with the VA and must be seen by a VA doctor (prescriptions written by private doctors cannot be filled through the VA). Veterans can visit doctors at VA hospitals or VA community based outpatient clinics. There is a charge to visit a VA doctor, but insurance may cover this charge. Disabled or low income vets can visit doctors for free.

Once enrolled, veterans can receive prescription drugs at VA clinics, hospitals or through the VA mail-order-pharmacy.

The toll free number for the VA Health Benefits Service Center is (1 877 222 8387). Representatives can answer questions, enroll veterans and provide the location of nearby Veterans hospitals and clinics. Veterans can also look on the internet at www.va.gov/health for additional information on the VA programs.



TAPS

Jerry Montgomery

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Dec. 2001

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

Financial Statement

Bank Reconciliation

Year to Date

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/02	\$ 8521.82
Cash Receipts	285.00
Check Disbursements	(470.11)
Deposits in Transit	
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$ 8,336.71</u>

Checking Account Balance 02/15/02	8,263.59
Deposits in Transit	
Less outstanding Checks	
Total Ending Checkbook Balance	8,336.71
(Broken down as follows)	

Education Fund Beginning Balance	\$1,572.11
Disbursement	
Receipts	<u>2,000.00</u>
Education Ending Balance YTD	<u>3,572.11</u>

Net Operating Account Balance 10/10/01	<u>\$4,764.60</u>
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Respectfully submitted by;
Joe Beninato, Treasurer

It's a Small World

After leaving Yuma, AZ where we spent 6 weeks camped in our RV in the desert boondocks, we decided to head for Las Vegas and try our luck at the Casinos. Parking at the Circus-Circus RV Park, we relaxed and had our dinner. Then we headed for the casino. Betty had \$20 in quarters that she was going to donate to the casino and I watched her while the quarters were disappearing but when about \$15 went down the slot, bells rang, lights flashed and she won a jackpot. Since this is the first time ever that we had won anything I decided not to go to the blackjack tables and we started to leave. On the way out, lo and behold, Elaine and Wallace Wilhelm just entered. We had a nice visit with them, stayed to see a circus act, then parted as we were heading for home early the next morning. *Sam Rubin*

From our web site.

Greetings from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan!

I am sending this email on behalf of my father Bob Paquette PhM 2/C who served aboard the USS MAGOFFIN in WWII. My dad, who is very much alive and doing well living up here in Negaunee, Michigan, was on the original crew assigned to the Magoffin in the fall of 1944 and stayed aboard until May 15, 1946.

Just this past week, I found your website and immediately notified my father.

Boy oh boy, was he excited! My father always thought that the Magoffin was scrapped after he left the ship shortly after the war...Was he in for an awesome surprise when I showed him the long continuing proud history of "his" ship. I printed out everything I could from your website and brought it to him. You should have seen the smile! My mother laughs and says that he has already worn the ink off of the pages from reading the great information that you have provided for the old sailor. Thank you so much!

I have also, in the last few days, emailed some of his former shipmates that I located in your guestbook. The communications and exchange of pics / etc has been just great, both for my father and for those we have thus far contacted.

I want to offer up something as my thanks for your hard work in putting together your website...my services as a contributor to your site to share my father's wonderful collection of historical information on the USS Magoffin circa 1944-46.

My father has his complete collection of dozens upon dozens of the letters-to-home that he wrote from the USS Magoffin, from the time he first stepped aboard to the day he finally left for home. We would be willing to share the history that is contained in these letters.

My father was also a photographer and he has a great collection of photos taken aboard ship and on some its port stops. Most of these prints were developed by him in the x-ray room on the Magoffin, so that makes the pictures even more special from an historical standpoint. We would be willing to share these photographs.

My father also has a nice collection of other memorabilia from the Magoffin. Again, we would be willing to share in any way that we can.

If you are interested, please let me know in what ways I can contribute my services on behalf of my father Bob Paquette.

Just a final note...my dad's birthday is coming up on March 22. He will be 76 years old. For his birthday we want to get him a membership ASAP in the USS Magoffin Veterans Association. Also, would you be able to provide information where we could purchase a USS Magoffin ship's cap for him? You know what I mean....the baseball style blue cap? Would sure appreciate any help on that as I know my father would so extremely proud of that.

Also, my dad was disappointed to find out that there have been ongoing reunions for shipmates from the Magoffin. He surely would have loved to have attended past reunions. Could you provide information on the timing of the next reunion so that I can get that to him?

Gotta go...again, thank you so much for your efforts, and do let me know what I can do for you and for your association.

Jim Paquette--proud son of a USS MAGOFFIN sailor (attached is a WWII pic of that great ship courtesy of shipmate Bob Paquette PhM 2/c)

(I have emailed him and will send him the ball cap on receipt of his check as well as send him a copy of the last newsletter.)

Active Membership

As of February 1, 2002 the following members have paid their dues for 2002:

Aguilar, Address**, Alexander*, Ayers, Barrick, Beals*, Betz****, Bidinger*, Blomgren*, Brady, Bryant, Burnam, Calvert*, Carey*, Carper*, Cassidy, Christy*, Clayton, Clifton*, Dejarnette*, Dickenson*, Drugan, Durham*, Dutterer*, Eagon, Earven*, Flanagan*, Ford, French*, Furlow*, Gideon*, Gillivan*, Guido*, Hagg*, Haglage*, Hellman**, Hogard*, Housley, Hummel*, Jennings, Guy Johnson, JL Johnson*, Kuklinski, Kyle***, Lowther* , Lukensow*, Lutz**, Marcus, Maroney**, Malloy, Masters**, Maxwell, McCann, McCants**, Melsha*, Mozis, Montgomery**, Nass*, Noll, O'Brien, Olivera, Olson, Patterson, Pearce, Peterson, Phares, Phipps*, Reece, Renfro*, Ring, Roth, Rubin, Saeugling*, Sakers*, Savage*, Scadlock, Savage**, Schaefer, Schirmer*, Sharp, Shropshire, Shultz*, Skow*, Sluka**, Small**, Spiese*, Spinks, Stein**, Stutzman*, Swary, Tellefsen, Tessar, Transou, Tull*, Unertl*, Vernoy*, Walker, Ward*, Whitely**, Wilhelm, Williamson, Wilson* and Wood.

Paid 2002 dues. 103 have paid 2002 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.)



*Note kink in the bow
Location unknown*

Salty Talk

By COMMANDER TY MARTIN, US NAVY (RETIRED)

Times have changed and sailing ships today mostly are for sport, but the sense of the old sailor-man's observation that "a ship is like a woman: she makes her best showing in a wind," still holds true in the seafaring community. There, a ship always is a thing of beauty.

Centuries ago, as early voyages of discovery led to voyages of colonization and exploitation, the Dutch broke out of their small corner of Europe and joined the race, building East Indiamen at a prodigious rate. It was a heady time for Dutch sailors, seeing one ship after another slide down the ways. So proud and delighted at these new hulls—these bright, shiny clean new possessions— that they coined a word especially to describe this pristine state; it was "spiksplinternieuw." As one might suspect from the word, it meant the ship was new in every spike and splinter.

Holland's competitors across the Channel anglicized the word to the phrase, "spick and spanew." To the Americans, still later, it became "spic and span."



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The following D-Day prayer recited by FDR on June 6, 1944 has relevance to events that are now occurring and will occur in the future as the United States wages the war against state supported terrorism.

LEST WE FORGET

President Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer

On the morning of June 6, 1944. Americans awoke to the news that Allied forces were in the process of landing on the coast of France in Normandy. Later that morning, newspapers published a message from the President, which included a prayer for the success of the operation, and a request that the nation join him in prayer during his radio broadcast that evening.

My Fellow Americans;

Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far. And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer.

Almighty God:

Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tired, by night and by day, without rest - until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violence of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home - fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of the brave overseas - whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them - help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help in our efforts.

Give us strength, too - strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment - let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace - a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen

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