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**MAGOFFIN MESSENGER**  
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## Presidents Corner

*Several interesting things have happened since the last newsletter. Tom Haglage has completed all the negotiations for our reunion tours and the banquet dinner food has been selected. (See information later in the newsletter). He received a letter from President Bush's office in response to his invitation for the President to come to our reunion.*

*He sent me a clipping from the Lexington Herald-Leader about the reunion of the USS Garrard, another APA. They also visited their county namesake school and presented a scholarship check to a student. Very similar as to what we are doing. Tom said he will see to it that we get the same kind of coverage from the local newspaper.*

*I was contacted by a Mr. Smith, President of the USS Menafee Association APA201, who was at their reunion in Biloxi, Ms. He wondered if there was a possibility in the future for both Associations to jointly hold a reunion. He is concerned that as the older members pass on that each group would not have enough members to continue and this would be one way to alleviate that problem. I invited him to attend our meeting in May, he lives in WVA.. and said he would.*

*Our new member from New Zealand says he is coming to the reunion. I sure hope so and that will show real dedication if he can make it.*

*The next newsletter will be published in March 2003. Until then, fair winds and following seas.*  
Sam Rubin

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 6, 2002

Dear Mr. Haglage:

Thank you for your letter inviting the President to join the U.S.S. Magoffin Veterans Association on their reunion trip to Magoffin, Kentucky on May 8, 2003.

We appreciate the invitation and the valuable opportunity it represents. Although we have not made a decision about the President's participation, your comments will certainly be considered as the President's schedule develops. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact the Presidential Scheduling Office at 202-456-5324.

Please be assured that as soon as a final decision has been made regarding your request, my office will contact you directly.

Sincerely,

Bradley A. Blakeman  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
and Director of Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Thomas O. Haglage  
108 Mallard Drive  
Richmond, Kentucky 40475-8856

The above letter is a copy transmitted to me by Tom Haglage. He had written the President's Office inviting him to attend our reunion. We really don't expect him to make it because of his busy schedule but, one never knows. Tom wrote a very nice handwritten letter to him and I would have liked to print it in this newsletter but it is very lengthy and I couldn't spare the room. Sorry Tom.

Editor.

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[jlopez-auburndale@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jlopez-auburndale@worldnet.att.net)  
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Just use your search engine and enter  
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## NOW READ THIS

**Check your mailing label for the year listed. If your dues are not paid for 2002, please send check to our Treasurer.**

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





Charters (859) 233-2152  
Fax (859) 255-4748

Tours (859) 252-5744  
E-mail bgt@lex.infi.net

Tours for USS Magoffin  
May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Salyersville**

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 8:30AM - Motor Coach arrives with guide at Marriott for boarding  
9:00AM - Depart Marriott for Salyersville, KY  
Box lunches provided by local deli in Salyersville  
Visit to Magoffin County High School  
Tour Pioneer Village  
Community Center for lunch  
Visit Natural Bridge State Park  
Ride on Sky lift  
Buffet dinner at State Park Resort  
6:30PM - Depart Natural Bridge State Park  
8:30PM - Estimated time of arrival at Marriott

**Cost \$60.00 per person based on a minimum of 45 paid per coach (2-55 passenger coaches)**

**Ladies morning out**

Friday

9:00AM - Motor Coach arrives at Marriott for boarding  
9:15AM - Motor Coach departs for Irish Acres  
Free time to shop at historic old school house full of antiques  
11:30AM - Depart Irish Acres  
12:00PM - Estimated time of arrival at Marriott (**Lunch is on your own**)

**Cost \$15.00 per person based on minimum of 40 paid per coach and maximum of 55**

**Kentucky Horse Park/ Old Kentucky Nights Program**

Friday 1:30PM - Motor Coach departs Marriott for Kentucky Horse Park  
Group will enjoy Parade of Breeds, Hall of Champions,  
Thou Shall Fly Without Wings movie along with a good ol'  
Kentucky buffet dinner with entertainment.

7:00Pm - Depart Horse Park for Marriott

**Cost \$55.00 per person based on a minimum of 45 paid per coach & maximum of 55**

**Frankfort Tour**

Saturday 8:30AM - Motor Coach departs Marriott for guided tour  
Scenic drive through horse country  
Drive through Donamire Farm  
Tour Buffalo Trace Distillery or Rebecca Ruth Chocolate Factory.  
Distillery & Rebecca Ruth Chocolate Factory are located across the  
street from each other.  
Lunch at Jim's Seafood (included)

3:30PM - Return to Marriott

**Cost \$37.00 per person based on a minimum of 45 paid per coach & maximum of 54**

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Blue Grass Tours • 817 Enterprise Drive • Lexington, KY 40510

**10th. Reunion  
May 7-10, 2003  
Marriot Griffin Gate Hotel  
1800 Newton Pike  
Lexington, KY 40511  
800 228 9290**

Arrangements have been made for a group rate of \$89.00 per day plus applicable state and local taxes (currently 12.36%) in effect at the reunion time. Our rate includes two for breakfast each morning. Make your own reservations which must be in by April 5, 2003 or lose the group rate. Tell them you are with the USS Magoffin Group.

The Marriot Griffin Gate Hotel without a doubt is one of the finest hotels in the Lexington area. Tom Haglage has negotiated a low group price for rooms that normally go for \$140.00 per day.

We can use their indoor or outdoor pools, work out in their fully equipped fitness facilities and sooth our bodies with a relaxing spa of therapeutic massage. Also available are two lighted tennis courts and a basketball or sand volleyball court.

Alongside the hotel is one of the best resort courses in the country, a Rees Jones designed 18-hole championship golf course with over 65 sand bunkers, and water hazards on 12 of the 18 holes. If you are interested in signing up please contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements.

As you can see from our tour schedule we will be quite busy, not only the Magoffin High School but seeing various scenic and historical places around Lexington.

Hopefully we will have the largest turnout ever. Again, you must make your hotel reservations by April 5.

**The Bowels of the Bordello**

During our trip to the Bordello in Idaho, I witnessed something of such magnitude I feel I should share it with my shipmates. While Joan and I waited for our time allotted tour, I noticed a door that was not part of the tour.

As I descended the old wooden stairs, and the earthy basement aroma filled my nostrils, I observed an old dismantled furnace and boiler surrounded by old furniture and stored boxes. Then I saw something that stirred my every emotion and enveloped my very soul in complete elation.

Behind the boiler were the remains of a very old still, which had housed copper condenser coils. As I choked back the tears, my youth flashed before my eyes and I remembered my father telling about my falling into a vat of mash at the tender age of 5 months and it turned out to be the best whisky he ever made. This family artistry went out with the depression.

After I regained my composure, I began to mentally construct the still. As the mash worked off, the yeast fumes were masked by being vented off into the boiler. The liquid from the filtered mash was distilled and the resulting alcohol was passed through a column of ground charcoal to rid it of residual yeast odor and impurities and finally diluted to the desired proof.

I could then visualize the elixir being served to the fortunate patrons who frequented the bordello. As I ascended the stairs, I could not help but think of the special people who created this work of art in the bowels of the bordello.

*Submitted by John D. Masters*

**Banquet Dinner Menu**

- A. Seared Twin Breasts of Chicken with Spinach Rice, Basil Cream Sauce, and Fresh Vegetables. .... \$32.00 per person**
- B. London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce, garlic Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables. .... \$32.00 per person**
- C. Seared Salmon with Balsamic Reduction and Basmati Rice and Stir Fry Vegetables. .... \$32.00 per person**

**All of the Above Dinners are Accompanied By:  
Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter**

**Mixed Field greens, Choice of Two Dressings, Chocolate Pecan Pie,  
Iced tea and Gourmet Bean Coffee Service**

**Prices above include customary 19% service charge and 6% sales tax**

**Reunion Registration Form**  
**May 7-10, 2003**  
**Lexington, KY**  
**Hosts Tom and Mary Paul Haglage**

**FILL OUT THE FORM IN IT'S ENTIRETY, THE \$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. WHEN COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WITH YOUR SELECTIONS, WE CAN THEN DETERMINE HOW MANY PEOPLE TO PLAN FOR ON EACH TOUR. YOU CAN SELECT ONLY THOSE TOURS THAT YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN. ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN April 1, 2003.**

	PRICE PER EA.	X	NO. OF PEOPLE =	AMOUNT
May 8th. Thursday Magoffin County	\$ 60.00	X	___ =	_____
May 9th. Friday, Ladies Tour	\$ 15.00	X	___ =	_____
May 9th. Friday Tour to horse park, etc.	\$ 55.00	X	___ =	_____
May 10th. Saturday scenic drive, distillery and chocolate factory.	\$ 37.00	X	___ =	_____
May 10th. Saturday evening Banquet.	\$ 32.00	X	___ =	_____
Crew members registration which includes Hospitality Room and Administrative fees			=	<u>\$ 20.00</u>

Please indicate your selections below;

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
 London Broil \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendees. \_\_\_\_\_

Send funds to:  
 USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION  
 Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
 61 Sunrise Drive  
 Edison, NJ 08817

## Little known Origins

In George Washington's day there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs" therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression "Okay, but it will cost you an arm and a leg."

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As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year! (May and October) Women always kept their hair covered while men shave their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs. The wigs couldn't be washed so to clean them, they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the big wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

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In the late 1700's many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Once in a while an invited guest, who was almost always a man, would be offered this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man." Today in business we use the expression/title "Chairman."

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Needless to say, personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told "mind your own beeswax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." Also, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt and therefore the expression "losing face."

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Ladies wore corsets which would lace up in the front. A tightly tied lace was worn by a proper and dignified lady as in "straight laced."

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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "ace of spades." To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

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*Editor*

## Veterans Day Message

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them."

His words are a caution to all of us to never forget the lives that were given and the years of service rendered to protect the freedom we hold dear.

This Veterans Day adds new meaning to Roosevelt's wisdom. We are already at war against terrorism, and our armed forces may be called to action anywhere and at any time that freedom and human dignity are threatened.

Our history is rich with military men and women who fought for our American way of life. They knew then what we know now, Americans don't fight for land, money or religion. But we will fight to protect the principles of freedom — freedom of religion, freedom of the press and freedom from oppression. Today, all veterans are monuments to those freedoms.

As we honor our veterans, let us also honor all who serve today, because you will be our veterans of tomorrow. You protect our nation's interests but, more importantly, you protect our hopes and dreams. You make us proud while you make us safe.

On Nov. 11, share these lessons with your family, friends and neighbors so all will see this day as much more than a holiday. Let's help them appreciate the incredible gift Americans are given when one of our brave men and women takes an oath to protect and defend our country.

To all of you who serve and have served, I thank you. Never underestimate what you mean to America. For that, a grateful nation also thanks you. I salute you on Veterans Day. God bless America.

Special message from the Honorable Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy

## Funny Flying

Pierre and Boudreaux was flying for Cajun Airlines to goin to da Mardi Gras. Boudreaux was flying da plane, and Pierre was in da back foolin wit da cargo equipment and stuff. Da plane done hit some turbulence and started bouncing round and Boudreaux got knock unconscious. Den da plane start driftin. Pierre come run up to da front an Boudreaux was sprawl out all over da steerin wheel. Well, Pierre don't know nuttin bout flyin an he start to get panaky. He grab da microphone and holla "May Day! May Day! Dis is Cajun Air Line 90210. Boudreaux, him knock unconscious an I don know nuttin about flyin dis plane!"

"Dis is da control tower," someone answered. "Don you worry about nuttin. We gonna splain how you to land dat plane, step by step, ah gar-own-tee! Jus leave anyting ta us. Fus, how high you are, an whas you position?"

Pierre thought a minute, den say, "I'm five foot ten an I'm all da way to da front of da plane."

"No! No! No! answer da tower. "What you altitude, an where you location?"

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Pierre say, "Man rat now ah got a po attitude, an ah'm from Thibodeaux, Laweezeeanna!"

"No! No! No!" came the exasperated voice. "Ah needs to know how many feet you got off da groun an how you plane in relation to da airport!"

Pierre, he start to panic by dis time. He say, "Countin Boudreux's feets an mine togedder, we got fo feet off da groun an ah don believe dis plane related to you airport!"

A long pause — de silence was deafanin. "We needs to know who you next of kin.."

Another one for Harlan's file.

### Active Membership

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

Aguilar, Address\*, Alexander\*, Anson\*\*, Arnold\*\*, Ayers, Bar- rick, Beals\*, Beninato, Berglin\*, Bellin\*, Betz\*\*\*\*, Bidinger\*, Blomgren\*, Brady, Bryant\*\*, Burnam, Calvert\*, Carey\*, Carper\*, Cassidy, Cheely\*\*, Christy\*, Church\*, Clayton, Clifton\*, Cooper, Dejarnette\*, Dickenson\*, Drugan, Durham\*, Dutterer\*, Eagon, Earven\*, Engleman\*, Flanagan\*, Ford\*, Foster\*, Frank\*, French\*, Furlow\*, Gehrlich\*\*\*\*, Gideon\*, Gillivan\*, Griffith\*, Guido\*, Hagg\*, Haglage\*, Hancock\*, Heiken\*, Hellman\*\*, Hogard\*, Housley, Hummel\*, Jennings, Guy Johnson, JL Johnson\*, Jones Joe, Jones Roy\*, Joslin\*, Kennon\*, Krebs, Kuklinski, Kyle\*\*, Langlo\*, Larsen\*, Latham\*\*, Little\*\*, Lowther\* , Lukensow\*, Lutz\*\*, Macioce\*, Malloy, Marcus\*, Maroney\*\*, Masters\*, Maxwell, McCann, McCants\*\*, Melsha\*, Mhlbach\*, Mozis, Montgomery\*\*, Nass\*\*\*, Noll, O'Brien\*\*, Ogburn, Olivera, Olson, Paquette, Patterson, Pearce, Peterson, Phares\*\*, Phipps\*, Poortvliet\*\*, Reece\*, Riley\*, Renfro\*, Ring\*\*, Roth, Rubin, Saeugling\*, Sakers\*\*\*, Savage\*, Scadlock, Savage\*\*, Schaefer\*\*, Schirmer\*, Sharp, Showler, Shropshire, Shultz\*, Simpson, Skow\*, Sluka\*\*, Small\*, Snodgrass\*\*, Spiese\*\*, Spinks, Stein\*\*, Stutzman\*, Swanson\*\*, Swary, Tellefsen, Tessar, Transou, Tull\*, Unertl\*. VandeWouwer, Vernoy\*, Walker, Ward\*, Whiteley\*\*, Wilhelm, Williamson, Wilson\* Wood and Woodall.

Paid 2002 dues. 138 have paid 2002 dues.

\* Paid 2003 dues.

\*\*Paid 2004 dues.

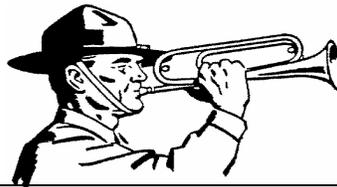
(If I accidentally missed you or made a mistake, let me know and it will be in the next newsletter.)

### Attention All Hands

I would like to start a Rogues Gallery of our members. This would consist of two photos supplied by each of us to be shown as sort of a puzzle in each newslet- ter. The photos would be of each person shortly after enter- ing the Navy in uniform and then a recent one. What I would do is mix up the two photos just using a head and shoulder portion in two columns and have you guess who matches who. The answers would be on a different page.

Those who can send attachments via email can do so and the rest by US Postal Service. I think that would be a fun project. What do you think?

Editor



## TAPS

William (Bill) Larsen	50-52	August	2002
John Pope	52-56	August	2002

### 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

Bill Larsen, the founder of our Association passed away at the Missouri Veterans Home in August of this year. He led us through six years of growth to a membership of about 75 shipmates. Unfortunately, financial problems required that he leave the Association but we must respect his early day lead- ership.

### Financial Statement

#### Bank Reconciliation

#### Year to Date

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/02	\$ 8521.82
Cash Receipts	1,536.50
Check Disbursements	(1,883.00)
Deposits in Transit	
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,174.72</u></b>
Checking Account Balance 08/31/02	\$ 8,174.72
(Broken down as follows)	
Education Fund Beginning Balance	\$1,572.11
Disbursement	(500.00)
Receipts	<u>2,100.00</u>
Education Ending Balance YTD	<b><u>3,172.11</u></b>
Net Operating Account Balance 08/31/02	<b><u>\$5,002.61</u></b>

Respectfully submitted by;  
Joe Beninato, Treasurer

**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.

### Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

### REGISTRATION FORM USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SERVED ABOARD MO/YR. \_\_\_\_\_ TO MO/R. \_\_\_\_\_

BATTLE STATION \_\_\_\_\_

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WIFE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL FRIENDS WHILE ON

BOARD \_\_\_\_\_

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MY 2002 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ( )

MY 2003 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ( )

MY 2004 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ( )

If you have previously filled out this form completely, just your name and address would be required to re-register unless something has changed otherwise.

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