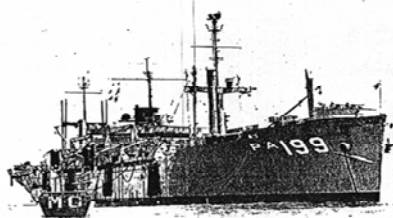


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## Photos, papers and Memorabilia wanted

If you are coming to the reunion, be sure to pack your Magoffin photos, slides, papers, cruise books, postcards etc. I will be bringing a computer scanner to the hotel and would like to make copies of whatever you have so that it can be saved and shared on the [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org) website.

We are getting a pretty good collection of memorabilia and would like to expand it. →

## President's Corner

We currently are under two months before the Association's members meet for our reunion in Milwaukee. Shipmate Tom Tessar and his wife Donna have been working diligently to have everything in place as the crew arrives on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder to those of you who have not yet made your reservations. We have the special reunion rates at the Sheraton Brookfield up until August 15<sup>th</sup>. I also need to submit the names of attendees for the name badges no later than the second week of August. Please don't hesitate and miss out on what is going to be a great reunion.

Regretfully I must inform you of the passing of one of members. Phillip Gronvold passed away on March 16<sup>th</sup>, in Pasadena, Ca. Phillip served in the U.S. Navy from 1936-66 and rose to the rank of CWO-4. On your behalf I have expressed the condolences of our membership to Phil's daughter Rebecca who notified us of his passing. *See Phil's obituary on page 3*

Since the majority of the crew of the Magoffin were at one time or another home ported in San Diego I like to keep you posted of Navy happenings here.

The carrier USS Midway is now in San Diego Bay and is an aircraft carrier museum and open for tours. They also have many of the type of aircraft aboard that flew off this ship during it's forty plus years of service.

On Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> the USS Ronald Reagan will arrive in San Diego which will be it's permanent home.

Doris and I look forward to seeing all of you in Milwaukee.

Mike Stein

Publishing these materials on the internet is the one way to insure that those who are truly interested can have access.



## Don't miss out!

Having lived in and around Chicago for most of my life, I can tell you that early September in Southern Wisconsin is wonderful. Warm days, cool nights, the start of the fall colors. A slice of heaven, especially when you are eating a fresh Bratwurst and washing it down with a large glass of the beverage that made Milwaukee famous. Judi and I are really looking forward to the trip and the reunion. We are starting out by spending the week before in Manitowish Waters, an area in far northern Wisconsin, where we will be stalking the mighty Muskegon like we do every year at that time. Then it's back down the state for the reunion and then down in to Illinois for my wife's family reunion. We are already pumped up and wishing it was time to go. We are especially awaiting to see both old shipmates as well as some wonderful friends that we made at the last reunion. I hope that if you haven't made your reservations, that you will. It should be a time to relax, see folks you may not have seen in a long time and an opportunity to meet new friends.

If you are going to attend and have something that you would like to donate to be raffled at the banquet be sure to bring it along. The raffle is the biggest money-maker we have for the education fund.

Be sure to read the article on page 2 about this years scholarship winner - Debra Michelle Spurlock.

## **Debra Michelle Spurlock wins 2004 Magoffin Scholarship**

*The following is a letter from the winner of the 2004 USS Magoffin Scholarship*

My name is Debra Michelle Spurlock, and I am the 2004 recipient of the USS Magoffin Scholarship from Magoffin County High School.

I am the 18 year old daughter of Willie and Sandy Spurlock of Salyersville, KY.

The following is information about me...

### **Extracurricular activities -**

- Beta Club - Chapter Secretary
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America - chapter Vice President for Parliamentary Procedure, Region 11 Parliamentarian, STAR Events competitor state and regional Level
- Future Business Leaders of America - Chapter Reporter
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club)
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Champions Against Drugs
- Student Technology Leadership Program - *I won second place in the state of Kentucky for Senior Memories Videos*
- Christian Youth Club
- Yearbook Staff
- Science Club

**Hobbies** - Going to the movies, bowling, spending time with family and friends, and working a part-time job at a local Subway.

### **Future Plans -**

Attend Morehead State University in the Fall of 2004 and earn a Bachelors degree in Business Administration with an option in Computer Information Systems.

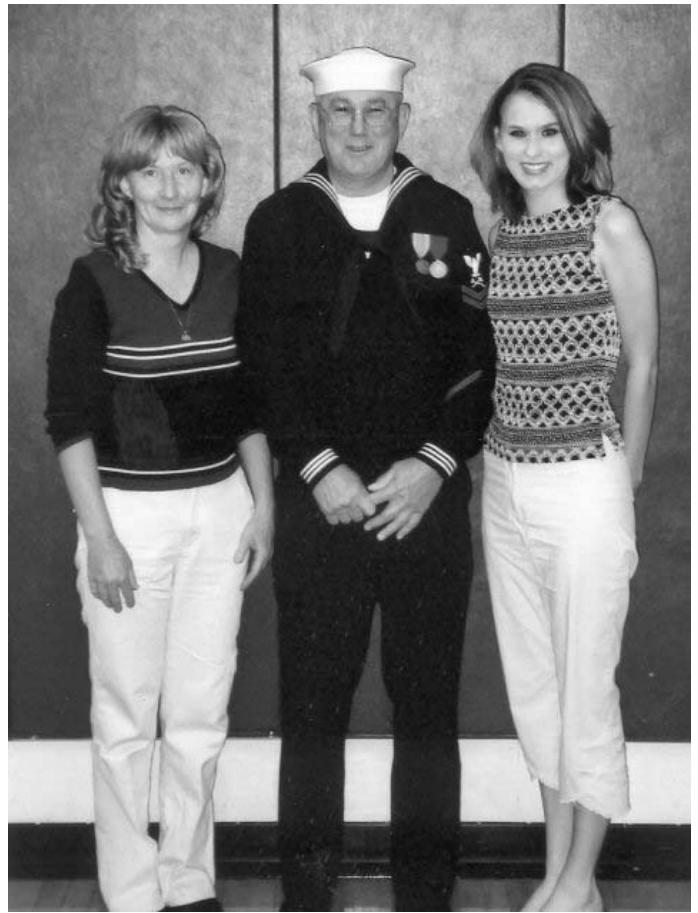
I can't thank the members of the USS Magoffin enough for giving me this scholarship. It will enable me to further my education and to earn my degree in Business Administration.

Thanks,

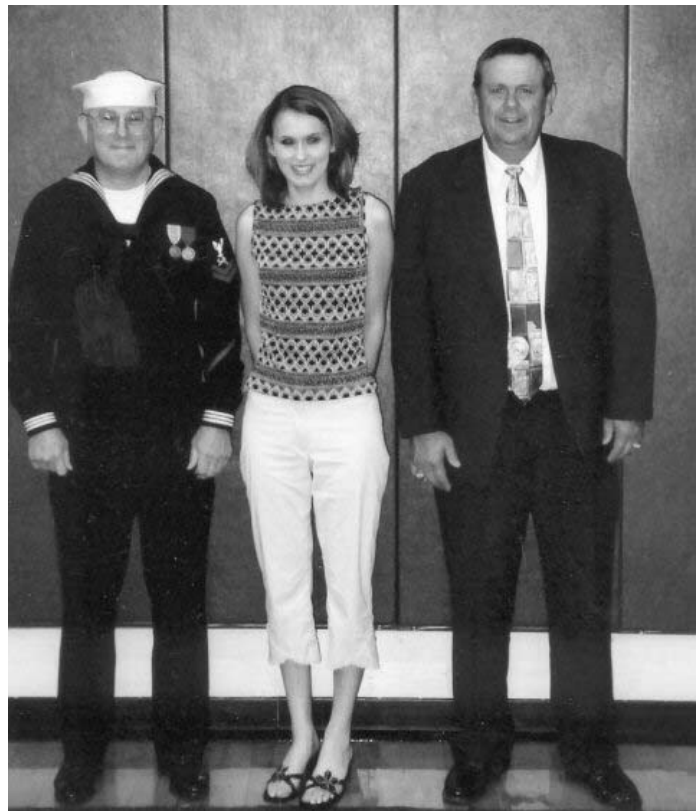
Debra Michelle Spurlock

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FYI - This is the first year that the USS Magoffin Scholarship has been \$1000.00. The Scholarship recipient is selected by the administration of the Magoffin County High School in Salyersville, KY. Debra is the seventh recipient of the scholarship. The Scholarship is presented each year by Tom Haglage. Tom is the chairman of the USS Magoffin Educational Fund



Sandy Spurlock, Tom Haglage, & Debra Spurlock at the May 11th awards ceremony at Magoffin County High School.

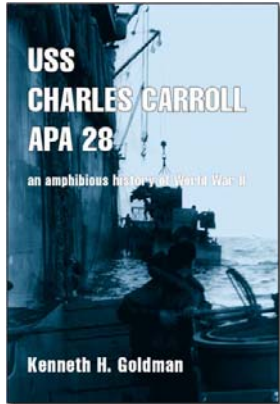


Tom, Debra and William Hilton, Principal of MCHS

## USS Charles Carroll - APA 28

Hello to the members of the Veteran's Association,

Sorry to bother you, but since *USS Magoffin* was in company with *USS Charles Carroll* at Okinawa I thought you and the crew and families of *Magoffin* might be interested in the book I just published about *USS Charles Carroll*.



### Reviews

"This book fills an important void in WWII history. The 'Gator Navy' participated in every major Allied invasion, but the men of the amphibious forces have mostly been ignored until now. With many never before seen photographs, this compelling tale tells the story of the men behind the headlines."

- James F. Muche, historian and former editor of *Search: American Naval and Maritime History*

The book is based primarily on the numerous documents, maps and photos my father (eventually the ship's navigator) saved from WWII and on some crew diaries and interviews. It covers the ship's entire career, including the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, Southern France and Okinawa. For more information about the book, go to [www.trafford.com/robots/03-2662.html](http://www.trafford.com/robots/03-2662.html). The book (\$23.95) can be ordered from the publisher by following the links on their website or toll free at 1-888-232-4444.

Best regards,  
Ken Goldman

## REGISTRATION FORM USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERVED ABOARD MO/YR. \_\_\_\_\_ TO MO/R. \_\_\_\_\_  
 BATTLE STATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 RATING/RANK \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPECIAL FRIENDS WHILE ON BOARD \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship fund donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

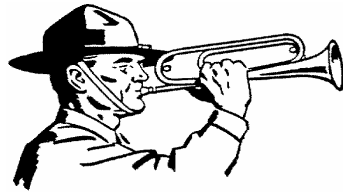
MY 2004 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ( )

MY 2005 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ( )

MY 2006 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.

**MAIL DUES TO:**  
 USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION  
 Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
 61 Sunrise Drive  
 Edison, NJ 08817



## TAPS

Phillip S. Gronvold, 90, passed away March 16th, 2004, in Pasadena, CA. He was born in Barton, North Dakota, November 24, 1913 to Torger T. Gronvold and Gjertrude Hagen Gronvold. He graduated from Barton High School in Barton, ND in 1935. Phillip married Tessie J. Vorris, May 3, 1947 in Bremerton, WA. Phillip served in the US Navy from 1936 to 1966 achieving rank of CWO-4. After leaving the US Navy, he worked for National Steel & Shipbuilding in San Diego and Helix Water District in La Mesa. The Gronvold family lived in the San Diego area from 1955 to 1979. Phillip is survived by his daughter Rebecca Gronvold Hatch and her husband Mark of South Pasadena, CA; daughter-in-law Amelia Moniz of Isle of Palm, SC; sister Selma Olson of Tempe, AZ; brother Victor Gronvold of Rugby, ND; and grandchildren Jessica, Hillary, and Ross Gronvold and Clare Hatch. Phillip was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Tessie in 2002 and his son, Phillip Victor Gronvold in 2001. Memorial contributions may be made in Phillip's honor to the United States Navy Memorial Foundation, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Ste 123, Washington, DC 20004 or to your local hospice.

Phillip served on the Magoffin from 1950 to 1954. He was a CWO in the "E" division.

### The Current Membership

**Please note - if your name doesn't appear on this roster and you don't pay your dues by end of the reunion - this is the last newsletter that will be sent to you.**

Alonzo Aguilar - 04, Clyde Alexander - 05, Craig Anderson - 06, Paul Andress - 07, Willis Anson - 04, Charles Arnold - 04, Leo Ayers - 04, Clifford Barrick - 04, Richard Bee - 04, Merble Bellin - 04, Joseph Beninato - 04, Bill Berglin - 05, Bill Betz Jr. - 06, Vernon Bidingier - 05, Earl Bryant - 04, Jackson Bryant - 04, William Calvert - 05, Junior Carey - 04, Floyd Carper, Jr. - 07, Jimmy D. Charlton - 05, Raymond Cheely - 06, Mac Christy - 05, Bud Church - 05, August Cooper - 05, John Crowley - 04, Don Culpepper - 04, Bernard L. Curry - 04, Michael Dejarrette - 05, Dick Dickenson - 09, L.G. Duncan - 05, Eugene Durham - 05, Kenneth Duttarar - 06, Jeff Eagon - 07, James Earven - 07, Daryl Elliff - 05, Dave Engelman - 04, Francis J. Fitzpatrick - 05, Joe E. Flanagan - 05, James Ford - 04, Robert Foster - 05, M. Allan Frank - 05, Ray Furlow - 06, Al-Gaskill - 04, Richard Gehrich - 06, Lester Gideon - 06, Jim Gillivan - 06, Paul H. Goguen - 04, Marvin P. Gray - 04, Hugh Griffith Jr. - 05, Pasquale Guido - 07, Jack W Hagg - 05, Thomas Haglage - 05, David W. Hammond - 04, William Hancock - 04, Jack Heiken - 06, Don Hellmann - 07, Robert Henderson - 05, Joseph Hogard - 08, Don Hummel - 05, Carl E. Jennings - 04, David C. Johnson - 04, Guy Johnson - 04, Jack L. Johnson - 06, William Kershner - 05, Terry Key - 04, Robert King - 04, Ed Kopczynski - 04, Robert Kuklenski - 04, Keith Kyle - 04, Erwin Langlo - 05, George Latham - 04, Terrence Little - 04, Herald Lowther - 07, William Lutz Jr. - 04, David W MacConnell - 05, George Macioce - 04, Terry Mackey - 04, Robert Marcus - 04, Derrell Maroney - 04, John Masters - 04, Thomas McCants - 06, Harold McElroy - 05, William McIntyr - 04, Jerry Miihlbach - 04, Gary Miller - 05, Dennis Molloy - 04, Jerry Montgomery - 04, Daniel Muller - 04, Bill Munger - 05, Kenneth Nelson - 04, Louis Noll - 05, Robert O'Brien - 04, Donald D. Ogburn - 04, Albert Oliveria - 06, Robert Olson - 04, Robert Paquette - 05, Rodney Patterson MD - 04, John J. Pearce - 04, Charles Peterson - 04, Richard Phares - 04, Charles Phipps - 04, Al Poortvliet - 04, Ralph D. (Tex) Raily - 04, E.E. Renfron - 05, Mike Riley - 06, William Ring - 04, Emmon Rogers - 04, Ellis Roth - 05, Claude Rubeling - 05, Sam Rubin - 05, James Saeguling - 07, Ross C. Sakers Jr. - 06, Pat Savage - 10, Wallace Schaeffer - 04, William Schulz - 06, Don Schirmer - 04, Gerald Schultz - 05, John G. Sharp - 04, Bill Showler - 04, Ronald Shreffler - 05, Wallace Shropshire - 05, Harry Simpson - 05, Kent L. Skluka - 04, Harold Skow - 05, Fred Small - 04, Richard Snodgrass - 04, Earl D. Sons - 04, John Splese - 06, Ralph Springer - 05, Michael P. Stein - 06, Michael G Stevens - 07, Bill Stutzman - 05, Gerald Swanson - 04, Wayne Swary - 05, Jim Taylor - 04, Karl Tellefsen - 04, Jim Transou - 04, Harlan Truxillo - 05, John Tull - 05, Marinus VanDeWouwer - 04, Eugene Walker - 04, Thomas A. Ward - 06, Gilbert Wayson - 04, Charles Whiteley - 04, Wallace Wilhelm - 04, Jesse Wilkinson - 04, Thomas Williamson - 04, James Wilson - 07, Leslie Wilson - 05, Howard Wood - 05, Robert Youngs - 04, Life Members - Adams, Agostini, Dixon, Graves, Jardine, Johnson, Reece, Schanzenbach, Unetl

**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.

**Magoffin Gear Available**

**Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nr \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item name</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
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Magoffin ball caps	\$13.00 ea	
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Lapel Pins	\$ 4.50 ea	
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Magoffin t-shirts	\$15.00 ea	
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S   M   L   XL   XXL   XXXL

Circle the sizes and show amounts

Prices include shipping costs                      Total

Send checks to: **USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION**  
**SHIP'S STORE**  
104 214TH. N.E.  
SAMMAMISH, WA 98074

**Magoffin "TEE" shirts**

**USS Magoffin Veterans Association**



**APA 199**

**Magoffin Ball Caps**



**Veterans Association Lapel Pins**



**Ten Good Reasons to attend this Magoffin Reunion**

10. None of us are getting any younger.
9. Ship reunions aren't nearly as judgmental as school reunions.
8. Your idiot brother-in-law won't be there.
7. Shipmates are used to hearing you tell lies.
6. These guys are the only people you know that really understand what it was all about - or care.
5. Milwaukee is a great town.
4. Didn't you really have some of the best times in your life in the Navy?
3. This may be the last chance to see some of your shipmates.
2. Prove to your spouse that you really did do something in the service.
1. **The truth be known -You deserve it.**

**Fill out the Reunion Registration form on the back of the newsletter, enclose your check, make you hotel reservations and come join us. It is going to be a great time!**

**USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION**

**BANK RECONCILIATION - YTD**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/04</b>		<b>\$ 9,953.81</b>
<b><u>CASH RECEIPTS</u></b>		
	Dues	\$1,110.00
	Ship Store	259.50
	Reunion	9,860.00
	Scholarship Fund	<u>405.00</u>
	<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>11,634.50</b>
<b><u>CHECK DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>		
	Postage	(170.90)
	Telephone (800)	(18.23)
	Ship Store Supplies	(233.07)
	Office Expense	(79.44)
	Reunion	(740.00)
	Newsletter	(323.73)
	Scholarship	<u>(1,000.00)</u>
	<b><u>Total Disbursements</u></b>	<b>(2,565.37)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE 07/19/04</b>		<b><u>\$19,022.94</u></b>
(Broken Down as Follows)		
<b>Education Fund Beginning 01/01/04</b>	<b>\$4,492.11</b>	
	Disbursement	(1,000.00)
	Receipts - Reunion	
	Donations Jan-Dec 2004	<u>405.00</u>
<b><u>Education Ending Balance 07/19/04</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 3,897.11</u></b>
<b><u>General Operating Fund 07/19/04</u></b>		<b><u>\$15,125.83</u></b>

**The 11th Reunion of the USS Magoffin (APA-199) Veterans Association**

**Hotel Reservations**

**Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel**  
**375South Moorland Rd.**  
**Brookfield , WI 53005**  
**Phone: 800 325 3535**

If you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, please do so. Rooms will fill up fast and you don't want to be left out. Reservations must be made no later than August 15, 2004. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Magoffin Association to receive the special price of \$79.00 per night (plus tax) A third person can stay in the room for an additional \$15.00 per night. Children under 18, stay for free. There are a variety of other rooms available , including a King Size Suite at \$175.00 per night plus tax. This Sheraton has just been totally renovated and has many amenities for guests. Make your plans very soon.

## 11th. Reunion Registration Form—Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Morning Ladies Tour**  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday afternoon tour**  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Great Lakes Naval Base tour**  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Milwaukee City Tour**  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday night Banquet**  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$32.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make menu selections in box to the right)

**Registration Fee Per Association Member**      \$30.00=      \$30.00

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_      Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu Selection  
 Saturday Night Banquet**

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_

Orange Roughy \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:  
USS Magoffin Association**

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