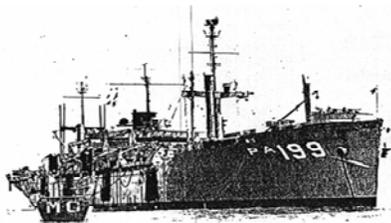


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President's Message

Greetings shipmates, I am pleased to let you know that we have selected both a hotel and the dates of our next ship's reunion in San Diego. The dates are Wednesday April 19th to Saturday April 22nd with our customary good-bye breakfast on Sunday morning.

The hotel is the Sheraton San Diego Hotel in Mission Valley. The hotel is located approximately seven miles from the San Diego Airport and the harbor. The Sheraton provides free transportation to and from the airport. I have currently booked 55 rooms per night for the reunion. I am hoping that many of you book early so that if we need more rooms the hotel can accommodate us by releasing another block of rooms for our group. The \$99 rate is good three days prior to the reunion and three days after the close of the reunion, so I hope many of you can take advantage of the sights of San Diego.

I understand the importance of making the trip as reasonable as possible so that as many shipmates and spouses as possible can afford to participate in our reunion. I contacted a total of 18 hotels in the area that were willing to host our association with rates running from a low of \$79 (one) to a high of \$149 (2). The Sheraton that I selected has recently undergone a multi-million dollar upgrade, lowered their normal parking fee and waived all charges for the hospitality, meeting, and banquet rooms. The hotel is pet friendly and has 10 handicap accessible rooms. We will also have a very large hospitality room and will be able to bring in our own refreshments. I was unable to negotiate a free morning buffet breakfast which is the norm for San Diego Hotels as only two of the 18 offered that as a part of the room rate and neither of those hotels was suitable for a group our size. The Sheraton does provide a reasonably priced breakfast buffet and there is a Denny's Restaurant within a five-minute walk from the Sheraton. The hotel restaurant offers a \$9.95 senior special dinner from 5-7 PM.

Enterprise car rental is next door to the Sheraton. You can order a car from them by calling 1-800-736-8222 and asking for location #3245-Mission Valley. When you fly into San Diego you can then take the free Sheraton Shuttle to the hotel and your car rental forms will be at the hotel's front desk for your signature. When you leave you can leave the car at the hotel and take the free shuttle back to the airport.

I have received some suggestions on possible sights the crew and spouses would like to see while we are in San Diego. If you have any thoughts in regards to the tours please contact me at 1-800-621-5950 or e-mail me at mpstein1@cox.net. We will have the schedule locked down in time for the fall newsletter. Doris and I are very excited to be hosting our reunion in San Diego and look forward to seeing all of our Magoffin Family.

Mike Stein
President



The *Magoffin Messenger* is a quarterly publication for and by the members of the USS Magoffin Veterans Association. This newsletter as well as a wealth of other USS Magoffin information and history can be found at: www.ussmagoffin.org

**USS Magoffin Veteran's Association
12th Reunion**

Wed April 19th to Saturday April 22nd 2006

Sheraton San Diego Hotel

**Mission Valley
1433 Camino Del Rio South,
San Diego, Ca.92108**

Phone 619-260-0111

www.sheraton.com/sandiegomv

Room Rate \$99.00 Sgl./Dbl. per night (plus
10.5% TOT)

*(This rate is available three days prior and three
days after the conclusion of our reunion.)*

Parking Fee of \$5.00 per night

Check in 3:00 PM - Check out 12 Noon

The hotel provides free transportation to and
from the airport.

Individual reservations must be made by calling
866-837-4201 no later than Friday, March 24th
2006. Be sure to identify yourself as a member
of the USS Magoffin Group.

Please note: *Any guest leaving before the original
departure date, without furnishing a 24 hours
advance notice of their revised departure date
will be charge an early departure fee of \$50.00.*

A Little Commentary

My sincere apologies for not keeping the website up
to date. There are any number of reasons but the
fact of the matter is that I haven't been doing things
the way they should be done. I intend to have every-
thing on the site up to date and ship shape before the
next newsletter.

Terry Little, webguy@ussmagoffin.org

Magoffin County High School Update

Don Cecil, Superintendent of Maggoffin County Schools let
us know that in the Past three years the school district has
been in the top 20% , 10%, and/or 12% as the district with
the most improvement in CATS test scores. This last fall
the Kentucky School Boards Association presented the
Board of Education with its' most prestigious award to
date.

This award recognized the district, out of 177 school dis-
tricts in the state, as being one of eight districts to have at
least two schools with an academic index of 90 or above
and every other school in the district as improving.

In the past four years, the Magoffin County district has
been the 20th fastest improving school in the state. "This
is the most prestigious award probably this district has
ever received.' 'Our target was 69.5 this biennium' said
Cecil, "We scored a 71.5." "We exceeded our goal that
was established by the state. We can finally say that the
kids in Magoffin County can get as good of an education
as any kids of anywhere in the area."

Our congratulations to Superintendent Cecil, the Board of
Education, the principals, teachers and students of Magof-
fin County. You make us proud.

The Navy Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

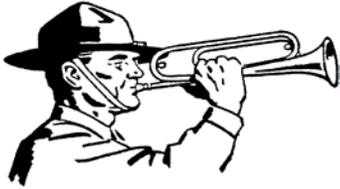
By William Whiting

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee



TAPS

Fred Small wrote to let us know that Lawson Honor had passed away last February -

*"This is to inform you that **Lawson Hornor** passed away this past February. As Boat Group Commander on the Magoffin in 1950, Lawson was my assistant and Repair Officer. His dedication, sincerity, and devotion to duty made my job much simpler. Lawson was an extraordinarily fine officer. Lawson was a long time member of the Magoffin Association and attended reunions with his wife, Edwynn of 33 years, until illness prevented him from attending."*

Les Wilson wrote to let us know that Phillip Brenneman passed away.

Dear Shipmates:

*I received a note from Vern Bidinger, enclosing a death notice for **Phil Brenneman**. He died on Sept 22; he was 79 years old. As I recall Phil came to only one reunion, in San Diego. He was on the ship 1950-1951, I believe. I can't remember whether he was Gun Boss, or Asst. Navigator. He was a JG, I think.*

The funeral notice reads as follows:

"Phillip Arthur Brenneman, age 79, passed away September 22nd following a short illness. Phillip was born in Penn's Grove, New Jersey and has resided in Concord (California) for the past 30 years. He attended Indiana University and later graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1945. He served his country during WWII and the Korean War and later received his B.S. Degree from the University of Maryland in 1972. He also served as a Deck Officer in the Merchant Marine for 26 years. He was an avid fisherman. He will be missed by his loving wife of 35 years Tomiko Brenneman of Concord."

Carl C McCann, one of the original crew members of the USS Magoffin passed away February 22, 2005 at the age of 93. His obituary read: *Carl C. McCann was born in Toppenish, Wash., He married Helen Body on April 24, 1934, in Gering, Neb. She died Feb. 20, 1994. He served in the Navy as an electrician's mate second class in World War II. He was self-employed in road construction for more than 47 years. McCann enjoyed fishing, hunting and horseback riding and belonged to the Eagles Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.*

Leonard Galland, 71, passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at his home, after a three-month battle with cancer. Len was born Ja. 22, 1933, in Pasadena, Calif., to Fred and Lucille Galland. From 1949 to 1953, he served in the Navy on the USS Magoffin. *Continued next column*

During naval assignments, Len received citations while on Underwater Demolition Team No. 3 and several ribbons, stars and clusters of recognition. Len met and married Lorna K. McCluskey in Pasadena on July 1, 1954. From 1954 to 1959, he worked at the Cal Tech Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena as a control electrician and was the project foreman at Goldstone Tracking Site and Missile Test area at Edwards Air Force Base, working with Dr. Henry Pickering and Werner Van Braun. In 1959, Len moved his family to Caldwell and had the KwiCurb Drive-ins. He became very involved in youth activities and the community. He then joined the Caldwell City Police Department. During his 20-year career there, he was the commander of the first organized reserve unit in the state of Idaho, Community Affairs and City Tactical Squad. After being assigned to the City-County Narcotics Major Crimes and Intelligence Division, he became the director of the unit. Len retired from the Caldwell Police Department in November 1981. He and Lorna moved to North Idaho, where he spent another 10 years with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, then retired again in 1994. For 17 years, Len was also the harbormaster at the Panhandle Yacht Club on Lake Coeur d'Alene. After losing their son, Les, to heart failure in 1999, Len decided it was time to also retire from the Panhandle Yacht Club, start playing, and began spending winters in Arizona. Len was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 39 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 09831, and was a life member of BPO Elks No. 1448. Besides his wife of 50 years, he is survived by Debra Garland of Nampa; nephews Charles Galland, Loma Linda, Calif., and David Galland, Rowland Heights, Calif.; granddaughter Stephanie Johnson and great-granddaughter Reagan Johnson, Nampa; and several cousins.

Alan David Jones, Ph.D., 79, died Sunday, April 17, 2005. He passed away peacefully from this world at Mifflin Care Center. He was born May 23, 1925 in Bergholz, Ohio to the late Benjamin F. and Lauila D. Clark Jones and lived in the area since 1987. Alan graduated in 1942 from Bergholz High School and went on to join the US Navy at the age of 17. His accomplishments in the service of his country were as follows: educated at many Navy schools; spent World War II in the Pacific Theatre of Operations aboard the troopship "Magoffin" transporting troops to war, and bringing home the injured and deceased to Hawaii and the States. Alan served during the Korean Conflict at the Naval Air Station. He served during the Vietnam Era in country one year caring for the electronics on the swift boats and 6 months aboard the USS Bennington. Alan retired from the US Navy after 20 years of service in 1969 as a Master Chief Petty Officer. Following his career in the Navy, Alan went to Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science and Master degrees in Trade and Industry Education. During this time Alan was a fulltime worker at C.T.I./Columbus State, a fulltime student, husband and father. He then completed his education at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee to where he earned his doctorate degree in Urban Education, graduating at the age of 54. Alan is survived by his wife Mary Wilhelmina (Bjorkman) Jones, two sons four grandchildren.

USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION			
BANK RECONCILIATION - YTD			
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/05			\$ 14,420.38
CASH RECEIPTS			
	Dues	\$ 650.00	
	Ship Store	116.50	
	Reunion		
	Scholarship Fund	115.00	
	Total Receipts		881.50
CHECK DISBURSEMENTS			
	Postage		
	Telephone (800)	(16.45)	
	Ship Store Supplies		
	Office Expense		
	Reunion		
	Newsletter		
	Scholarship	(1,000.00)	
	Total Disbursements		(1,016.45)
ENDING BALANCE 12/10/04			\$ 14,285.43
(Broken Down as Follows)			
Education Fund Beginning 01/01/05			\$ 5,023.11
	Disbursement (May 2005)	(1,000.00)	
	Receipts - Reunion		
	Donations Jan-Dec 2005	115.00	
Education Ending Balance 12/10/05			\$ 4,138.11
General Operating Fund 12/10/05			\$ 10,147.32

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome to **John Barry** a new member of the association. John was a machinist mate and worked in "M" division 60-62. He now lives in Las Cruces, NM

Important update

In the recent newsletter the menu for the Christmas of 1945 was listed. The desert printed in the newsletter was Apple Cobbler is not correct. Guy Johnson had a in with the cook (all good Navy guys get to know the cook) who asked him what was his favorite pie and Guy answered Cherry Pie. For the desert at the Christmas Dinner of 1945 aboard the Magoffin Cherry Pie was served.

Per Joe Beninato

A Marine Remembers the Maggoffin

I was aboard the "Maggie" two or three times as a Marine in the early 50s for exercises and landings at Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

My most remembered trip was November of 1954. I was a short timer who was being "rotated state-side" from Japan but had one more operation to participate in. So I boarded the Magoffin one more time.

A few days out of Japan a typhoon changed directions and we were in the middle of it. There were so many sick that anyone still standing got drafted to stand watch, so I bounce around a gun tub from 12-4. It was so rough that it was rumored that there were less than a dozen of those white glass coffee cups left in the mess hall. I know that people fell out of their bunks and were hurt. I know that I have never seen that many people that sick all at once. A south seas pleasure cruise it wasn't.

Merle Fountain
USMC 1953-1961

Motor Explosion at Eniwetok

For those of you out there that are not snipes (engineers) this story may be of little interest. For those of you that spent some long hours in the Magoo's Engine room you are going to relate.

It was early July '58 and we had been at Eniwetok for a couple of months as an evacuation ship during the 1958 atomic tests. It consisted of weeks of boredom broken up by some of the biggest shows of "fireworks" that we had ever seen. It was the procedure that we had to "light off" the engine room each time there was to be a test and be prepared to get underway if required. That meant a full "underway watch" was set at the 4-8 watch.

It was usually pretty routine, however this day was to be a little different.

For those traveling down memory lane, the procedure was to bring up the boilers to pressure, request permission to spin main engines, disengage jacking gear (A mechanical connection to the aft section of the high speed turbine), log events in engine room log, (VERY important) check the light board to see that lights corresponded with the actions (log that) and then Chief Cassidy BTC and I would tell the throttle man to "spin engines".

Sounds pretty routine--not that day. There were three of us looking at the rpm indicator when the throttle was opened - but the indicator stayed at "0". We had a great throttle man, I don't remember his name, but as soon as the Chief and I shouted to close the throttle he had already taken the action to do so - but it was too late.

Later we would learn that the mechanical disconnect between the jacking gear and the high speed turbine had popped back into the "engage" position. As soon as the turbine began to spin, we just became spectators. The little 5 hp jacking gear motor that sits just to the left of the throttle position started to wind up with a pretty good sound and then tried to become a generator. Some of you can guess the rest; the mica windows shattered, and in no time the little motor became a sea of smoldering, multi colored spaghetti. For you non-snipes, we had just destroyed the jacking gear motor and had no way to cool the turbines down.

In short order, the atomic test was cancelled and we had to keep steam up for two weeks while a motor was shipped out from Mare Island. As you would imagine it got a little tense when the Brass found out. Oh yes, there was an inquiry and it found the Chief and I were in the clear because everything was properly logged. We had done everything correctly but there had been other Liberty ships that had similar problems (we found this out later). The moral of the story--KEEP THOSE LOG ENTRIES CURRENT.

Richard Bee Ltjg "B" Div Officer

The Association Membership

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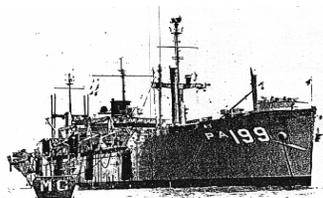
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