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Message

Greetings Shipmates.

It seems like only yesterday that we were meeting in Milwaukee for our wonderful reunion hosted by Tom and Donna Tessar. In a little over one month we will be meeting in San Diego for the 12th Reunion of the Association. A couple of reminders. The closing date for the Magoffin rate of \$99 at the Sheraton is Friday March 24, 2006. Also, don't forget your auction items for the fundraising efforts. Merble and Carol Bellin are not able to make the reunion this year but they have sent their prized afghan as part of the auction.

This year I placed the reunion notice in Leatherneck Magazine and have received some written and telephone responses. I'm hoping that some Marines who sailed on the Magoffin during its service will be able to make the reunion in San Diego.

A reminder also, guests are welcome to come and enjoy the tours and events of the reunion. I know that some members have already signed up relatives and friends and we look forward to having them aboard.

This is a very important meeting of the crew as we need to make some decisions in regards to the Magoffin Scholarship and it's future funding so that it will continue on long after all of us.

See you soon!

Mike Stein
President

What to do in San Diego

Hopefully you have by now booked your reservations and made your plans to attend the 12th reunion in San Diego. (if you haven't, please see page 2 for more information.)

After traveling all the way to California you may want to spend a few extra days enjoying the warmth, the sunshine and the wonderful attractions. Here are a few suggestions as to what you might want to do before or after the reunion.

Jack Benny: Laughter In Bloom

Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N. Escondido Blvd. Escondido, CA
92025 Ticket office (800) 988-4253
Sunday, April 22, 2006 at 8 pm
Center Theater
\$35 (Senior Price \$32)

Veteran stage and television actor Eddie Carroll's one-man show, *Jack Benny/ Laughter In Bloom*, goes beyond mere imitation of Benny's familiar catch phrases and mannerisms. It's a captivating evening of theater that has Jack Benny himself leading us on a fascinating tour of his rich and colorful life and illustrious career that spanned six decades, from vaudeville to films, from the Broadway stage to radio and television, to concerts and personal appearances

Flower Fields Ranunculus Tours

Every April, the Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch blossom into a spectacular sea of brightly colored ranunculus flowers. Visitors can view and tour the fields in Carlsbad. Open to the public seven days a week, 9am to 5pm. Interstate 5 to Palomar Airport Road Exit. Admission fee and guided tours must be arranged in advance. 760-431-0352 or www.theflowerfields.com



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.usmagoffin.org

A letter from a Marine

Jan 16th, 2006

Mr. Stein,

I read in Leatherneck Magazine about your upcoming reunion for the USS Magoffin (APA-199). I was a "guest" on the Magoffin in early 1954, part of a replacement draft for the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. We traveled in a convoy with several other APA's and AKA's. It was my first contact with the Navy and I was impressed with how the ship was run and managed, as well as the volume of paint chipping!

Bill Farmer -Los Osos, California

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

Wednesday, April 19th through Saturday, April 22nd

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel - Mission Valley
1433 Camino Del Rio South,
San Diego, Ca. 92108
Phone 619-260-0111
www.sheraton.com/sandiegomv**

Special Room Rate \$99.00 Single or Double 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

Reunion Schedule

Wed. 4-19-06: Registration 1200 hours until 1800 hours, \$30.00 registration fee for members only.

Thursday 4-20-06

0900 Ships Crew meeting 0900 - 1200
Ladies La Jolla Tour. 0900 - 1600
1200 - 1600 lunch and tour of San Diego Old Town
*All inclusive price for the ladies \$59.00
Men's all inclusive price \$34.00*

Friday 4-21-06

Midway/Coronado/RTC Tour 0930 - 1530
Priced at \$49 per person.
Harbor Dinner Cruise.
Depart hotel @1830 hours. - 2230
All-inclusive price is \$64 per person.

Saturday 4-22-06

Depart hotel at 0900- 1400hrs
City Tour - *All-inclusive price of \$44 per person*
Shipmates Banquet at the Sheraton - Mission Valley
Cocktails at 1800
Banquet at 1900
All Inclusive Price Per meal \$39

See Registration form on back cover page.

Banquet Dinner Menu

Entrée Selections to include: Choice of Starter, Fresh Seasoned Vegetables, Chef's Potato or Rice Pilaf, Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal Teas, Iced Tea & Desert

Choice of entree's

Grilled Halibut

Grilled Halibut served with a Delicate Cilantro-Lime Butter Sauce

Mixed-Grill

Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Whole Grain Mustard Tarragon Sauce & London Broil Served with a Wild Mushroom Sauce

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Scholarship update

According to Tom Haglage, as of January 26th there was almost \$10,000 in the Morehead State scholarship fund account. Tom wants to thank everyone for their generosity.

The goal of the scholarship fund is to raise \$25,000. Once the fund reaches that amount it will become self sustaining and insure that the USS Magoffin Veterans Association annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Magoffin County high school will continue in perpetuity.

There will be more information and discussion on the subject of the scholarship fund at the reunion as well as a vote to ratify the plan.

A message from the Vice President

As most of you know, I am in adult foster care. I have to have trained and certified people to stay with my client if I go anywhere. It became official yesterday, that the people that do my relief work are not going to be able to sit for me during the Reunion in San Diego.

If any of you are updating or building a dress blue uniform, and need a cox'ns patch, please get in touch with me. I had a few custom made and will be willing to let 8 of them go for \$ 20.00 each. They are almost impossible to find now. I found one online and they wanted \$ 65.00 for it. None of the uniform shops in Norfolk VA have them. You might be able to find them out there, but I wasn't able to.

I will try to make it to Colorado. You all have a great time and think of me while you sit in the Gilded Cage watching the dancers.

Jim Earven
Vice President

Jim can be contacted at earven@earthlink.net



TAPS

Lewis L. Bogges

Louis Leon Bogges , 73, of Hitchita, OK died March 10, 2005 at Muskogee. He was born in Minco, Ok. On June 23rd, 1931. He was married to Hazel Bogges on November 15, 1947 in Delano California. .

In 1950 he enlisted in the USN and served until May of 1954. He served on the Magoffin from May 1952 until March 1954. He owned and operated L&H Concrete Company, he was a member of the VFW, a Reserve Deputy for the Okmulgee department, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and was the Assistant Fire Chief for the Hitchita Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three siblings. He was buried at the Lackey Cemetery.

Robert "Chief Ski" Kuklenski

"I was a sailor. I was part of the Navy and the Navy will always be part of me."

Robert Kuklenski passed away on December 29, 2004. He was born June 9, 1927 in Kansas City, Kansas and was a Ventura County resident for 43 years.

Robert served in the United States Navy and during World War II participating in the Pacific Theatre. He also served in the Korean War retiring from the Navy in 1964. After serving his country he began work with the Ventura County Post Office and worked there for 22 years retiring in 1968. Robert worked in the federal government for over 42 years.

Robert enjoyed golfing, gardening, and spending time with his family. He also worked as a volunteer for the Oxnard Police Department and the maritime museum of Oxnard. He will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Janet Kuklenski of Medford, Oregon, Kevin Kuklenski of Southern California; Robert Jr. and Lisa Kuklenski of Ventura, California; brother, Joseph and Patricia Kuklenski of Friday Harbor, Washington; 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandson; 1 great granddaughter and numerous other family members.

Ski served on the Magoffin in 1953.

Ski's wife Dorothy has asked that anyone who remembers her husband to please contact her. You can contact Terry Little at 1914 Irvin Cobb Rd, Murray, KY 42071 or Webguy@ussmagoffin.org and I will forward the information or contact information to her.

Tom Cota

We received word that Tom had passed away on November 26, 2005. Additional information will be published when received. Tom was a BM/SN who was aboard in 1960 through 1962.

An Interesting Letter Regarding the USS Gage

Mike Stein and I received the following email note from Tom Williamson regarding the USS Gage project.

Mike and Terry,

You remember our discussion at the Milw. reunion where we were to offer our help for the USS Gage restoration project. I'm ready to give up on that. On 3/23/05 I sent an email to: contact@apaproject.org identifying myself and our organization and asked the status of the USS Gage and how could we be helpful now. I got an answer right away from a Bob Harris, webmaster apa project who said the ship was back in the James River fleet and off the disposal list. He said a Peter Stoudt has been working to formalize the organization to continue efforts to save her, all help is appreciated. He said he was forwarding my email to Peter, "you two should talk". No word from Peter Stoudt all summer. On 10/21/05 I sent him an email re identifying myself and our org. and said that Bob Harris had forwarded my 1st email and I had received no answer. He answered the same day with " Please forgive my failure to get back to you, at the moment I'm at an internet cafe on a Greek island in the Aegean , on a trip for 2 weeks, back home in Va. on Sunday. I will contact you next week with a more complete status report on the Gage effort. Thanks for your interest." That was Oct. 22 and it's now Jan 06. Seems to me there's not much interest in our help. I'm sure one thing they need is money. I feel our money and members money would be much better spent on our own scholarship project. Unless I hear from them I'm not going to try further and will be glad to report above at our next crew's meeting. Looking forward to April in San Diego. Hope to see you there.

Tom Williamson

A Shipmate needs Help

James Kaderka, came aboard the ship on February 8th 1960. On February 29th, he fell while carrying some laundry and injured his knee. On March 3, 1960 he was transferred to Balboa Naval Hospital for evaluation. He eventually received a Disability Discharge with what was described as a "preexisting" disability. In reviewing the service medical records at time of his entry on active duty, however, there was no mention of any type of a preexisting disability.

He has had a disability claim pending with the Veterans Administration for several months now. His claim was denied and this was upheld by the Board of Veterans Appeals on two separate occasions. We need new and material evidence to present to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Donald H. Ferris, PN1, USN Retired

If you remember this event or have any of the ship's logs from this time, please contact Terry Little or Sam Rubin.

**USS Magoffin Veteran's
Association Membership**

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Welcome Aboard

Richard Wall of Lubbock, TX.
G. Rasmussen of Lewiston, MN He was in First Division during 1966 to 1968.
David Moore of Lee's Summit, MO. David was an EN-2 assigned to the Boat Group during 1963 to 1966.
Sheldon Jones of Wolfeboro, NH

If your complete information isn't listed, please drop a line and fill in the gaps.

**USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION
BANK RECONCILIATION
Year To Date**

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/05 \$15,744.49

CASH RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 440.00
Ship Store	13.00
Reunion	8,809.00
Scholarship Fund	<u>90.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$9,352.00

CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	
Telephone (800)	
Plague for School	
Flag for School	
Reunion Expenses	
Newsletter	(121.00)
Scholarship	<u> </u>
Total Disbursements	(121.00)

ENDING BALANCE \$24,975.49

(Broken Down as Follows)

Education Fund Beginning 01/01/06	\$4293.11
Disbursement (May 2005)	
Receipts - Reunion	
Donations Jan-Dec 2006	90.00
Education Ending Balance	\$4,383.11
General Operating Fund	\$25,592.38

What else to do in San Diego

Forbidden Broadway - Special Victims Unit

The very popular, off-Broadway production will visit San Diego for ten weeks only. "Forbidden Broadway" skewers the New York theater's biggest hits and flops and has been a darling of critics and audiences since 2004. The production will return to Manhattan at the end of the San Diego run. The San Diego presentation will be at the Theatre in Old Town. Tickets and information: 619-688-2494

Greece: Secrets of the past Ruben H. Fleet Science Center

This new IMAX film takes a sweeping archeological journey back in time as it sets out to uncover the buried secrets of one of the world's most enlightened societies – ancient Greece during the Golden Age (500 BC to 400 BC).

In Stabiano

This rare traveling exhibition of Roman frescoes features 72 objects, all from the Roman villas of ancient Stabiae, an exclusive retreat for Rome's elite classes located on a bluff overlooking the Bay of Naples (approximately 4.5 kilometers southeast of Pompeii). Included in this spectacular exhibition are 24 ancient frescoes—many of the very highest quality—11 stuccoes, as well as other significant art objects and archeological artifacts. The exhibition will also display a complete three-wall triclinium (dining room) fresco from the small nearby villa of Carmiano.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10am to 6 pm;
Thursdays 10am to 9pm

San Diego Museum of Art
1450 El Prado, Balboa Park
San Diego.
619-232-7931

Comet Impact - Motion Simulator Ride Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

The year is 2025. Comet Kirsch-Kennedy appears to be on a collision path that will impact Earth. Will you be able to rescue Earth before it's too late? Must be 40" or taller to ride.

Julius Caesar in Egypt

4/23 at 2 PM - The San Diego premiere of Handel's Baroque masterpiece will feature Polish contralto Ewa Podle in her mainstage debut and the return of mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux and countertenor Brian Asawa. Sung in Italian. *Note: English translations are displayed above the stage of each production.*

San Diego Opera
3rd Ave at B St.
San Diego
619-533-7000

Annual Lakeside Rodeo & Parade

4/21/06 – 4/23/06 –

The Western Days Parade is 9:30am on Saturday. The Rodeo, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, features seven major events. Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, Highway 67 and Maplevue Street, Lakeside. Dates are tentative, please check in advance. 619-561-4331 or www.lakesiderodeo.com

Biplane Rides over the Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch

Carlsbad, CA - Biplane, Air Combat & Warbird Adventures is set to launch its 12th season of vintage airplane flights over the flower fields at Carlsbad Ranch. Over 50 acres of ranunculus flowers burst into bloom each spring at The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch. Spectacular from the ground, the sight is incomparable from the seat of an open cockpit biplane. This bird's eye view will be remembered for a lifetime. www.barnstorming.com or call 1-800-759-5667 ext. 7

San Diego Zoo - Balboa Park
<http://www.sandiegozoo.org/>

San Diego Zoo Animal Park - 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road, 35 miles north of the San Diego Zoo and east of Escondido

Sea World Adventure Park - SeaWorld Drive, San Diego, CA 92109

Legoland - www.lego.com/legoland/california/

Birch Aquarium at Scripps -
2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, CA 92037

12th USS Magoffin Veteran's Association Registration Form

Please Print -

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Thursday

Ladies LaJolla Tour with luncheon _____ @ \$59.00 ea _____

Mens luncheon _____ @ \$34.00 ea _____

Friday

Midway/Coronado/RTC Tour _____ @ \$49.00 ea _____

Harbor Dinner Cruise _____ @ \$64.00 ea _____

Select an entrée for each person - ____Steak - ____Chicken - ____Salmon - ____Pasta

Saturday

City Tour _____ @ \$44.00 ea _____

Banquet _____ @ \$39.00 ea _____

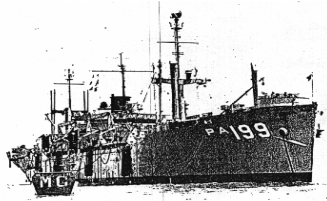
Select an entrée for each person - ____Mixed Grill - ____Halibut - ____Veg. Pasta

Registration Fee for members only \$30.00 _____
 Total _____

Please make checks payable to: USS Magoffin Association and mail to
 USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION,
 Joe Beninato, Treasurer,

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Defending America - WWII, Korea, Cold War, Viet Nam