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## President's Message

You did good! Really better than good, you did great! I'm pleased to be able to let the membership know that as of today we have \$36,290 in our scholarship account at Morehead State University.

Last summer we had \$16,000. By the fall you had increased that to \$21,000, and last winter we were at \$30,000. We have surpassed our original goal of \$25,000 through your generosity. I want to thank all of you for your donations in this effort over that last year. I want to recognize our shipmate, Karl Tellefsen, whose donation of \$5,000 really helped put us where we are today in our scholarship fund.

Our reunion in Colorado Springs will be coming faster than we realize. L.G. & Cyndi Duncan have put together some great tours for all of us to participate in while in Colorado Springs. I've been receiving phone calls from many prior Magoffin sailors who have been finding us on the web site and in magazine notices and tell me that they are looking forward to coming to our reunion. I have no doubt we will have a large turnout. I encourage all of you who will be attending to send in your registration as early as possible.

I'm hoping to hear from some of our East Coast members, proposals for hosting our next reunion. Look forward to seeing many of you in September!

Mike Stein,  
President

## A Challenge From the Vice President

Shipmates from all eras, I challenge each of you to try to make contact with other shipmates, and encourage them to attend the reunion in Colorado Springs in September. I know there are some out there that are not members of the association, that could be located by phone, mail or E-mail. If you know the where-a-bouts of anyone, get in touch with them. and encourage them to come. We all know that there are people that can't come because of financial, medical, transportation, or scheduling situations. Lets all do what we can to help the ones we can. Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in September.

Jim Earven,  
President

Vice-President

## A Good Volunteer is Needed

Our esteemed secretary, Tom Haglage, would like to step down. He has done a wonderful job for quite a long time and is hoping that some one will come forward to relieve his watch.

The primary duty of the Secretary is to take and keep the notes of the Association meetings. If you are interested, please let Mike Stein know by calling (800) 621-5950



*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](http://www.ussmagoffin.org)*

# USS MAGOFFIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION 13<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

Wednesday September 5 through Saturday, September 8, 2007

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO  
COME SEE THE WILD WEST IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

## ACADEMY HOTEL

1-800-766-8524 for reservations

Exit 150 off I25

8110 North Academy Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

719-598-5770

[www.theacademyhotel.com](http://www.theacademyhotel.com)

Special room rate \$79.00 plus tax per night, includes full hot buffet breakfast every morning

This rate is available three days before and after the reunion

Free parking, free airport shuttle 5am – 10pm

\*\*Individual reservations must be made before August 5, 2007 to guarantee this rate. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the USS Magoffin Reunion\*\*

We welcome you to relax and unwind with us. Located at the foot of the Colorado Rockies and Pike's Peak we are here to make your stay a comfortable and memorable one.

Full Service restaurant and Lounge

Free high speed Internet and local calls

On-site rental car

Close to many attractions

Free passes to Bally's Total Fitness

24 hour indoor pool and fitness center

Suites available

Pets allowed

## BIG HARD ROCKS, BUT SOFT BEDS

***Colorado Springs is over 6000 feet above sea level and low humidity. If you are coming from a much lower elevation you are encouraged to come in a day early to acclimate yourself to the higher altitude and in any case take it easy the first day or two. Rest often and drink plenty of water, more than normal. We have planned an easy, relaxing first couple of days. You should be fine if you relax and enjoy yourself and drink plenty, water that is.***

Weather in Colorado Springs this time of the year is usually dry and in the 70s, but can be cool in the evenings and mornings. We have planned our tours with minimum amount of walking and no forced hikes up the mountains! Most of our tour stops have great shopping opportunities, cowboy hats, Air Force Academy stuff, Native American Art, Olympic warm-ups, so bring those credit cards.

L.G. & Cindy Duncan,  
Reunion Hosts

# 13th REUNION SEPTEMBER 5-9, 2007

## ITINERARY

### Wed. Sept. 5

Afternoon: Arrival, check-in, 1700 - hospitality room reception with hors d' oeuvres, dinner on your own

### Thurs. Sept. 6

Morning: 0800-1100 Crew meeting and memorial ceremony  
0915-1230 Ladies tour Historic Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs  
Lunch: 1230 Crew meet Ladies for Lunch at Historic Garden of the Gods Trading Post, view one of the best collections of Native American and Western Art  
Afternoon: 1330-1700 Tour Garden of the Gods and US Air Force Academy (Remember the pass word to get in is "GO NAVY, BEAT AIR FORCE")  
Evening: Hospitality room, dinner on your own at The Academy Hotel or enjoy one of many nearby restaurants.

### Fri. Sept. 7

Morning: 0800 Tour Colorful Colorado Springs, ride the Gold Camp Road enjoying the beautiful mountain scenery and the history of the area. Included are visits to the Olympic Training Center and Cowboy Rodeo Hall of Fame.  
Lunch: Historic Railroad Depot home of Giuseppe's Restaurant, fine Italian foods.  
Afternoon: Return to Academy Hotel 1500  
Evening: 1700 Bring your cowboy hat and jeans for a visit to the famous Flying W Ranch. A working cattle ranch that has specialized in great western food and wonderful western entertainment since 1953; guaranteed evening of fun you don't want to miss.

### Sat. Sept. 8

Morning: 0815 This is the "High" light of all tours, a must see of the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains from the top of Pikes Peak, America's Mountain 14,110 feet above sea level. You will travel up the mountainside aboard one of the only cog railway trains in America to top of the world. -

**CAUTION: You will be traveling up to an elevation of 14,110 feet on the train. If you have cardiac or respiratory problems, it is advised you consult your physician before making this ascent.**

Lunch: Enjoy the flavor of a Mexican Lunch at Amanda's Fonda on Fountain Creek  
Afternoon: Return to Hotel 1400  
Evening: 1800 Cocktails  
1900 Banquet at Academy Hotel

### Sun. Sept. 9

Morning: Goodbye breakfast, checkout. We hope you stay to enjoy more of the many activities in the area and see more of the beautiful Colorado Rockies.

USS MAGOFFIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
13<sup>TH</sup> REUNION BANQUET

The Academy Hotel  
Rockies Ballroom

SATURDAY September 9, 2007  
Cocktails 1800  
Dinner 1900

Your choice of entrées:

**Baked Halibut** Topped with Fresh Herbed Tomato Chardonnay Vinaigrette

**Chicken Marsala** Sautéed with Fresh Mushrooms in a Marsala Wine Sauce

**NY Sirloin** NY Strip Steak broiled to perfection

Entrée selections to include: Salad, Fresh Seasoned Vegetables, Chef's Potato or Rice, Fresh Baked Rolls, Fresh Brewed Coffee or Tea, and Dessert

Cocktails will be cash bar and wine by glass or bottle may be purchased for dinner

All inclusive price per meal \$33.00  
Includes tax and gratuity

**A Letter of Appreciation**

February 15, 2007

I would like to thank Jim Earven for all his help in trying to secure my VA benefits. I have been sending information since 2003 and it was never enough. They (the VA) said there were discrepancies between my statement and official records. They said they couldn't find service department records to show in-country service in Vietnam.

I would like to thank John Vernon of National Archives and Records in College Park Maryland. He took the time to find this information. He sent me photocopies of several deck log entries indicating that the ship (USS Magoffin) had indeed been in Vietnam. Docked in Da Nang, Cam Rahn, Qui Nhon. With a number of deck logs from 195-1967. No I don't have my benefits as of yet but was to the Regional office in St. Petersburg, FL last week and am very hopeful this time.

Sincerely,  
Tom Moore

P.S. Looking forward to September and the reunion.  
P.P.S. My wife (Kay Jean) and I went to Texas last June to see Travis Pike and his wife Carlotta in Beach City, TX and then to see David Hammond and wife Sue just north of Tyler, TX at Lake Fork. Hadn't seen them since 1968 - What a great time we had.

**An Email from a Magoffin Skipper**

Dear Mike

I was reading the latest issue of MOAA and lo and behold I noticed the Magoffin Reunion listed on pg. 96. I don't have any excuse for not joining the Magoffin Association, but now I printed the membership application and will send it to Joe Beninato.

My wife , Melba, and I have a cabin in Cuchara, CO, about 2 1/2 hours from Colorado Springs so we are planning to attend the Reunion there. As you know, I only had about 5 months in command of Magoffin, but it was a great experience and also kind of sad to decommission her. I must look through my record for names. My memory for name is about 2 seconds long, but I do remember that the crew was a very good one. On the way back to San Diego from West Pac and just after we left Pearl, we had trouble with the main engine- but the engineering gang got us going after a short time and Magoffin steamed into San Diego on time, in just in time to hear over the radio that Magoffin was going to be decommissioned starting in January 1968.

According to the web page plans for the reunion haven't yet been published- maybe 3 weeks. Anyway, I look forward to attending.

Richard Scott  
email:pcbms17@cox.net The m in the address is for Magoffin

USS MAGOFFIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
13<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

REGISTRATION FORM

**Please print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** \$30.00 per member only \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday**

Morning Ladies Sight Seeing and Shopping Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon Garden of Gods and Air Force Academy Tour  
Including lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$44.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday**

Morning Tour Colorado Springs, Olympic Center,  
Rodeo Hall of Fame, Gold Camp Road including lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$52.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Evening of Wild West Fun  
Including dinner and entertainment \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$39.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday**

The "High" light tour, cog railway train to top of Pikes Peak  
Including lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Select entrée for each person \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Vegetable

Reunion Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$33.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Select entrée for each person \_\_\_ Halibut \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Steak

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **USS Magoffin Veterans Association** and mail to:

USS MAGOFFIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
% Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
61 Sunrise Drive,  
Edison, NJ 08817

## The Membership with the date through which dues are paid

Alonzo Aguilar – 08, Clyde Alexander – 07, Craig Anderson – 08, Paul Andress - 07, Willis Anson - 07, Leo Ayers – 08, Tom Baker - 06, Clifford Barrick – 06, John Barry – 06, Terry Barta – 08, D. A. Beals – 09, Merble Bellin – 08, Joseph Beninato – 06, Bill Berglin - 07, Phil Berker – 06, Bill Betz Jr. – 06, Kit Birkett – 07, Roland Bispo – 07, Kris Blower – 08, Floyd Carper, Jr. – 09, Charles Cassidy – 06, Wayne Chapman – 08, Jimmy D. Charlton - 07, Raymond Cheely – 08, Mac Christy – 08, Bud Church – 07, Bill Cigler – 07, Pettis O. Clayton – 06, Arthur Corral – 11, Thomas Cota – 09, John Crowley – 07, Don Culpepper – 08, Michael Dejarquette – 07, James A. DeWitt -07, Dick Dickenson - 09, Jack Donnell – 07, Harold Drugan – 08, L.G.Duncan – 07, Kenneth Duttarar – 08, Jeff Eagon – 12, James Earven – 10, Daryl Elliff - 08, Dave Engelman – 08, Francis J. Fitzpatrick – 06, Joe E. Flanagan- 07, Robert Foster – 07, M. Allan Frank – 07, Ray Furlow – 10, Al Gaskill - 07 Richard Gehrich – 06, Lester Gideon -08, Jim Gillivan -06, Paul H. Goguen – 09, Hugh Griffith Jr.- 07, Larry Guenther – 06, Pasquale Guido – 07, Jack W. Hagg - 08, David W. Hammond – 07, William Hancock – 07, Phillip F. Hearn – 06, Jack Heiken - 06, Don Hellmann – 12, Robert Henderson – 09, Joseph Hogard – 08, James Housley – 06, Paul Houze – 07, Don Hummel -11, Carl E. Jennings – 07, Guy Johnson – 07, Jack L. Johnson – 10, Roy Jones – 06, Sheldon Jones – 07, Lawrence Kahbeah – 07, Terry Key – 06, Robert King – 06, Ed Kopczynski – 08, Charles Krebs – 20, Keith Kyle – 06, Wendell Lackner – 07, Erwin Langlo – 07, Jerry Lopez – 08, Thomas Lovett – 06, Herald Lowther - 07, Dan Lukensow – 07, William Lutz Jr. – 07, Fred Mackenzie – 07, Terry Mackey – 07, Robert Marcus – 06, Derrell Maroney – 09, John Masters – 09, Carl McCann – 06, Thomas McCants – 06, Carol McElroy – 08, William McIntyre – 07, Bruce Melsha – 08, Jerry Mihilbach – 07, Fred Miller – 07, David Moore – 09, Tom Moore – 07, James Mozis – 08, Wesley Neal – 07, Louis Noll – 10, Robert O'Brien – 08, Donald Ogburn - 08, Michael O'Hara – 07, Albert Oliveria – 08, Robert Olson- 08, Russ Osborne – 08, Pat Patterson MD – 07, Donald Pavey – 07, John J. Pearce – 08, Charles Phipps - 07, Al Poortvliet – 10, Tex Raily – 06, G Rasmussen, Daniel Rech – 07, EE Renfro - 07 Merval Rhodes – 07, Mike Riley – 10, William Ring – 07, Emmon Rogers – 07, Ellis Roth – 08, Claude Rubeling – 10, Sam Rubin 07, James Saeugling – 07, Ross C. Sakers Jr. – 09, Pat Savage – 10, Wallace Schaeffer, – 06, William Schulz – 09, Don Schirmer – 07, Ronald Shreffler – 07, Wallace Shropshire – 08, Harry Simpson – 09, Larry Skero – 07, Vince Skero – 07, Harold Skow – 07, Fred Small – 06, John Spiese – 08, Ray Spinks – 08, Ralph Springer – 07, Michael Stein – 09, Michael Stevens – 10, Mark Strohman - 06, Bill Stutzman – 08, Gerald Swanson – 07, Wayne Swary – 07, Jim Taylor – 08, Karl Tellefsen – 09, William Tracy – 06, Jim Transou – 06, Harlan Truxillo – 08, John Tull – 08,

Jack Tyson – 09, Ted Vonasek – 06, Eugene Walker - 06, Bill Wall – 07, Richard Wall – 07, Thomas Ward – 06, Charles Whiteley – 08, Wallace Wilhelm – 09, Jesse Wilkinson – 08, Thomas Williamson – 07, James Wilson – 07, Leslie Wilson – 07, Lawrence Wolf – 06, Howard Wood – 07, Jack Wright – 09, Robert Youngs - 07

## Life Members

John D. Adams - Pete Agostini - Junior Carey - Robert-Dixon - James W. Graves - Phillip Gronvold, Lawson Horner - Charles Jardine - Jackson Johnson - William-Kershner - Jerry Montgomery - Tom Nass - Joseph-Petruzzi - Richard Phares - John Pope - Luke Raich - Harold Reece - Wilton Schanzenbach - Thomas Tessar - Billy Joe Logson - James R. Wright

## Renew Your Membership!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10.00 per year.

**Please make checks payable to - USS Magoffin  
Association**

**Please mail dues to:**

**USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION  
Mr. Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
61 Sunrise Drive - Edison, NJ 08817**

## Don't Forget the Raffle

When you are making your plans to attend the Reunion, don't forget to bring something for the Scholarship Fund Raffle. This has always been a major source of money for the fund and even though we have hit our goal we want to keep adding to it. This year will have a stained glass eagle, a Magoffin Coin, a Magoffin mechanical pencil plus what ever you bring. The raffle is always a lot of fun and deserves your support.



## Welcome Aboard

### Magoffin Veterans' Association Bank Balance - Year to Date

BALANCE 01/01/06	<b>\$ 18,217.52</b>
CASH RECEIPTS	
Dues	\$ 725.00
Ship Store	
Reunion	
Scholarship Fund	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 725.00</b>

### CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	
Office Supplies	
Telephone (800)	(6.53)
Shipstore	(30.00)
Reunion Expenses	
Morehead Transfer	
Newsletter	(208.04)
Scholarship	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(\$244.57)</b>

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$ 18,747.95**

(Broken Down as Follows)

<b>Education Fund 01/01/06</b>	<b>\$ 5,065.00</b>
Disbursement (May 2006)	
Transferred Moorehead St	( 5403.11)
Receipts - Reunion	( 5000.00)
Donations Jan-Dec 2006	<u>50.00</u>

**Education Ending Balance** \$ **115.00**

**General Operating Fund** **\$ 18,632.95**

Welcome aboard to the following new members

- **Kris Blower** of Stockton, CA Kris was a LTJG in 4th Division during 64-66.
- **"Bill" Cigler** of Oregon City, OR. Bill was in the Boat Group during 65-97.
- **Jack Donnell** of Lakewood, CO Jack was an MM2 in M Division during 60-63.
- **Lawrence Kahbeah** of Okmulgee, OK Larry was a PF3 in Engineering during 50-52
- **Fred Mackenzie** of Saddlebrooke, AZ. Fred was a LTJG in X Division during 61-63.
- **Larry Skero** of Conroe, TX. Larry was a DK3 in S Division during 64-67
- **Vince Skero** of Conroe, TX Vince was a DK3 in S Division during 64-67
- **Jack Wright** of Las Cruces, NM Jack was a BM3 in 1st and 3rd Divisions during 50-52

Special notes - Vince and Larry Skero are the first brothers that have joined the Association.

Bill Cigler has already sent some nice photos of boat operations and they can be seen on the website

### Dust off that Bosun's Pipe

Okay you Bosun's, dig in that junk drawer, find that old pipe, dust it off and start practicing. At the last reunion we had to resort to hearing an erstwhile Hospital Corpsman strangle a pipe call during our "honoring our past shipmates" ceremony at the annual meeting. This reunion we need a genuine Bosun who knows what he is doing to do the honors. (The corpsman will continue to bring his pipe and but don't need to hear such a rank amateur again)

*Okay, the hospital corpsman was me and it wasn't until after the ceremony that I learned what I had blown was a combination of "Sweepers man your brooms", "Honors" and "Retreat". Please, this time let's get somebody who knows what they are doing to do it right,*

Terry Little, Editor ,Webmaster  
and really bad bosun

### A New Website Feature

On March 15th, the association website, **WWW.USSMAGOFFIN.ORG** will have a new feature titled "Why I joined the Navy". It will give every member the chance to tell in their own words why they joined the Navy.

The idea for the feature was sparked by Travis Pike. He sent me a very nice email which explained why he had joined and how what he learned in the Navy had provided him with a good living for all of his life.

I have a couple of submissions all ready and hopefully will have a few more around the 15th. If you would like to share why you joined the Navy, please send me an email or a letter. The email address is webguy@ussmagoffin.org. The mailing address is the same of the return address on this newsletter.

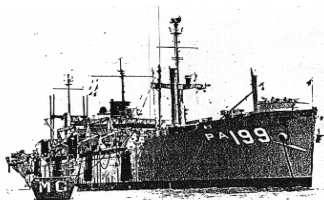
Terry Little

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