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## President's Message

I hope this message finds all of you in good health and enjoying the summer months. I know we are all looking forward to our upcoming reunion in Colorado Springs.

One of the things I would like the crew to discuss is the scholarship fund at Morehead State. As you know we currently give a scholarship every year of \$1000.00. As the years go by, our scholarship will decrease in value for the newer recipients. The current amount will not be as valuable in the coming years if we are not prepared to increase it at some interval. I'm looking to your input between now and reunion time as to what course of action we might want to take to address this concern.

While on the subject of the scholarship don't forget to consider a donation when doing your will or trust.

A reminder that we will need to fill in for Tom Haglage after his many years of dedicated service to the Association as Secretary. Please consider volunteering for this very important position on the Board.

I would like to take this time to thank all of our current Board Members for their service to the Association. Our Crew is fortunate to have such a great group of shipmates working for the good of the ships' company.

Doris and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in September. - Mike

## An Important Note from L.G. Duncan

Dear Shipmates:

With lots of help and encouragement from Mrs. Cyndi I think all arrangements, reservation, menus, hospitality rooms and tour buses for the reunion are set. I think you will find Colorado Springs a great setting for the USS Magoffin 2007 Reunion. The beauty of the Rocky Mountains can't be matched. Your stay will be at the foot of one of the most picturesque mountains, Pikes Peak. You will also find Colorado Springs rich in history with many activities and probably one of the most military friendly communities anywhere. They especially like Navy people because "The Navy has so much more class"!

The Academy Hotel Owners and Staff are unbelievable, they will do anything to make your stay most pleasant with constant personal attention; you will find the facilities most comfortable and very accommodating for visiting and getting reacquainted with old friends and shipmates.

We have arranged some very exciting tours of just a few of the many highlights available in the Colorado Springs area. You will not want to miss any of the sights especially the world unique rock formations

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*www.ussmagoffin.org*

# 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**

Wednesday September 5 through Saturday, September 8, 2007

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

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\*\***

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

**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

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

### **An Important Note - continued**

of the Garden of the Gods, and the top of the world from Pikes Peak. We will visit the beautiful US Air Force Academy Campus at the foot of the Rockies, and get a real taste of the old west in fun and food at the Flying W Ranch.

Please come we want to see you all again. It was wonderful to see all the first timers in San Diego so we are looking forward to seeing you all again in Colorado Springs!

L.G. and Cyndi Duncan

Ps. Please bring raffle items if you can

*(L.G. and Cyndi are the hosts for this years reunion and have worked very hard to provide a real opportunity for fun and friendship.)*

### **Good Advice**

Colorado Springs is over 6000 feet above sea level with 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 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. The tours have a minimum amount of walking and no forced hikes up the mountains! .

L.G. & Cindy Duncan

### **The Raffle**

For those of you who haven't attended a reunion, please let me explain about the "Raffle". Each reunion is an opportunity to raise money for the scholarship fund and for years the fund was supported solely by the receipts from the raffle.

Association members bring items to the reunion that they feel will be of interest to the other members. Sometimes they are purchased items, sometimes they are hand made items, some things are new and some things are memorabilia. All things are welcome.

Some of items that will be up for raffle this time are:

- A mechanical pencil with USS Magoffin on one side and "Git 'er Done, Magoffin" on the



other.

- A USS Magoffin Print by Ian Hall (11"x17")
- An original Revell APA kit model

### **Raffle -continued**



- A Magoffin souvenir coin. Very rare.



- Hand-made stained glass eagle and frame (23"x14")

<b>USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION</b>		
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION YTD</b>		
<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/07</b>		<b>\$ 18,217.52</b>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues	\$ 1,005.00	
Ship Store	291.50	
Reunion	4,470.00	
Scholarship Fund	50.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>5,816.50</b>
<b>CHECK DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Postage	-	
Awards	(95.81)	
Telephone (800)	(21.83)	
Shipstore	(593.32)	
Reunion Expenses	-	
Moorhead State Transfer		
Newsletter	(455.26)	
Scholarship	(5,000.00)	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>(6,166.22)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b><u>\$ 17,867.80</u></b>
(Broken Down as Follows)		
<b>Education Fund Beginning 01/01/07</b>	<b>\$ 5,065.00</b>	
	(5,000.00)	
	50.00	
<b>Education Ending Balance 6/18/07</b>		<b>\$ 115.00</b>
<b>General Operating Fund June 18, 2007</b>		<b><u>\$ 17,752.80</u></b>



## Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to the following new members

- Daniel Childress of Lone Grove, OK. Daniel was an SN in 1st Division in 58-60
- George Fortis of La Plama, CA. George was a LT in charge of 1st Division 56-58
- Theodore Jones of Colorado Springs, CO was an EN in AB 60-61
- John Martin of Topock, AZ was an SN in 2nd Division 56-58
- Richard Scott of Pratt, KS was a Captain and was the last CO of the Magoffin. 67-68

## 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**

## Scholarship updates

The winner of the 2007 scholarship is Justin Casebolt of Salyersville, KY. He will be attending Morehead State University in the fall of 2007. He is the son of Teddy and Deanna Casebolt of Salyersville.

The market value (principal and investment income) of the scholarship fund was \$38,200.14 as of the end of May.

## The New Zealand Report

Mike Riley reports that he is now the President of the American Veteran's in New Zealand. He said that more than 250 people attended their Memorial Day event including the Ambassador and his wife. Mike is hoping to make the Colorado reunion but has found that there aren't many flights from Auckland to Colorado Springs. Mike is one of at least four Magoffin vets who live in foreign countries.



## TAPS

**George Latham Jr.**



George Latham Jr. passed away on December 10th, 2006 in Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Latham was born June 3, 1932, the son of George Young Latham Sr. and Florence Eugenia Nichols Latham Marsh. He was employed most of his life as a pipefitter with Local 681 by International Paper Company and its affiliate, Papco, working in mills in Natchez, Vicksburg, Mobile, Ala., Texarkana, Ark., Pine Bluff, Ark., Silver City, N.M., Ticonderoga, N.Y., and Cali, Columbia. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1950 through 1954 aboard the USS Magoffin during the Korean conflict. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Leona Ruth Fletcher Latham of Natchez; daughter, Karen Rebecca Latham O'Quinn Williams and husband, David, of Natchez; as well as a sister, Jean Stowers, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

## A Webguy Editorial

### *"Teach Your Children"*

Hardly a week goes by that I don't receive a note, email or phone call from a spouse, sibling or child of one of the many men who served aboard the Magoffin. The common thread in these communications is "What did Dad do in the Navy?" - "Does anyone remember my Dad?"

I know that many veteran's don't want to talk about what they did in the service. They think that what they did wouldn't be understood or that others wouldn't really care. Some don't believe that what they did was that important or wasn't heroic or memorable. Some of our veterans don't like to relive some of the experiences that they had.

What veterans don't realize is that once they pass, their family will go through their papers and their mementos and then the conversations will start; "I wish I really knew what Dad did, where he went, who his friends in the service were." etc. Rather than leaving the family with just a flag and a marker, leave them with your memories.

Do your family a favor. Drag out those papers and mementos. Open up the cruise books and photo albums. Sit them down and tell them what your Navy experience was like, what you enjoyed, what you hated, what was most important and something about who your friends were. Sit them in front of the computer and show them the [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org) website with all of its history and photos. Don't leave them guessing. If you really want to make a record that will be cherished, have the video tape camera running while you do your recount. You will be better for it and so will they.

Terry Little  
[Webguy@ussmagoffin.org](mailto:Webguy@ussmagoffin.org)

## **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 - 08, 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. – 11, Vernon Bidinger - 07, Kit Birkett – 07, Rolland Bispo – 07, Kris Blower – 08, Floyd Carper, Jr. – 09, Charles Cassidy – 06, Wayne Chapman – 08, Jimmy D. Charlton - 07, Raymond Cheely – 08, Daniel Childress 08, Mac Christy – 08, Bud Church – 07, Bill Cigler – 07, Arthur Corral – 11, Thomas Cota – 09, John Crowley – 07, Don Culpepper – 08, Michael Dejarnette – 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, George Fortis - 08, Robert Foster – 07, M. Allan Frank – 07, Ray Furlow – 10, Al Gaskill - 07, Richard Gehrich – 07, 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, Tom Haglage - 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 – 08, Sheldon Jones – 07, Theodore Jones - 08, Lawrence Kahbeah – 07, Terry Key – 06, Robert King – 09, Ed Kopczynski – 08, Charles Krebs – 20, Keith Kyle – 09, Wendell Lackner – 07, Erwin Langlo – 07, Terry Little - 10, Jerry Lopez – 08, Thomas Lovett – 06, Herald Lowther - 07, Dan Lukensow – 07, William Lutz Jr. – 07, George Macioce - 08, Fred Mackenzie – 07, Terry Mackey – 07, Robert Marcus – 08, Derrell Maroney – 09, John Martin - 07, John Masters – 09, Carl McCann – 06, Thomas McCants – 06, Carol McElroy – 08, William McIntyre – 07, Bruce Melsha – 08, Jerry Mihlbach – 07, Fred Miller – 07, David Moore – 09, Tom Moore – 07, James Mozis – 08, Wesley Neal – 08, Louis Noll – 10, Robert O'Brien – 08, Donald Ogburn - 08, Michael O'Hara – 07, Albert Oliveria – 08, Robert Olson- 08, Russ Osborne – 08, Robert Paquette -07, 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 - 08, 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, Richard Scott - 08, Bill Showler - 07, Ronald Shreffler – 07, Wallace Shropshire – 08, Harry Simpson – 09, Larry Skero – 07, Vince Skero – 07, Harold Skow – 07, Fred Small – 08, John Spiese – 08, Ray Spinks – 08, Ralph Springer – 07, Michael Stein – 09, Michael Stevens – 10, Mark Strohan - 06, Bill Stutzman – 08, Gerald Swanson – 07, Wayne Swary – 07, Jim Taylor – 08, Karl Tellefsen – 09, William Tracy – 08, Jim Transou – 08, Harlan Truxillo – 08, John Tull – 08,

Jack Tyson – 09, Ted Vonasek – 06, Eugene Walker - 06, Bill Wall – 07, Richard Wall – 07, Thomas Ward – 09, Gilbert Wayson - 07, Charles Whiteley – 08, Wallace Wilhelm – 09, Jesse Wilkinson – 08, Thomas William-son – 07, James Wilson – 07, Leslie Wilson – 07, Lawrence Wolf – 06, Howard Wood – 07, Jack Wright – 09, Robert Youngs - 10

## **Life Members**

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

## **Do you have a suggestion?**

Once every four months, a new edition of the *Magoffin Messenger* is published. Every few weeks, the Association website, [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org) is updated.

While the website has become a repository for the history, memories and photos of the ship and stays fresh, the *Messenger* sometimes runs out of ideas for new and interesting articles and is in danger of becoming very stale. Send us your suggestions for what you would like to see, what you could contribute and even what you don't like. This is your newsletter, help keep it something you want to receive.

## **The Ship's Store**

Various Magoffin items are available from the Ship's store. Items are available from USS Magoffin Association, 104 214th. N.E., Sammamish, WA 98074. Enclose your check or money order made out to the USS Magoffin Association and be sure to include your name and mailing address.

The available items are:

Ball Caps - \$15.00 (One size fits all)

Magoffin enameled lapel pins - \$4.50

Tee Shirts - \$15.00 (be sure to specify the sizes you want. Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and Extra, extra Large)

***See over-fold for photos of these items***



## To the Shores of Tripoli by Fred Thompson

*"From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli,  
We fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.  
First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor  
clean; We are proud to claim the title of United States Ma-  
rine".*

That's from the Marine Corps Hymn, of course, and you can thank me for not singing it. When I was a boy, a lot of America kids knew that verse -- and probably a few more. I hope they still do, but I get the impression that might not be the case.

That's one reason I'd like to spend some time talking about the heritage this song represents. Another reason is that the lyrics hold a history lesson critical to America's future. I realize a lot of you already know this material, but indulge me for the sake of those who might not.

The very first line written for the Marine Corps Hymn, about the shores of Tripoli, refers to America's first foreign war. After the Revolution, U.S. ships were sailing the world in search of trade without British protection. With no real navy to protect our merchants and travelers, American vessels and citizens were being targeted for looting, enslavement and ransom. The enemy was the so-called Barbary pirates -- agents of the North African provinces of the Ottoman Caliphate.

Ransom and protection money were demanded and paid. Stories of terrible treatment of American men and women in the dungeons of North Africa were well known. Behind it all, the country was having a pro- and anti-war debate.

On the one hand were those who took the "no blood for trade" approach. They had legitimate concerns about the cost and political impact of maintaining a standing military. They favored negotiations and payments rather than fighting. For a long time, their side was winning the argument. In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams even went to London to negotiate directly with the envoy from Tripoli.

Several historians and writers have reminded us recently of the ambassador's nearly forgotten answer. Fortunately, Jefferson prepared a written report for the government and left other records of the incident. Here's a description from *The Atlantic Monthly* in 1872:

"Disguising their feelings as best they could, they 'took the liberty to make some inquiries concerning the ground of the pretensions to make war upon nations who had done them no injury.' The ambassador replied that it was written in their Koran, that all nations which had not acknowledged the Prophet were sinners, whom it was the right and duty of the faithful to plunder and enslave."

## Tripoli - *continued*

He claimed every one of their guys who was "slain in this warfare" was sure to go to paradise."

This answer may have helped sway the debate to the side of those who favored military response over further attempts at diplomacy. Some believe it had a personal impact on Jefferson himself, though higher and higher ransoms probably helped too. Congress finally acted, creating the U.S. Navy in 1794. This included approval for the construction and manning of six frigate warships, including the USS Constitution -- which is afloat and commissioned to this day.

Still, though, congress refused to act directly against the Barbary pirates for years. Eventually, between 10 and 20 percent of U.S. revenues would be paid annually without ever buying actual safety for Americans. In the end, Thomas Jefferson acted on his own, sending forces into harm's way. America entered into its first and protracted foreign war. From beginning to end, in fact, the conflict lasted approximately 14 years. I couldn't tell you, by the way, if the Barbary wars were ever described as a "quagmire" or "lost."

I won't describe here the taking of Tripoli by courageous American soldiers. And I sure don't have time to talk about America's eventual victory over the forces of that era's religiously justified terrorism. I would though encourage you to read about it for yourself. It's a great story and it holds an important lesson about the nature of the world.

Sometimes folks around the world mock Americans for not having more of a sense of history. They might be right, but I think it is often for a good reason. Americans are a people who look to the future instead of the past. We hope and believe that things can and will get better. We are more than willing to forgive our old enemies and move forward together in peace. So we tend to forget the bad things we left behind.

Unfortunately, some of our enemies feel differently. They neither forgive nor forget. Listening to the messages of al Qaida's leaders, you understand that they see their old defeats in very personal and contemporary terms. They are in a "long war" against us, even if we don't know it. And they're committed to winning it.

***Fred Thompson is an actor and former U.S. Senator from Tennessee.***

***This article was provided by Mike Stein. It is not intended to be political but informational.***

Ballcap



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Tee Shirts

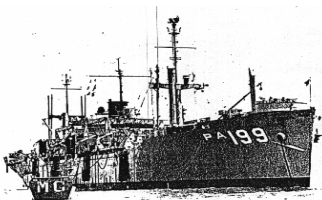


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**Great Additions to the Website**  
Joe Ogradowski has provided some wonderful photos from the Magoffin in the 50's. These include a burial at sea, Operation Passage to Freedom and a highline to the USS Calvert, as well as some other people, places and things. Go to

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