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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Magoffin Shipmates:

With any luck at all, Spring is here. This has been a winter in Virginia that has gone down in the record books for total snowfall and I've seen enough snow. Come on warm weather!

Kay and I were looking to downsize our home, but with the economy being in the state that it is, the housing market isn't great. I guess we will stay here until things improve some.

This has been a fairly good quarter, with not a lot of bad news so far, for the Association and our Shipmates. Everyone I have heard from seems to be doing well, and life seems as good as it gets when our ages are factored in.

I'm somewhat disappointed in the sales through the Ship's Store and the USS Magoffin plaque orders through me. You guys need to give up some of that old mildewed money that you have rat-holed in your mattresses and buy something from the Ship's Store. Ray Furlow will get stale if you don't keep him hoppin'.

Tom and Mary Paul Haglage and the reunion organizer they have hired have been working diligently on the reunion in Nashville. It looks to me like they are putting together a whale of a package for us. Get out your highlighter pens and mark off the days of October 13th to 17th on your calendar, make your reservations and head for the Music City in the fall. Nashville is a great town with a lot of things to do and see. You might want to consider coming a few days early or staying late to spend a little time on your

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own to see even more of what Nashville has to offer. All of the information for the Reunion is in this Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call me.

All of the permanent ID cards that I originally had have now been mailed. If you haven't received one, or we overlooked you, please contact me so I can get with Sam and Mac, and get them to you. Be sure to read the back of the card.

I am still extending the challenge to you all to try to make contact with shipmates who have dropped off the radar for whatever reason, or people that haven't been members in the past, and get them to come on board.

My thanks go out to our Vice President, Mike Stein, Treasurer Joe Beninato, Secretary Tom Haglage, Webmaster Terry Little, and Newsletter Editor Emmon Rogers for all their hard work, assistance, and support. Thank you to all Officers and Directors. Most of all, though, I want to thank all you members for being part of my life. There isn't a day goes by, that I don't think of one or more of you, and pray for all you.

I'm going to make it easy on Emmon this time and make this short and sweet. He won't have to find a way to put my rambling on three or four pages. God bless all of you, and Kay and I hope to see you in Nashville.

IN GOD WE TRUST

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