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

### President's Message

Shipmates, we are getting closer to our scheduled reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, only a little over four months, and one more Newsletter to go. Even though Nashville was hit hard by the floodwaters, the updates we are getting tell us that the prognosis is good. Our planner is in touch with all the venues, and we only have two that are questionable at this time. All others assure us that they will be up- to-speed before the dates of our reunion arrive. Our planner has assured us that if changes are needed they will go seamlessly. Make your plans and reservations as soon as possible, and plan on having a good time. Hell, even if we ended up being locked up in the hotel, we could still drink and tell lies (I mean sea stories). Don't let it detour you from coming.

I want to again thank everyone for the support the Association has received, and the officers and crew for all their hard work. I would like to remind everyone to shop at the ship's store and to contact me if you are interested in one of the ship's medallion plaques. Each of the items are high quality, and the prices are great.

On a personal note, I will be having back surgery on the 19th of July. It is going to be rather severe, so only time will tell if I am able to make it to the reunion. If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of my self. Looking back, jumping out of perfectly good aircraft, riding bareback and saddle broncs, and driving trucks for 32 years might not have been such a good idea. Oh well, it felt good at the time. I will update everyone in the next newsletter, and I should know how everything is going by then. God's speed and fair winds to you all.

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## Vice President's Message

One of the great things about being the Vice President is that in my message I can just sort of ramble on as the President has taken care of all the important business in what he has included in his message to the crew.

Emmon Rogers in his e-mail to me noted that he wanted my input as he was shooting for his mailing before the Memorial Day weekend. The mention of Memorial Day, as well as my spending the last ten weeks watching "The Pacific" on HBO reminded me that 65 years ago from early April until the middle of June 1945, our first crew and the "Maggie" were participating in the last great battle of World War II. They were also earning the ship's first battle star. From all of us that later served aboard this fine ship, our deepest thanks and respect to all you who served during the Second World War.

On a somewhat more personal note, and because I won't see everyone at the reunion in October, I need to express my thanks to some special crewmembers. Since 1982 I have been a collector of police patches from around the nation and the world. Over the years many of you have been kind enough to assist me, and the collection has grown and been displayed at the Escondido Police Department.

In early May our city dedicated a new police-fire-facility and it was my honor to present to the department its newest board of police shoulder patches. This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> board on display that now includes a total of 925 patches. Thanks to all those crewmembers for their contributions over the years.

Finally, a reminder that's mostly for those who may be attending the reunion for the first time: Please remember to bring items for the Morehead State Scholarship auction.

Doris and I look forward to seeing everyone in Nashville in October.

Mike Stein  
Vice President

## Treasurer's Report

Joe Beninato has provided the following Bank Reconciliation as of May 28, 2010:

<b>USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION</b>		
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>		
<b>Year-to-Date May 28, 2010</b>		
<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/2010</b>		<b>\$16,524.56</b>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues	\$960.00	
Ship Store	339.95	
Reunion	757.00	
Scholarship Fund	0.00	
Plagues	70.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,126.95</b>
<b>CHECK DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Postage	0.00	
Awards	0.00	
Telephone (800)	(10.00)	
Shipstore	(87.50)	
Reunion Expenses	(5,866.95)	
Plagues	(48.48)	
Moorehead State Transfer	0.00	
Newsletter	(360.84)	
Membership Cards	0.00	
Checks & Deposits Tickets	(33.00)	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>(6,406.77)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE 05/28/2010</b>		<b>\$12,244.74</b>
(Broken Down as Follows)		
<b>Welfare Fund</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Education Fund Beginning</b>		
<b>Balance 01/01/2010</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Reunion	0.00	
Disbursement	0.00	
Transferred to Moorehead State	0.00	
Donations Jan-Dec 2010	0.00	
<b>Education Fund Ending</b>		
<b>Balance 05/28/2010</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>General Fund Ending Balance 05/28/2010</b>		<b>\$10,744.74</b>

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS LISTING

Here's a listing as of May 28, 2010 showing the membership status of Crew Members:

### Life Members

Jane Adams, Evelyn Agostini, Carol Carey, Celeste Graves, Marylou Jardine, Ruth Latham, Marilyn Petruzzi, Wilma Phares, Charlene Pope, Betty Raich, Macky Reece, Wilma Schanzenbach, Donna Tessar, Keta Woodall

### Members with Dues paid thru 2009

Clyde Alexander, Leo Ayers, D.A. Beals, Bill Berglin, Ronald Bjork, F. E. Bud Church, Larry Church, Thomas R. Cota, Robert Foster, Al Gaskill, Paul H. Goguen, William Gossett, Jr., Robert Henderson, Carl E. Jennings, Roy Jones, Erwin Langlo, Laurus Lehwalder, John B. Little, Jr., Tom Lopez, Dan Lukensow, William Lutz, Jr., Fred Mackenzie, Richard McDonald, Dennis Molloy, Robert Paquette, Donald E. Pavey, Daniel Rech, Harry Simpson, Harold Skow, Martin Sours, Roger Stoltz, Mark Strohman, Karl Telefsen, Jim Transou, Gilbert Wayson, Leslie Wilson, Larry Woods

### Members with dues paid thru 2010

Terry Barta, Richard Bee, Joseph Beninato, Dan Biggio, Daniel Childress, Mac Christy, John Crowley, Michael Dejarnette, Jack Donnell, L.G. Duncan, David Engelmann, Francis J. Fitzpatrick, M. Allan Frank, Ray Furlow, Jack W. Hagg, William Hancock, Ronald Huntress, Guy Johnson, Jack L. Johnson, Theodore Jones, Ed Kopczynski, Wendell Lackner, Jerry Lopez, George Macioce, Robert Mancuso, William McIntyre, James Mozis, Louis Noll, Albert Oliveria, Robert Olson, Pat Patterson, M.D., Charles Peterson, Al Poortvliet, G. Rasmussen, E.E. Renfro, Mike Riley, William Ring, Emmon Rogers, Ellis Roth, Sam Rubin, Pat Savage, Don Schirmer, Fred Small, Michael P. Stein, Michael G. Stevens, Gerald Swanson, Wayne Swary, Harlan Truxillo, Richard Wall, Charles Whiteley, Jesse Wilkinison, Thomas Williamson, Howard Wood, Jack Wright, Robert Youngs,

### Members with dues paid thru 2011

Craig Anderson, Merble Bellin, Bill Betz, Jr., Vernon Bidinger, Kit Birkett, Floyd Carper, Jr., Wayne Chapman, Arthur Corral, Dick Dickerson, Wesley Eaton, Daryl Ellif, Joe Ford, Richard Gehrich, Don Hummel, Terry Key, Robert King, Thomas Lovett, Bruce Melsha, Andrew Miller, Robert O'Brien, Charles Phipps, Ralph D. "Tex" Railey, Emory Riseley, Claude Rubeling, Ronald Shreffler, Wallace Shropshire, John G. Spiese, Ralph Springer, Bill Stutman, Ted Vonasek, Bill Wall, Thomas A. Ward, Wallace Wilhelm

### Members paid thru 2012

Paul Andress, Willis Anson, Jeff Eagon, James Earven, Pasquale Guido, Thomas Haglage, Don Hellmann, Paul Houze, Herald Lowther, Terry Mackey, Derrell Maroney, John Masters, Billy Maxwell, Jerry Mihlbach, David Moore, Michael O'Hara, James Saeugling, William Schulz, Jack Tyson

### Members paid thru 2013 and later

Raymond Cheely 2013, Lester Gideon 2013, Eugene Walker 2013, Keith Kyle 2014, Terrence Little 2014, Fred Miller 2014, Ross C. Sakers, Jr. 2014, George Fotis 2016, Don Culpepper 2018, Charles Krebbs 2020

### New Members

Ronald Huntress, Belvidere, Illinois was aboard in 1961 to 1964. Robert Mancuso, Aurora, Colorado was in R Division from 1956 to 1959. Welcome aboard to our new members.

### Help Recruit New Members

Help your Association officers and directors recruit new members or assist by contacting prior members that have let their membership lapse. Check the membership listing on this page, and if some of your friends that were members in the past have not renewed, give them a call and let them know about the Nashville Reunion in October. Encourage them to renew their membership and come to Nashville this fall.

### Renew Your Membership

Dues for 2010 and future years are presently \$20.00 per year, as approved by the membership at the Crew Meeting at the Norfolk Reunion in May 2009. Dues payments received after May 28, 2010 will be reflected in the next issue of the Magoffin Messenger.

If you are paying pay your dues for 2010, or desire to pay your dues for future years, please use the form below:

### USS MAGOFFIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Payment for which Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Years Onboard Magoffin \_\_\_\_\_

Rate/Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
USS Magoffin Association.  
Membership Dues are \$20.00 per year  
Mail dues payments to:  
USS Magoffin Association  
Mr. Joe Beninato, Treasurer  
61 Macy Street  
Raynham, MA 02767



## The Ship's Store



Ray Furlow has continued to add new items for members of the crew.

1. **USS Magoffin Baseball cap** - \$15.00 each High quality black adjustable baseball cap with "USS Magoffin APA-199" and the ship's picture on the front.
2. **The Magoffin coffee mug** – \$10.00 each Ceramic mug with the ship's logo, a picture of the Magoffin and "No Beach Beyond Our Reach" printed on it.
3. **The Magoffin Tee Shirt** - \$15.00 each – White brand name tee shirt with USS Magoffin and the ship's picture on the front. Perfect for the hot summer days. Various sizes.
4. **The Magoffin lapel pin** - \$5.00 each – Has the ship's logo on an enameled pin.
5. **The Magoffin patch** - \$5.00 each – A 3" patch to sew on your jacket or vest.
6. **Magoffin can cooler (Coozies)** - \$3.00 each – Keep your canned beverage cool and show your pride in your ship. Available in a variety of colors.
7. **Magoffin Letter Opener** - \$2.00 each
8. **Pins from the Colorado, California or Norfolk Reunions** - \$4.00 each
9. **Special Order High Quality Collared "USS Magoffin" shirts** – With or without pockets. Lettering and ship's outline embroidered on the front. Prices vary with size and type. Call Ray at 1-888-893-4347 for more information or visit the Ship's Store page on the website.

These items are all "Plus Shipping". See the website for shipping charges.

To see these items on the internet, visit [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org). You may obtain a more detailed description and obtain an order form online at that website. To contact Ray Furlow, call him toll-free at 1-888-893-4347, email him at [rsfurlow@hotmail.com](mailto:rsfurlow@hotmail.com) or send a letter to Ray Furlow, USS Magoffin Association, 2525 Cobden School Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920.

**USS Magoffin Wooden Plaque** with a raised Ship's Medallion and a personalized name plate is now available. A photo of the plaque was shown on page 3 of the Fall 2009 Magoffin Messenger. The cost of the plaque is \$35.00, which includes the shipping cost. To order, call Jim "Bucky" Earven at 540-337-0290 to arrange for payment and shipment of the plaque with a custom plate

**USS Magoffin APA-199 Veteran's Association Reunion  
Radisson Hotel at Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee  
October 13-17, 2010**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

Welcome to the Nashville Reunion! Let's gather in the **Hospitality Room** for "Meet n' Greet" along with some Blue Grass musical entertainment by the "Hands of Time". Dinner is on your own.

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Crew Meeting** in the Hospitality Room

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Opryland Hotel/Opry Mills Tour** "Shop Til Ya Drop" \$15.00 includes **Lunch**  
(*Opryland Hotel and Rainforest Café subject to availability*)

**Ladies**...take the free shuttle over to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel (if it is available) and meander about the hotel's beautiful nine acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and indoor river with its own Delta Flatboat. Then, after the Mall opens at 9:00 a.m., take the shuttle over to Opry Mills Mall which contains over 200 stores for your shopping pleasure. At 11:00 in the Opry Mills Mall, enjoy a light and tasty meal in the Rainforest Café's tropical jungle paradise. Crew members will join you at the Café after the Crew Meeting.

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Lunch at the Rainforest Café** \$15.00 All Inclusive (*Location subject to change*)

**Shipmates** - After the Crew Meeting, hop on the shuttle and join the Ladies for lunch at the famous Rainforest Café, which is located in the Opry Mills Mall.

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Great State of Tennessee Tour**, \$10.00 All Inclusive

We will depart from the Rainforest Café and head for Nashville to visit the majestic Tennessee State Capitol, completed in 1859, and designed after the monument of Lysicrates in Athens, Greece. It features numerous works of art, historical murals and frescos. We will tour the House and Senate chambers and library...and with any luck, enjoy a visit with our Mayor Phil Bredesen.

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **"Up the Lazy River" River and Show Boat Cruise** \$81.00 All Inclusive

All Aboard! The General Jackson Riverboat is one of the largest riverboats in this country. With four massive decks and a beautiful two-story Victorian Theatre located in the center, you will enjoy cocktails on the top deck with music to enjoy as you start lazily down the Cumberland River towards Nashville. Take a musical journey with us as we cruise the Cumberland River. Join us as we explore the history of country music through the songs that gave a voice to America. We'll start with the music of country legends like Hank Williams, Patsy Cline and other icons of the Grand Ole Opry. We'll explore the hits of the 90's from Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton. And finally, we'll enjoy the blockbuster hits of country music today through the music of Carrie Underwood and Rascal Flatts. This authentic American musical journey includes a delicious prime rib dinner and a three-hour cruise.

**Friday, October 15, 2010**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Civil War Tour – Battle of the South** \$64.00 All Inclusive

You will be on your "Way Down South in Dixie" as we load up and head for a quaint southern town of Franklin where we will visit Carnton Plantation...the home of John and Carrie McGavock. They were forever changed as their home turned into the largest Confederate field hospital during the Battle of Franklin. There you will walk about the grounds, battlefield, and stroll through a small but authentic military cemetery of the soldiers that fell on this day, November 30, 1864. Then, we will take a short trip over to the Carter House, home of Fountain Branch Carter. It was caught in the middle of one of the bloodiest battles of the American Civil War. Evidence of over 1,000 bullet holes remain on site including the most damaged building from the Civil War. The Battle of Franklin was a turning point in a decisive campaign and saw the beginning of the downfall of the Confederacy.

Hungry yet? Let's head on over to the Factory and eat at the sassy but cool restaurant ... Sapphires. We will spend a little time there as there is more shopping to do at the Factory. It is home to a collection of stores offering a delightful array of antique stores, artwork, gifts, bath, body...and more. It is an experience like none other in Middle Tennessee. Built in 1929, the sprawling complex was bought seven years ago and after an environmental cleanup, the facility opened. Today, The Factory at Franklin is home to 83 tenants.

**Friday, October 15, 2010 (continued)**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Country Western Ho-Down and BBQ Dinner** \$73.00 All Inclusive

Feel the Music City heartbeat at the Wildhorse Saloon. Saloon owners (Gaylord Entertainment) turned a three level historic warehouse into a 66,000 sq ft live music and dance destination. While having a delectable BBQ Buffet meal, enjoy a line dance around the floor with one of the Wildhorse Line Dance Instructors...or just dance to your heart's delight! Bring your cowboy hat and kerchief...and get ready to 'shake a leg'!

**Saturday, October 16, 2010**

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Nashville History Tour** \$55.00 All Inclusive

The Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park is located in the shadow of the State Capitol in downtown and natural wonders. Stop at the Bicentennial Mall for Photo Op's at State of Tennessee Map, State Capitol, Railroad Trestle and the Rivers of Tennessee Fountains. Then take a short Bus Excursion alongside the Farmer's Market, the Pathway of History, World War II Memorial and then briefly stop to listen to the Sounds of the Carillon.

The Parthenon stands proudly as the centerpiece of Centennial Park, Nashville's premier urban park. Learn the history of the building of Nashville's Parthenon and why Nashville is called the "Athens of the South". Tour its Art Gallery, Museum, the Greek Goddess Athena and the Park Grounds.

Next, we are going to take a short trip over to our Country Music Hall of Fame for a museum tour and lunch. It has been the home of America's music since 1967. It's also a museum that honors the people who their music was made for. Those people are all of us, people who've ever been lost or confused or sad or felt excluded. This museum helps to preserve these tributes to our traditions.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **USS Magoffin Banquet**

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (cash bar) followed by dinner/banquet at 7:00 p.m. and the raffle of items from your home state.

Georgia Pecan Crusted Chicken	\$44.00 All Inclusive
Grilled North Atlantic Salmon	\$47.00 All Inclusive
Filet of Beef with Red Wine Sauce	\$50.00 All Inclusive
Veggie Plate	\$44.00 All Inclusive

Dinner includes Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Season Veggies, Salad, Breads and Water/Tea.  
Dessert: White Chocolate Raspberry Crème Brulee.

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

Going Home...Hope you had a great time!

**Hotel Information**

Room rates are \$82.00 per night, plus 9.25% Tennessee Sales Tax, 6% Occupancy Tax and \$2.50 per room city tax. The rate is based on single or double occupancy, and each additional person above double occupancy is \$10.00 per night. (Rates do not include breakfast.) The hotel's on-site restaurant for casual dining is Applebee's Bar and Grill, which has a breakfast buffet available for purchase. Free internet service is available, and the hotel is a non-smoking facility. Use the website [www.radisson.com/ussmagoffin](http://www.radisson.com/ussmagoffin) for reservations. If you would like to call the hotel directly for reservations, please contact:

**Radisson Hotel at Opryland, 2401 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37214**  
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-333-3333 Local Phone: 1-615-889-0800  
Please tell reservations you are with the **USS Magoffin Group**

If you would like to arrive early or stay late, rooms are available at the same rate to include October 10 to 20, 2010.

*Information regarding the tours and activities was provided by Caldwell Travel, Brentwood, Tennessee*

*Order Form for the October 13 to 17, 2010 Nashville, Tennessee USS Magoffin Reunion*

Please fill out this form and mail it with a check made out to  
 USS Magoffin Veteran's Association to  
 Mr. Joe Beninato, 61 Macy Street, Raynham, MA 02767

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or significant other \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Ladies)

Opry Mills Tour and Lunch at Rainforest Café (Lunch at 11:00 a.m.)

(Subject to Availability) \$15.00 per person # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Crew Members)

Lunch at Rainforest Café at the Opry Mills Mall \$15.00 per person # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Civil War Tour – Battle of the South: Town

Of Franklin, Carter House, Factory at

Franklin and lunch at Sapphires . . . . . \$64.00 per person # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Filet of Beef with Red Wine Sauce . . . . . \$50.00 per person # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veggie Plate . . . . . \$44.00 per person # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee for each Crew Member . . . . . \$ 30.00

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*Good News: The schedule of the Nashville Reunion hasn't been affected by the recent floods. Save these dates:*

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Hospitality Room Reception

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*Look inside this newsletter for more information on Reunion activities*