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

### President's Message

First of all, I want to apologize for not being able to make it to Nashville. I want to send my best wishes to Betty Ruben and to Claude Rubeling. From all accounts everyone had a great time. I want to thank Tom and Mary Paul Haglage and Jill Wiseman for all their hard work putting everything together. I want to thank the crew-members in attendance for their vote of confidence. Also, I want to give a personal thank you to Harlan Truxillo for making sure there was enough booze to fuel the sea stories in the hospitality room.

From the report I received, Texas was where the crew thought the next reunion should be held. There wasn't a member to volunteer to host anywhere, so Joe, Mike, and I sort of took the ball and ran with it. I have made initial contact with the city of San Antonio, and we are getting some proposals to see what they have to offer. It was most graciously pointed out to me that San Antonio isn't in the proper time zone but El Paso is the only city of any size that is in the proper zone, and I'll not take our shipmates to a war zone. I have been flooded with hotel proposals and there are a lot of choices. There appears to be a lot of interesting things to do and see and we can choose what looks good for us. Cost and amenities will be the main factor for making the choice as usual. Dates and schedule will be tuned and we will get the word out as soon as possible.

As you will note in the minutes of the meeting, the assistance program was eliminated. I'll not make any comments in that regard. I have instructed Joe to put the assistance money back in the general fund. The auction did very well, and I want to thank Sheryl Furlow and her team for their hard work. Thank you to all who donated items for the auction.

Now for the not-so-good news. When all the pennies and dimes were counted, the reunion lost money. I'll not go into all the details; you can see that in the Treasurer's report. Joe has asked if it would be feasible to raise the registration fee from \$30 to \$50. It will help offset some cost. In the future if there isn't a member host available, a team will be put together to do the organizing, instead of using outside organizers. We don't ever plan to make a profit from a reunion, but breaking even is the goal, and a must.

I want to say "thank you" to all of you for your continued support of the association. Each year the membership declines some due to our age, and the support and involvement of the members is the only way we can continue to move forward. Please feel free to contact Mike Stein or me if there is anything you would like to say, or if there is something you would like to assist with. We will welcome all the help we can get.

Kay and I hope with all our heart that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving, and we send you wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year that brings you good health and contentment.

IN GOD WE TRUST

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## Vice-President's Message

What a wonderful reunion! Our get-together in Nashville was a wonderful experience for all who attended. On behalf of the attendees, I would like to express our thanks to Tom & Mary-Paul Haglage for all of their efforts in making the reunion in Nashville such a success. I need to also express our thanks to Ray & Sheryl Furlow for their efforts. Ray attended to the ship's store while Sheryl took charge of organizing the raffle for the Morehead State scholarship fund.

While at the reunion I was approached by one of the members who asked as to why we hadn't had an election of officers or directors for some time? Good question. Other than the change from President and Vice-President in Norfolk the board has stayed pretty much intact. This year we have selected a new Bosun to replace Pasquale Guido this year. I think this is a good point to be discussed at our next reunion. I'm asking any members of the association who would be interested in serving as an officer or director of the association contact me before our next reunion so we can take appropriate action at the crew's meeting.

Lastly, don't forget that it's time to pay annual dues for those who have a membership expiring at the end of the year. If you can afford a couple of year's worth, we can save a little wear and tear on our Treasurer, Joe Beninato.

Smooth sailing and calm winds,

Mike Stein  
Vice-President

## Treasurer's Report

Joe Beninato has provided the following  
Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2010

<b>USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION</b>		
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>		
<b>Year-to-Date November 30, 2010</b>		
<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/10</b>		<b>\$ 16,524.56</b>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues	\$ 2,360.00	
Ship Store	1,426.86	
Reunion	19,254.00	
Scholarship Fund	1,025.00	
Plagues	70.00	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>24,135.86</b>
<b>CHECK DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Postage	0.00	
Awards	0.00	
Telephone (800)	(10.00)	
Shipstore	(1,685.54)	
Reunion Expenses	(20,548.50)	
Plagues	(46.46)	
Moorehead State Transfer	0.00	
Newsletter	(680.70)	
Membership Cards	0.00	
Checks & Deposits Tickets	(33.00)	
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(23,006.22)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>11/30/2010</b>	<b>\$ 17,654.20</b>
(Broken Down as Follows)		
<b>Welfare Fund</b>	1,500.00	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Education Fund Beginning 01/01/10</b>	\$0.00	
Reunion	1,025.00	
Disbursement	0.00	
Transferred to Moorehead State	0.00	
Donations Jan-Dec 2010	0.00	
<b>Education Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$ 1,025.00</b>
<b>General Fund Ending Balance</b>	<b>11/30/2010</b>	<b>\$ 15,129.20</b>

### **Daniel Burt Childress** **January 4, 1938 – April 24, 2010**

Dan Childress passed away on April 24, 2010 at his home in Lone Grove, Oklahoma. He leaves his wife Betty; children David and Paula, Keven and Nikky, Rodney and Vicky; sisters Helen, Ruth and Nelda; several nieces and nephews and many friends to mourn him.

Dan served in the USS Magoffin in the First Division from 1958 to 1960. He had a long career in public law enforcement, and he served as Sheriff, Chief of Police and U.S. Marshall. He was also very involved in Veteran's organizations.

**USS Magoffin APA - 199  
15th Reunion - Nashville, TN.  
Crew Meeting Minutes of Oct. 14, 2010**

At 0903, in the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Stein. The members present were then asked by Stein to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Honors were then rendered to those shipmates who had passed away since the last reunion. Those shipmates are:

Childress, Daniel B.  
Duttaner, Kenneth M.  
Pasquale, Guido  
Powell, Wm. M. III  
Raker, Richard T.  
Rhodes, Mervel D.  
Vander Wouyer, Marinus L.

Secretary Tom Haglage then read the minutes of the last crew meeting in Norfolk, VA. The minutes were approved as read by the members present. Stein then broached the subject of the vacant bos'n position and requested nominations to fill that vacancy. Shipmate Bob Youngs was the only nominee and was unanimously approved by the members present to fill that position.

At this time the performance of our president, Jim Earven, was brought before the membership, at his (Earven's) request. The president had asked the VP to express his (Earven's) regrets that, because of his health issues, he could not attend this reunion and that if his shipmates felt that his duties could be better performed by someone else, he would accept that decision; Earven had stated to Stein that he did not want to be a burden to the Association. After a VERY short discussion, the members agreed overwhelmingly that President Earven was fulfilling his duties in an exemplary manner and that no change was necessary. At this point (0920), Stein called for a short break.

At 0930, VP Stein called the meeting back to order. As there was no apparent old business to be discussed, Stein raised the topic of the next reunion to be held in the Mountain Time Zone and asked if any member present who resided in the MTZ would be willing to host a reunion. There were NO volunteers. An in-depth discussion then ensued with several shipmates suggesting various locations in Texas as the next reunion site and each presented his reasons for a gathering there. After much back-and-forth banter, it was generally agreed that Texas should be the location of the next reunion, the exact location to be determined at a later time by the Board of Directors.

The subject of finding crew members was brought up by shipmate Kopczynski and a lengthy chat on that topic then took place with several shipmates contributing their ideas. At this point, shipmate Truxillo was recognized and he proceeded to present his thoughts about the Member Assistance program. Several members present spoke in agreement with Truxillo's ideas, one of which was to repeal the program. Shipmate Christy shared his thoughts of "funds" and the +'s and -'s of each. An open discussion took place by several shipmates concerning funding of the scholarship and assistance funds. Shipmate Haglage spoke of the effort involved in establishing the scholarship fund on a permanent basis. Shipmate Risely expressed his

## Crew Meeting Minutes of Oct. 14, 2010 (Continued)

feelings of remorse for having voted to approve the Member Assistance fund. Shipmate Anson then made a motion to repeal the program - motion seconded by shipmate Duncan; motion approved with two opposed. The attendees then decided that if any future member assistance was needed, it would be provided by requesting individual donations from the membership. After a short discussion, it was also decided that all future raffle money would go into the scholarship fund.

The \$30 reunion registration fee was then questioned and a detailed and precise explanation was provided by VP Stein.

A suggestion was then made, and accepted, that member assistance \$ be provided by shipmates VOLUNTARILY adding extra dollars to their reunion registration fees. VP Stein then recognized new members Mancuso and McGraw to stand and introduce themselves.

Stein then opened the meeting to any topic that any member might wish to discuss. Shipmate Christy spoke of his experiences with reunion arrangements and procedures and of restoring a DE in TX. Risely spoke of an LSD restoration. Youngs spoke of scaling back reunion expenses; Christy again shared some other reunion experiences and how to cut expenses. Haglage spoke of how expenses were cut at the present (Nashville) reunion. Shipmate Hagg spoke of the volume of work involved on the Hornet restoration in the San Francisco Area.

VP Stein then asked if there was any further business to be addressed – or comments of any nature. There were none. Stein asked shipmate Little for a motion to adjourn. Motion made, seconded, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 1012.

Respectively Submitted,

*Tom Haglage, Secy.*

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USS Magoffin Veterans Assoc.

### A Note from Tom and Mary Paul Haglage

To all that attended the Nashville Reunion:

Tommy and I want to express our thanks and gratitude to all of you who did so much to make the reunion a wonderful success and to all that came such long distances to share your time with all your shipmates. It was so nice to see new members at the reunion as well.

Though it was a lot of work putting the Nashville reunion together, the reward was great and it was so much fun being with each of you again. We hope everyone had a good time. We certainly were blessed with good weather during our four-day reunion – a big "Thank You" to the Lord above! We hope, too, everyone enjoyed the music we provided to make you feel a "Nashville Welcome".

I personally want to thank the association for the nice \$50.00 gift certificate that was presented to me at the banquet. That certainly was not expected. I sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Tommy and I both look forward to seeing you all again at our next reunion in Texas. Thank you once again for coming to Nashville. It sure was fun, y'all.

Love and Best Wishes to our Magoffin Family,

Tommy and Mary Paul

P.S. We sure missed seeing both Jim Earven and Joe Beninato. Hope all is going well with each of you. See you in Texas in 2012!

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS LISTING

Here's a listing as of November 30, 2010 showing the membership status of Crew Members:

### Life Members

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

### Members with dues paid thru 2009

Clyde Alexander, Leo Ayers, Ronald Bjork, Larry Church, Thomas R. Cota, Robert Foster, Robert Henderson, Roy Jones, Laurus Lehwalder, John B. Little, Jr., William Lutz, Jr., Robert Paquette, Harry Simpson, Harold Skow, Roger Stoltz, Jim Transou, Larry Woods

### Members with dues paid thru 2010

Richard Bee, Joseph Beninato, Dan Biggio, Mac Christy, John Crowley, Michael Dejarnette, Jack Donnell, David Engelmann, Francis J. Fitzpatrick, M. Allan Frank, Ray Furlow, Jack W. Hagg, William Hancock, Joe Holloman, Ronald Huntress, Carl E. Jennings, Guy Johnson, Jack L. Johnson, Theodore Jones, Lawrence Kahbeah, Ed Kopczynski, Wendell Lackner, Jerry Lopez, Tom Lopez, George Macioce, Fred Mackenzie, Robert Mancuso, Michael McGraw, Dennis Molloy, Louis Noll, Donald Ogborn, Albert Oliveria, Pat Patterson, M.D., Charles Peterson, G. Rasmussen, Daniel Rech, Mike Riley, William Ring, Emmon Rogers, Ellis Roth, Pat Savage, Don Schirmer, Fred Small, Martin Sours, Gene Spores, Michael P. Stein, Michael G. Stevens, Wayne Swary, Harlan Truxillo, Charles Whiteley, Jesse Wilkinison, Thomas Williamson, Howard Wood, Jack Wright, Robert Youngs

### Members with dues paid thru 2011

Craig Anderson, Merble Bellin, Bill Berglin, Bill Betz, Jr., Vernon Bidinger, Kit Birkett, Floyd Carper, Jr., Wayne Chapman, F. E. Bud Church, Arthur Corral, Dick Dickerson, Wesley Eaton, Daryl Ellif, Joe Ford, Al Gaskill, Richard Gehrich, Paul H. Goguen, William Gossett, Jr., Don Hummel, Terry Key, Robert King, Erwin Langlo, Thomas Lovett, Dan Lukensow, William McIntyre, Bruce Melsha, Andrew Miller, James Mozis, Robert O'Brien, Robert Olson, Charles Phipps, Ralph D. "Tex" Railey, Emory Riseley, Claude Rubeling, Sam Rubin, Ronald Shreffler, Wallace Shropshire, John G. Spiese, Ralph Springer, Mark Strohman, Bill Stutzman, Ted Vonasek, Bill Wall, Thomas A. Ward, Gilbert Wayson, Wallace Wilhelm

### Members with dues paid thru 2012

Paul Andress, Willis Anson, Terry Barta, D.A. Beals, L.G. Duncan, Jeff Eagon, James Earven, Thomas Haglage, Don Hellmann, Paul Houze, Herald Lowther, Terry Mackey, Derrell Maroney, John Masters, Billy Maxwell, Richard McDonald, Jerry Miihlbach, David Moore, Michael O'Hara, Donald E. Pavey, E.E. Renfro, James Saeugling, William Schulz, Gerald Swanson, Jack Tyson, Richard Wall, Leslie Wilson

### 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, Karl Tellefsen 2014, George Fotis 2016, Don Culpepper 2018, Charles Krebbs 2020, Al Poortvliet 2020

### New Member

Gene Spores, Springfield, Oregon was in Master-Arms Division from 1952 to 1953. Welcome aboard, Gene.

### 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 were members in the past and have not renewed their membership, give them a call as ask them to renew.

### Renew Your Membership

Dues for 2011 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 November 30, 2010 will be reflected in the next issue of the Magoffin Messenger. If you are paying pay your dues for 2011, 2012 or beyond, please use the form below:

### USS MAGOFFIN VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Spouse's 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

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all of the Reunion attendees who contributed items for the raffle which raises money for the Magoffin County Scholarship Program at Morehead State University.

### RAFFLE ITEM

Horn of Plenty Decoration  
Harvest Wreath and Sign  
Candle Centerpiece  
Blue Bird Night Light  
Tissue Box Cover  
Note Cards  
Wild Turkey  
Apple Candle  
Afghan  
Heart Light Catcher  
Carnival Glass Bowl  
Ship Coffee Mug  
Snowball  
Antique Pitcher and Glasses  
Magoffin Shawl  
Two Homemade Scarves  
Bird House  
49 Chevy Shore Patrol Model  
Magoffin Throw  
Light Houses  
Two Magoffin Plaques  
Rigging Knife  
Victory at Sea Videos  
Book - Navy Ships  
Book - U.S. Navy in Viet Nam  
Book - Viet Nam River Craft  
Basket  
Musical Bear  
Navy Throw  
Wooden Navy Plaque  
Coffee Cup and Note Pad  
Amer. Expedition Coaster Set  
Tea Basket  
"Some Gave All" Banner  
Harmonica  
Cowboy Boots  
Ship Door Knocker  
North Carolina Wine and Nuts  
Hand Made Afghan  
Needle Point  
Cowboy Hat  
Candle  
Coat – Black  
Cap – Navy  
Navy Pillow  
Navy Book  
Desk Set  
Pearl Harbor Book  
Magoffin County Basket  
Christmas Brooch  
Navy Book  
Blue Jacket Manual – 1940  
Indian Jewelry & Nautical Towel

### CONTRIBUTED BY

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Jerry and Angela Miihibach  
Mike and Doris Stein  
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Dan and Carolyn Biggio  
Mayna Shropshire  
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Tracey and Bill Schulz  
Jerry Lopez  
Tom and Mary Paul Haglage  
Tracy and Bill Schulz  
Jim Earven  
Bill Schulz  
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Betty Jo Taylor  
Betty Jo Taylor  
Ray and Sheryl Furlow  
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Emory Riseley  
Darlene Riseley  
Betty Jo Taylor  
Betty Jo Taylor  
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Willis Anson  
Emmon and Diane Rogers  
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Terry and Judi Little  
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**Items available from the Ship's Store are listed below:**

**USS Magoffin Baseball Cap** – High Quality dark blue adjustable cap with "USS Magoffin APA-199" and the ship's picture on the front. \$15.00 each.

**The Magoffin Coffee Mug** – Ceramic Mug with the ship's logo, picture of the Magoffin and "No Beach Beyond Our Reach" printed on it. \$10.00 each

**The Magoffin Tee Shirt** – White brand name tee shirt with "USS Magoffin" and the ship's picture on the front. Various sizes: S, M, L, XL, & XXL. \$15.00 each. See [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org) for more information on sizes and colors.

**The Magoffin Lapel Pin** – Pin has the ship's logo on an enameled base. \$5.00 each.

**The Magoffin Patch** – A 3" patch to sew on your jacket or vest. \$5.00

**Magoffin Can Cooler (Coozies)** - Keep your beverage cool and show pride in your ship. Available in a variety of colors, Red, Green, Black, Light Blue, Navy Blue. \$3.00 each.

**Magoffin Letter Opener** – Great for zipping open envelopes. \$2.00 each.

**Pins from past reunions** – Norfolk, Colorado and San Diego pins are available. \$4.00 each.

**Special Order High Quality Collared "USS Magoffin" shirts.** These shirts may be ordered with or without pockets and various colors (maroon, red, gold, oxford gray & navy blue) are available. The lettering and ship's outline look great on the front of the shirt. Contact Ray Furlow at 1-888-893-4347 for more information or check out details on the Magoffin website, [www.ussmagoffin.org](http://www.ussmagoffin.org). Prices vary, but start at under \$20.00 plus shipping of \$5.00 for one shirt. These shirts are great.

**ORDER FORM FOR THE SHIP'S STORE**

Please send me the following items from the Ship's Store:

Item Description	Color	Size	Quantity	Price	Subtotal
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Shipping Charges: Up to \$25 order – add \$7.00, \$25.01 to \$50.00 – add \$9.00  
 \$50.01 to \$75.00 order – add \$12.00, \$75.01 to \$100.00 order – add \$16.00

Enclose a check or money order made payable to USS Magoffin Association and mail to: Total Order Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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 2525 Cobden School Road  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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