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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings shipmates. We are near the end of June, and I hope all have faired the winter well this year. We are fast approaching our reunion in Branson, and I am hoping for a record number of you packing your bags, and joining us there. L. G. and Cyndi are putting together a great package for us again. I have heard from some that have not been to one of our reunions, and they are very interested in coming.

Emmon is collecting all the information and order forms for the reunion, and putting it in this newsletter, so you can make all your plans and reservations, and send your money to Joe. Mike is on top of the name badges, and we have the pins all lined up. Look everything over, and get signed up as soon as possible so the numbers can be given to the vendors in Branson

I have a couple of topics to cover in this issue that concern all of us:

Last Formal Reunion. First off, with all of our ages and travel limitations, with the exceptions of the last two reunions, the attendance numbers have dropped so there have been conversations about "the last formal reunion". It has been suggested to me, and I concur, that if we plan to do one last hoorah in the future, it should be in the Magoffin home port of San Diego. That would be appropriate, as we all have memories there. I'd do my best to butter up Mike and Doris to get them to volunteer to be our host again.

Ship's Store. The next issue is the Ship's Store. Orders for store items, have gone down to the point that we run into an inventory problem. Ray has to order a certain number of hats, shirts, cups or whatever, and that many times leaves an inventory that sits in his basement for an extended length of time. He and I have discussed this, and came up with a possible plan. If you want to purchase items, and they are not in inventory now, and there are enough orders made and paid for, he will turn in an order. That doesn't mean if there are orders for seven hats, he will have the twenty made they require. The same goes for all other items. In the event that he doesn't make orders from his suppliers before the reunion, Ray will bring all the existing inventory to Branson, to be sold or whatever, and we will go ahead and close down the ships store. With all of the online places that do custom hats, shirts and so on, if you want something, that gives you another option. Ray doesn't need to have unordered items and mailing supplies, taking up room in his house, for who knows how long. I think that almost everyone already has what they want, anyway.

I want to again thank all of you in our association for your support, and continued involvement. I want everyone to know what an honor it is to be aligned with you. We are a great family.

Fair winds and trailing seas. God bless our country, and all of you.

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MEMBERSHIP STATUS LISTING

Here's a listing as of May 31, 2016 showing the membership status of Crew Members:

Life Members

Evelyn Agostini, Elsie Betz, Carol Carey, Margaret Curry, Jackie Gehrlach, Celeste Graves, Dianne Guido, Joan Johnson, Lupe King, Mary Krebs, Ruth Latham, June Marcus, Norma Patterson, Wilma Phares, Betty Raich, Wilma Schanzenbach, Kathryn Simpson, Bobby Spinks, Jacqueline Stevens, Caroljean Stutzman, Betty Jo Taylor, Donna Tessar, Patricia Vonasek, Keta Woodall

Members with dues paid through 2014

Terry Barta, Robert Beasley, Kit Birkett, Stephen Creason, Joseph Doyle, James Gillivan, Walter Hagelgans, Fred Mackenzie, Fred Miller, Dennis Molloy, Robert O'Brien, Michael O'Hara, Sam Rubin, Ronald Shreffler, Gerald Swanson, Charles Whiteley,

Members with dues paid through 2015

D. A. Beals, Mac Christy, Milton Dilly, James Earven, Darrell Ellif, Al Gaskill, Lawrence Kahbeah, Robert Mancuso, David Moore, Emory Riseley, Mark Strohmman, Gilbert Wayson, Walter Wellman III,

Members with dues paid through 2016

Forrest Albertson, Richard Bee, Merble Bellin, Joe Beninato, Vernon Bidinger, Floyd Carper, Jr., F. E. Bud Church, Arthur Corral, David Engelmann, George Fotis, Ray Furlow, Larry Guenther, Manuel Ingle, Jack L. Johnson, Thomas Lovett, Harold Lowther, George Macioce, James Mozis, Donald Ogburn, Robert Olson, William Ring, Emmon Rogers, Ralph Springer, Richard Wall, Thomas A. Ward, Jesse Wilkinson, Tom Williamson, Richard Wood, Robert Youngs

Members with dues paid through 2017

Clyde Alexander, Bill Berglin, Dan Biggio, Raymond Cheely, Dick Dickenson, M Allen Frank, Robert Gill, Tom Haglage, Don Hellmann, Terry Mackey, Billy Maxwell, Michael McGraw, William McIntyre, Jerry Miilbach, Richard Phillips, Charles Phipps, G Rassmussen, Martin Sours, Michael P. Stein, Howard Wood

Members with dues paid through 2018 to 2023

Don Culpepper 2018, L.G. Duncan 2018, Jeff Eagon 2018, Lester Gideon 2018, Sheldon Jones 2018, Don Schirmer 2018, Jack W. Hagg 2019, Terry Little 2019, William Schulz 2019, Wayne Chapman 2020, Paul H. Goguen 2020, Keith Kyle 2020, Derrell Maroney 2020, Tim Moloney 2020, Al Poortvliet 2020, Joe Ford 2023

Membership Dues for 2016

Dues for 2016 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 31, 2016 will be reflected in the next issue of the Magoffin Messenger. **See the back page of this newsletter for the Dues Payment Form.**

Treasurer's Report

Joe Beninato has provided the following Bank Reconciliation as of June 6, 2016.

USS MAGOFFIN ASSOCIATION		
BANK RECONCILIATION		
Year-to-Date June 6, 2016		
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 01/01/2016		\$12,881.86
CASH RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$1,080.00	
Ship's Store	86.00	
Reunion	0.00	
Scholarship Fund	0.00	
Donations	0.00	
Total Receipts		1,166.00
CHECK DISBURSEMENTS		
Postage	\$0.00	
Deposit Stamp and Checks	0.00	
Telephone (800)	0.00	
Ship's Store	0.00	
Reunion Expenses	0.00	
Honor Guard Donation	0.00	
Moorhead State Transfer	0.00	
Newsletter	(138.82)	
Total Disbursements		(138.82)
ENDING BANK BALANCE 06/06/2016		\$13,909.04
(Ending Balance Broken Down as Follows)		
Welfare Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Education Fund Begin. 1/1/2016	\$0.00	
Reunion Raffle Proceeds	0.00	
Disbursement	0.00	
Transferred to Moorehead State	0.00	
Donations January to June 6, 201	0.00	
Education Ending Balance 06/06/2016		\$0.00
General Fund Ending Balance 06/06/2016		\$12,409.04

ORDER FORM

USS Magoffin Association - The Ship's Store

Please fill in this form and mail it along with a check or money order for the total order amount payable to USS Magoffin Veteran's Association and mail the form to:

Ray Furlow, USS Magoffin Veteran's Association
2525 Cobden School Road, Cobden, IL 62960

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Item Name	Size	Quantity	Subtotal
Magoffin Ball Caps @ \$15.00 each			
Magoffin Lapel Pins @\$5.00 each			
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Small		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Medium		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Large		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Extra Large		
Magoffin Tee Shirts @\$15.00 each	Size Extra Extra Large		
Magoffin Coffee Mugs @\$10.00 each			
Magoffin Patches @ \$5.00 each			
Magoffin Can Coolers @ \$3.00 each	Circle color(s) you want: Red - Green Black - Light Blue - Navy Blue		
Magoffin Letter Openers @ \$2.00 each			
Colorado Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
California Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Norfolk Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Nashville Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
San Antonio Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Boston Reunion Pins @ \$4.00 each			
Shipping Charges	Up to \$25.00 order - add \$7.00 \$25.01 to \$50.00 order - add \$9.00 \$50.01 to \$75.00 order - add \$12.00 \$75.01 to \$100.00 order - add \$16.00		
		Total	

SHIRT ORDER FORM

USS Magoffin Association - The Ship's Store

Use this form to order special order Magoffin Collared Polo Shirts. The shirts are available in a variety of colors and may be ordered with or without a pocket. Please fill in this form and mail it along with a check or money order for the total order amount payable to USS Magoffin Association and mail the form to:

Ray Furlow
 USS Magoffin Association
 2525 Cobden School Road
 Cobden, IL 62920

Call Ray Furlow at 1-888-893-4347 if you have any questions regarding the special order shirts.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Item Name and Price	Size	Circle the Color you are ordering	Quantity	Subtotal
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Small	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Medium	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Large	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$18.99	Size Extra Large	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$20.99	Size 2XL	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketless Shirt @ \$20.99	Size 3XL	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Small	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Medium	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Large	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$20.99	Size Extra Large	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$22.99	Size 2XL	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
Pocketed Shirt @\$22.99	Size 3XL	Red Maroon Gray Navy		
		Shipping Charges	1 Shirt \$5.00	
			2 Shirts \$6.00	
			3 Shirts \$8.00	
			4 Shirts \$12.00	
			Total	

**USS Magoffin Veterans' Association 2016 Reunion Schedule
Wednesday, October 12 to Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Hosted by Cyndi and L.G. Duncan

**Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616.
Hotel Reservation Phone: 417-690-4022
Radisson National Reservations 1-800-333-3333**

Reservations may be made under USS Magoffin Veteran's Association block of rooms. **Book now to receive special pricing.** Rate per night: \$98.95 plus 11.7% tax. Rate is also good for three days before and after the reunion. The rate includes a breakfast buffet, WiFi, hospitality room, pool, fitness center, complimentary parking, assistance with tickets and transportation to many close-by attractions. There is a restaurant and lounge onsite. Hotel room check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 11:00 a.m.. All rooms are non-smoking.

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

The Radisson Hotel Branson welcomes Magoffin veterans and guests. Reunion Registration is in the Lobby with reception in the Hospitality Room. **BRING YOUR RAFFLE ITEMS FOR OUR MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** Lunch and dinner is on your own and you may explore the Best of Branson of your choice. Registration Fee per Crew Member, \$30.00

Thursday, October 13, 2016

8:30 a.m.: **Crew Meeting.** After the meeting, the crew members will meet the ladies for lunch at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Shindigs Restaurant.

9:00 a.m. **Tour - Ladies' Pioneer History city tour:** A three hour area tour with character guide in period costume. Includes Shepherd of the Hills origin, College of the Ozarks campus, how Branson got its name, trip down '76 strip hearing stories about the theatres, who is here now and much more. Photo and comfort stops along the way. Ladies will be dropped off at Shindigs Restaurant where they will meet the crew after their meeting. \$23.00 per person

12:30 p.m. **Lunch:** Shindigs Restaurant for lunch. Lots of military memorabilia displays. (select menu items includes tea/water and gratuities) \$15.00 per person

For the rest of the day and evening you'll be on your own to enjoy more of Branson. The Hospitality room will be open most of the time except during scheduled functions.

Friday, October 14, 2016

Morning on your own; plan to attend a morning show or a tour.

2:30 p.m.: **Dinner and Cruise:** Meet the bus for the Showboat *Branson Belle* Dinner and Cruise, which includes transportation, sunset cruise with spectacular views, a three course meal, gratuity, and show called "*Celebrate*" featuring new music and entertainment by a large cast of talented show stars. It will be a lot of good fun with a special tribute for the Magoffin Veterans. \$60.00 per person

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Plan a day on your own, seeing what you want, with whom you want. Following is a list of "must see" venues to choose from. We advise that you get tickets in advance for some shows. The Hospitality room will be open all day for visiting, snacking, imbibing. **Be sure to buy raffle tickets** throughout the day.

5:00 p.m.: **Banquet** in the Ball Room at the Radisson with a cash bar. Hot plate dinner is your choice of Beef Medallions with Bordelaise sauce and Roasted garlic, or Rosemary Chicken, both served with salad, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert. The Grand **Raffle** will be held after dinner. \$25.00 per person

- Advise Cyndi Duncan of special needs meals - phone 970-576-5679.

Sunday October 16, 2016

Goodbye breakfast, single up all lines, cast off, shift colors, underway, steaming as before. Safe travels to all.

Day trip suggestions

Entertainment Recommendations while in Branson:

See Branson Vacation Guide included in your welcome package and go to ExploreBranson.com for information on all the show schedules.

Ride the Ducks tour-Land and water fun: bransonducks.com

Branson Craft Mall and Pickin Porch Deli: unique arts and working craftsmen
Bransoncraftmall.com

Shows:

Baldnobbers Jamboree: baldknobbers.com

All Hands on Deck – the Musical: allhandsondeckshow.com

The show 'Six'—voted Branson's #1 show (six brothers, orchestra of human voices-Mickey Gilley Theatre): thesixshow.com

Museums/History

Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the College of the Ozarks

Wall of Heroes at Veterans Village

Veterans Memorial Museum

Avenue of Freedom (along Gretna Road from Highway 248 west 2 miles to bridge at Roark Valley Road)

Historic Downtown Branson-a variety of restaurants, retail shops (Dick's 5 & 10), flea markets, shows (Historic Owen Theatre), and unique attractions.

USS Magoffin Reunion, Branson, Missouri October 12 to October 16, 2016

Please fill out this form and mail it along with your check payable to USS Magoffin Association
Mail to: Joe Beninato, USS Magoffin Veteran's Assn., 61 Macy St., Raynham, MA 02767

Name _____

Spouse or Significant other _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Arrival and Check-in Radisson Hotel Branson. Check-in starts at 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee for each Crew Member \$ 30.00

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Free Breakfast Buffet in the Restaurant 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon. Ladies **Pioneer History City** _____ @\$23.00 per person _____

Tour, with photo and comfort stops along the way.
Ladies will be dropped off at Shindigs Restaurant at the end of the City Tour.

9:00 a.m. CREW MEETING

12:30 p.m. After the Crew Meeting, Crew Members _____ @\$15.00 per person _____

will join the Ladies at **Shindigs Restaurant for lunch**.
Tour at your leisure for the rest of the day.

Friday, October 14, 2016

Free Breakfast Buffet in the Restaurant 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m. Board the bus to go to Showboat _____ @\$60.00 per person _____

"Branson Belle" for a Dinner Cruise.

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Free Breakfast Buffet in the Restaurant 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Tour at your leisure during the day.

5:00 p.m. Three Course Dinner, Cash Bar with the Raffle following the Banquet

Dinner Selections Beef Medllions _____ @\$25.00 per person \$ _____

Rosemary Chicken _____ @\$25.00 per person \$ _____

Please advise Cyndi Duncan via telephone at 970-576-5679 of special needs meals

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Free Breakfast Buffet in the Restaurant 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Departure for home or extend your visit to Branson

Hotel Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Grand Total \$ _____

Please use the form below when paying your dues. Please make checks payable to *USS Magoffin Veteran's Association* and mail payments to: USS Magoffin Veteran's Association, Mr. Joe Beninato, Treasurer, 61 Macy Street, Raynham, MA 02767

MAGOFFIN MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues Payment for which Year(s) _____ (\$20/year)

Years Onboard Magoffin _____

Rate/Rank _____ Division _____

Spouse's Name _____

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See information inside on the
Fall 2016 Reunion at the
Radisson Hotel Branson
Branson, Missouri
October 12-16, 2016

"No Beach Beyond Our Reach"

USS Magoffin (APA-199)
Amphibious Force,
United States Pacific Fleet
1944 to 1946 and 1950 to 1968
WWII, Korea, Cold War and Viet Nam

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