**Donald Matthew Hughes**

Rank: Seaman First Class

Ship:  USS Magoffin APA-199 (a Haskell Class Attack Troop Transport)

He piloted a Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM) during the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945

His LCM was the last one back to the ship, he recalls almost not making it back in time to the ship before it pulled away from the island

Spent some time on Guam before and after the Battle of Okinawa

Honorably Discharged in 1945

Born in Stratford, Wisconsin

Has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area (Palo Alto) for 72 years

Married for 70 years to Gladys Wilma Hughes (nee Lund, deceased 2016)

Father of five children

Founder and Owner of a wholesale distribution business based in Mountain View, California