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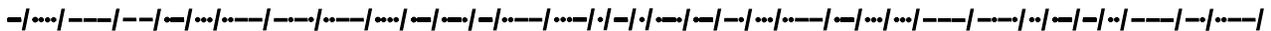
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Notes from the Secretary

Shipmates, I know how life can get so busy/intense that we forget to do the little things that can help make our lives just a tiny bit better. As I look back at our membership records over the past five years, I noticed that we have 75 shipmates who were once members of TCHVA who have let their membership lapse. Our current roster shows 78 paid up members and their names can be found at <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html> If you don't see your name on this list, your membership has expired. We'd love to get you back onboard as this is the only "official" TCH veterans association. Why is this important? Well, as a member, we can share our list of shipmate contact information with you and you'll be in the loop for all things TCH, including an invitation to the next reunion which we are planning now in Minneapolis. TCHVA is now twelve years old and while our fine ship is no longer with us, we do have the opportunity to remain in contact with those with whom we served! We want to cherish and perpetuate that opportunity! I hope you'll consider reporting aboard once again! It's easy to renew online or you can print/mail in renewal form here:

<http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>

All the best, *Garry Collins*

LCDR, SC, USN (ret) SUPPO 1986-1989

USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association Founder/Secretary

Join/Renew membership: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html> or use the form at the end of this newsletter.

Final Farewell

MM2 Timothy Teders – Falls Church VA – May 2016

DK Alfredo Ensong Delapena - plank owner USS Thomas C. Hart – 2015
His daughter-in-law is working on a shadowbox for her husband as a keepsake and is looking for any items to add to it, such as rockers, patches, and emblems. If you have any items or remembrances you would like to pass along, please contact one of the officers of the TCHVA.

UNITAS Auto Accident

We had a request for information concerning the auto accident in Puerto Rico in July 1976. That accident claimed the lives of three of our shipmates, and injured a fourth. If you have any remembrances of the accident, or our shipmates (including their names), please send them to me, Dave Neimeyer at neimeyer@us.net.



TREASURER’S REPORT
THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Thomas C Hart Treasury currently has \$2568.17. \$274 of this is in The Help a Shipmate Fund. The Associations main source of expenses is Reunion expenses. So far, the only 2017 reunion expense that we have is the \$200.00 I used to reserve the hotel. Outside of reunions, our main expense is the cost of our website. <http://www.thomaschart.org/>. We pay \$9.95 fee per month for the site.

Remember, our only source of income is your dues. Please become a member and if you haven’t done so, please pay your dues. This can be done through the above website.

Randy Groen; Treasurer
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association

2017 THOMAS C. HART REUNION

Hello Shipmates. I would like to invite you all to join me in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul next June for the 2017 Thomas C Hart Veterans Association's Ships Reunion. This will be great opportunity for you to reunite with your old shipmates and a chance to make some new friends.

The Twin Cities has been my home for all but the four years that I was in the Navy. It is a beautiful area with great amenities and a wide variety of things to do. I am looking forward to showing it off to all of you.

The Reunion will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota at The Best Western Plus Bloomington Hotel. The dates are Tuesday June 6 2017 for check in through Sunday June 11 for check out. The Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 10th.

The hotel is only a few miles from the Minneapolis St. Paul (MSP) Airport. It is strategically located across the street from the Mall of America. It offers free parking, free breakfast, free 24 hour shuttle to and from the Airport and the Mall of America and free Wi-Fi. There is an indoor swimming pool, a large whirlpool, a restaurant and many other amenities. It is also within easy walking distance to the Light Rail System which will provide low cost transportation for some of our tours.

Best Western is giving us a special rate of \$129 per room plus tax. To make reservations and get the Special Reunion Rate, call the front desk at **1-952-854-8200** and let them know that you are a part of the **USS Thomas C Hart Veterans Reunion**. Important... To insure you get the above rate, you must reserve your room prior to May 8 2017. We have 35 rooms available at this rate, first come, first serve.

I have started working on tours. My plan is to have registration and all the tours set up this fall. I am open to your ideas and suggestions. So please let me know what you would like to do and see. Email me at Groenrandy@gmail.com

Here are some of my ideas for tours that I have come up with so far:

A sporting event: The possibilities are Major or Minor League baseball, Major league soccer or Professional Women's basketball. (The Minnesota Lynx is arguably the best woman's basketball team, in the world) I will have to wait for the 2017 schedules to come out before I know if any of these teams will have a home game during the reunion.

A tour of Us Bank Stadium: this is the MN Vikings new stadium which is finishing construction. The in depth tour will include locker rooms, press boxes, executive suites and much more.

A bus tour of the Twin Cities: In this tour you will see: The St Paul Basilica: Summit Ave mansions: The state capital-building: some of the many lakes, rivers and streams that dot the area: Minnehaha Falls and many other highlights of the Twin Cities. For lunch we will stop at one of the many Brew-pubs.

Historic Fort Snelling: Interactive displays and costumed staff share the history of a restored Indian Fort at the confluence of the Minnesota and the Mississippi rivers. The fort was originally built in the early 1820s and is a great place to learn about military history from before the Civil War through World War II. It is adjacent to Fort Snelling State Park and the Minnesota River Valley National Wildlife Area and is just a few miles from our Hotel.

Gangster/Cave Tour: In the 1830: the Twin Cities were a hot bed of bootlegging and organized crime. We will tour some of the cave hideouts and illegal bars where some of America's most famous gangsters hung out.

A visit to an Art or Science museum:

A boat cruise on the Mississippi River:

A play at a dinner theater:

Between tours, I will also make sure you will have plenty of time to explore the recently enlarged Mall of America. The mall is not only the largest shopping mall in the U.S., it is also the number 1 tourist attraction. If you have never been to the mall, it isn't just a large shopping center. It has an amusement park, an aquarium, a flight simulator and the longest indoor zip line in the country. It has a bowling alley, a put-put golf course and a comedy club. There are more than 100 restaurants, from fast food to fine dining. Another bonus- there is no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota, so, even if you don't like to shop, you may still want to save money.

For any of you that are outdoor types, I will put together a list of hiking trails and bird watching areas that are close to the hotel, some within walking distance. There are also many bike paths throughout the Twin Cities

I am really looking forward to seeing all of you next June. I will do my best to make this a great reunion. As more details are worked out, they will be posted on the website

Randy Groen Treasurer
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association

Let's start building some reunion excitement!!!

If you are on Facebook and haven't already done so, I suggest you go to the TC Hart Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/9607526594/> and list yourself as going to the reunion (or at least that you are interested). The spot to do this is the 3rd section down on the far right column under upcoming events.

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Items for the newsletter, and other comments, can be sent to Dave Neimeyer at <neimeyer@us.net>

or 9026 Haaf Road, Fogelsville PA 18051-1717

If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group, with its 328 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

HART – ZAFER SENT TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER

Turkish Navy concluded Beyaz Firtina (White Storm) 2016 Naval exercise on 28 May 2016. During this exercise the hull of the decommissioned Knox class frigate ex USS Thomas C. Hart and ex TCG Zafer was used as a target.

More photos and information available at <https://turkishnavy.net/2016/06/02/the-sinking-of-ex-tcg-zafer/>



USS THOMAS C. HART DE/FF 1092 VETERANS ASSOCIATION



TCHVA relies on your continued support to help build the Association and keep the great memories of T C Hart alive! You can continue to help by referring other shipmates to us and letting us know when you have an email address, phone number or some other bit of info that may help us locate our shipmates. The success of the Association depends on the active support of our members!

You can stay up to date with current events and happenings by visiting our website at www.thomaschart.org

THOMAS C. HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Visit the link to renew now! <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>

Check your membership status: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html>

USS THOMAS C. HART (DE/FF-1092) VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print the form, complete, and mail to address listed on the form



If a shipmate told you about the TCHVA, please tell us his name: _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Rate/ Rank on TCH _____ Division _____

Year Reported Aboard _____ Year Detached _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Spouse Name: _____

Current Email Address: _____

Dues are only \$10 per year. We have chosen to collect for two years (\$20) at a time to reduce the administrative burden on our all volunteer staff. Thanks for your understanding and support. You may join for any additional years if you desire.

I am sending in \$_____. Please begin/renew my membership!

Please mail check/M.O. to: USS THOMAS C. HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION
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