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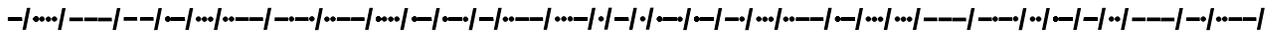
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T. C. Hart Veterans Assoc. Officers 2015-17		
President	Steve Garcia	NC1 (84-86)
Vice Pres.	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)
Treasurer	Randy Groen	STG2 (73-76)
Secretary	Garry Collins	LT (86-89)
Historian	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)
Storekeeper	John Ebata	BTFN (86-90)
Newsletter	Dave Neimeyer	LTJG (75-77)
Webmaster	Mark Lamboni	LTJG (76-78)
Chaplain	Lee Edwardsen	STG2 (81-86)
Chairman	Dan Schubert	ETN3 (73-75)



Treasurers Report

As of 4/24/2017 there is \$753.15 in our checking account.

\$324.00 in the Help a Shipmate account.

\$873.30 in our PayPal account

\$10,050.45 total in all accounts

Most of the above money is from Reunion Registration. It will be used to fund the Thomas C Hart Veterans Association's 7th Reunion to be held in the Minneapolis suburb of Bloomington MN from June 6th through June 11th. If you haven't signed up yet, what are you waiting for!!

On Saturday April 22nd, I filed IRS Form 990-N E-Post Card for the Association. The IRS Requires that certain non-profits (Like Us) file this form annually within 4 ½ months after the end of their fiscal year. For us that is May 14th,

Respectfully Submitted

STG2 Randy Groen; Treasurer

Thomas C Hart Veterans Association

From the Secretary

Shipmates, another year has rolled around and we're very close to our next reunion! In just over a month, we'll be gathering in Minneapolis. Believe it or not, this our seventh reunion! Hard to believe but we've been meeting every other year since 2005! There's still time to sign up so don't miss it. At our reunion, we'll be electing new officers and filling our non-elected billets. The elected offices up this time are Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also have a need to relieve our Ships Store operator, John Ebata who has done a super job keeping us all supplied with TCH merchandise over the years. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know. Remember, you don't have to be present at the reunion to serve! Here's our current roster:

Steve Garcia will move to Chairman and Ron Church will bump up to President per our By-Laws.

Chairman- Dan Schubert
President - Steve Garcia

Vice President - Ron Church
Treasurer - Randy Groen
Secretary - Garry Collins
Chaplain - Lee Edwardsen
Ship's Store - John Ebata
Newsletter - Dave Neimeyer
Historian - Andy Roberts
Webmaster - Mark Lamboni

Our membership status shows 70 paid up members at this time! That being said there's at least that many shipmates who have let their membership lapse in the last few years. It would be great if those shipmates would "re-enlist" with TCHVA. Guys, it's all about you and without your support the Association will cease to exist. We definitely don't want that. Please consider joining us for the first time or re-enlisting. We want to keep everyone in the loop and the best way to ensure that is to join us. Simply check our website TCHVA Member Listing page <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html> to see if your name is there. If it isn't, you aren't an active member. To join/re-new, you can do it all online here <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html> or you can print and mail the registration form with your \$10/year dues. Remember your dues go solely to pay the web hosting fees and to help with reunion expenses. No one associated with TCHVA gets an income. Our Treasurer's books are open to all members for review at any time!

Have a great summer!
Garry Collins

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 366 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

Thomas C Hart Veterans Association
7th Biannual Reunion
Bloomington MN

I am getting more excited about the Hart Reunion every day. Are you? If you haven't signed up yet, get to it!! You can sign up anytime up to the reunion date, but you must book your room at the Best Western Plus Bloomington by May 8th to get our special rate. Call them at 952-854-8200. Be sure to tell them you are part of the "USS Thomas C Hart Veterans Association." The hotel is only a few miles from the MSP Airport and the hotel provides a free shuttle. Call them at the same number.

Because of some unexpected issues, I had to make some changes to a couple of the tours. First, I had to change the date of the Historic Fort Snelling Tour. It turns out that there are a couple thousand school kids touring the fort on June 10th. As much as I love kids, I didn't think we would be compatible. I decided to change the date. It will now be held on Wednesday June 7th at 1:30 pm.

I also had to make changes to the Vikings Stadium tour. They did not have the availability at the time I originally chose so it has moved earlier in the day. It will now start at 10:00 AM instead of noon. Because of the change to the stadium tour, we are going to start the Taste of the Twin Cities tour at 1:00pm instead of 1:30. The Taste of Minneapolis Tour is a walking tour. We will stop at several different restaurants and sample some of the best from their menus. As part of this tour, we were going to visit a brewery. Unfortunately, the logistics just didn't work out. To compensate, some of the restaurants on the tour will be providing samples of some of Minnesota's best beers etc. I have talked to several people who have been on this tour and they all highly recommended it.

After a little confusion earlier this week, all the tours are now set. There is still plenty of time for you to sign up to attend the reunion, but you will help me with the logistics by signing up early. If you need to cancel, or add a tour to your agenda, please let me know as early as possible so I can make the adjustments. I will do my best to accommodate you up to and including the dates of the Reunion. You can contact me @ groenrandy@gmail.com.

There are no changes to the dinner theater tour, but I would like to encourage more of you to sign up to see "Grease." The Chanhassen Dinner Theater specializes in musicals that have large casts. The theater has been around since I was a child. All their shows that I have attended have been spectacular. Their food is great. My wife and daughter just saw their presentation of "Grease" Last week and they said it was "fantastic!!" I have reserved 30 seats at a special Military Group rate, but must give them a final count by May 10th.

I am looking forward to seeing each one of you at the reunion. The tours will be fun, but the best part is the camaraderie with your fellow Thomas C Hart Shipmates. It's not too late to sign up.

See you in Minnesota.

STG2 Randy Groen

27 April 2017: Please take a moment to check out the revised itinerary below. Due to a number of conflicts that have arisen with our original events, we have had to make some adjustments. In short, the Fort Snelling tour has been moved from Friday to Wednesday, the Vikings stadium tour and Taste of Twin Cities tours have changed start times, but remain on original dates. If you need to modify your plans and change the events you will attend, please contact Randy Groen at groenrandy@gmail.com. Refunds will be honored if you need to cancel your participation in any event due to these changes. We sincerely regret any inconveniences.

Look Who's Signed Up Already!

Legend for optional activities: (1) Chanhassen Dinner Theater (Grease) (2) Cities Bus Tour & Mississippi Paddleboat Cruise (3) Comedy Club at Mall of America (4) Minnesota Vikings Stadium Tour (5) Taste of City & Brewery Tour (6) Historic Fort Snelling & National CemetaryTour

Reunion Registrations:	Rate/Rank	Tour options
Randy Groen, Anita (spouse), Jillian (daughter)		STG2 1973-1976 1,2,3,4,5,6
John Ebata, Wendy Baker		BTFN 1986-1990 1,2,3,4,5,6
Jerry Leatherwood, Terry		BT1, 1985-1988 2,3,5,6
David Coleman		STG1, 1973-1977 2,3,5
William Tylock		EM2, 1978-1983 1,2,3,4,5,6
Garry Collins, Marylyn (spouse), Alexis (granddaughter)		LT, 1986-1989 2,4,5,6
Dave Neimeyer		LTJG, 1975-1977 1,2,3,4,5,6
Ron Church, Peggy (spouse)		FTG2, 1973-1977 1,2,3,4,5
Mark Lamboni, Kathy (spouse)		LTjg, 1976-1979 1,2,3,4,5,6
Larry Martin		RM2, 1973-1976 1,2,3,5,6
Ron Wood, Kathy (spouse)		RM1, 1977-1979 1,2,3,5,6
Robert Coleman, Patricia (spouse)		HM2, 1973-1975 5,6
Mark Dammer, Debi (spouse)		GMT2, 1977-1981 NA
Steve Garcia, Dee (spouse)		NC1, 1984-1987 2,3,5,6
David Altwies		RM1, 1985-1989 2,3,5,6
James Zamorski, Donna (spouse)		LTjg, 1976-1980 2,4,5
Lee Edwardsen		STG2, 1981-1986 2,4,5,6
Ron Hungerford, Becky (spouse)		LTjg, 1977-1981 4,5
Skip MacMichael, Jo (spouse)		CDR/CAPT, 1983-1985 2,6
Dan Schubert, Molly (spouse)		ETN3, 1973-1975 2,6
Philip Leblanc, Diane(spouse)		HT2, 1973-1976 1,2,3,4,5,6
Randy Funkhouser, Deb Anderson (spouse)		ETCS (SW), 1988-1991 1,4,5
Mark Dammer, Debi (spouse)		GMT2, 1977-1981 4

ROOMS: Remember that you need to reserve your room(s) at the Best Western Plus, Bloomington, MN before 8 May 2017 to get our special rate. The hotel reservation can be made by calling 952-854-8200, and ask for the special "USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Reunion" rate of \$129.00/night. If you are planning to arrive before the check-in date of 6 June 2017, or stay after the 11 June 2017 check-out date, you can also make those reservations at the same time, except you may not be guaranteed the same rate as for the actual event days.

REGISTRATION: Signing up is a two-step process. First complete the online Registration Information form on the website. Indicate which Optional Tours or events you would like or are interested in attending by completing those boxes and click the Blue **Submit** Button at the bottom of the form. There are no costs associated with this part of the registration process.

PAYMENTS: After submitting your Registration Form, come back to the website home page (hopefully you will be automatically redirected back there receiving an acknowledgement note), finalize which Optional Excursions you would like to enjoy by clicking in the boxes associated with each tour. Then total your reunion costs, including the \$35/person registration fee, plus any optional tours you've selected, and pay online by clicking the Credit Card icon under the registration form. This will direct you to the secure Paypal site to complete payment. If you prefer to not use Paypal, you can always print and mail the registration form with your check.

Day	Event	Link	Time	Notes
Tuesday 06/06/17	Arrival/Check-In Best Western Plus Mall of America	<u>Best Western Plus Mall of America</u>	3:00pm	Hospitality Room open at 12:00pm
Wednesday 06/07/17	Tour 6 - Historic Fort Snelling & National Cemetary	<u>Historic Fort Snelling</u>	1:30PM - 4:00PM	\$20/person. Transportation provided.
Wednesday 06/07/17	Tour 1 - Chanhassen Dinner Theater (<i>Grease</i>)	<u>Chanhassen Dinner Theater (Grease)</u> NA	5:00PM - 11:30PM	\$75/person. Transportation provided; meal included.
Thursday 06/08/17	Tour 2 - Twin Cities Bus Tour & Mississippi River Paddleboat Cruise	<u>Twin Cities Bus Tour & Mississippi River Cruise</u>	10:30AM - 4:30pm	\$55/person. Transportation provided.
Thursday 06/08/17	Tour 3 - Comedy Club Mall of America	<u>Mall of America Comedy Club</u>	7:00PM - TBD	\$15/person. Walking distance.
Friday 06/09/17	Tour 4 - Minnesota Vikings Stadium Tour	<u>Minnesota Vikings Stadium</u>	10:00AM - 11:30AM	\$25/person. Public Transportation.
Friday 06/09/17	Tour 5 - Taste of the City & Brewery Tour	<u>Taste of The City & Brewery Tour</u>	1:00PM - 4:30PM	\$45/person. Public Transportation; Venue still TBD. meals included.
Saturday 06/10/17	TCHVA Business Meeting		9:00AM - 10:00AM	Best Western Plus Mall of America conference room.

Saturday 06/10/17	TCHVA Banquet	NA	5:00PM Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner	Meal included in Registration fee. Hotel Banquet Room.
Sunday 06/11/17	Hotel Checkout and Farewells	NA	11:00AM	

*****Changes to itinerary from original schedule will be *highlighted in RED*.**

Past Thomas C. Hart Reunions

- 2005 Norfolk, Virginia
- 2007 Nashville, Tennessee
- 2009 Charleston, South Carolina
- 2011 Norfolk, Virginia
- 2013 Louisville, Kentucky



2015 reunion – Newport, Rhode Island

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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