



# Thomas C. Hart Line

## You Gotta Have Hart!

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*The newsletter of the Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association  
Dedicated to the sailors who brought a great ship to life!*

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## Sign up for the 2009 REUNION

### 10-13 JUNE

## CHARLESTON, South Carolina!

The 2009 USS Thomas C. Hart (DE/FF 1092) reunion is just around the corner! We know you will have a great time renewing previous friendships and meeting new "old" friends. Don't forget, there are many tours and activities available but we need you to sign up! **Be sure to call the hotel for your reservations** and tell them you are with the USS Hart in order to get the rate \$108.90 for Wednesday and Thursday. The Friday and Saturday rate will be \$145.20. **\*\*Hotel Reservations must be made no later than 8 May or rooms will be released to Hotel.\*\***

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### Looking for input

We are always looking for your input! If you have any suggestions, ideas or just want to get involved in the organization and reunion planning, please contact us through the website or email the newsletter at [Thomas.c.hart@cox.net](mailto:Thomas.c.hart@cox.net) and we'll get you engaged!



#### Officers

President	Jerry Leatherwood
Vice President	Scott Ruerup
Treasurer	Randy Groen
Secretary/Newsletter	Todd Black
Historian	Andy Roberts
Chaplain	Tom Clark

## President's Corner

*By Jerry Leatherwood*

Hello Shipmates,  
I am psyched! Spring is almost here, and with it comes the T.C. Hart Reunion of 2009. It's now time to send in your registration for this spectacular event. Check out the website for the details and some special pricing for early bird registration. We have really attempted to line up some great tours and events for the reunion. The hotel has all the convenience of home and for the price of the rooms they are providing us with a room to hold our meetings and a banquet room for our Saturday night banquet. Our Vice President Scott has lined up a golf outing for you real golfers and for the folks that don't play the real golf course I would be up for a putt-putt tournament.

With the summer approaching it seems as though some of the bad news of the last few months may be subsiding and getting better. The economy is showing some signs of life and hopefully we are turning the country in the right direction. As I have said before this is probably the best time to be around friends and shipmates to talk about all the good old times we had on the T. C. Hart. So I hope everyone that can, will attempt to attend this year's reunion.

If you have not checked out the T. C. Hart website recently please take a moment to look at a couple of items that were added @[www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org) . The photo gallery has some new photos and we are always looking for more.

Ya Gotta Have Hart!!  
Jerry R. Leatherwood  
Lwood USN (Retired)

## Treasurer's Report

### By Randy Groen

On my last financial report dated September 6 2008, the treasury had a balance of \$1239.91. From September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 through March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, we have had an income of \$500.00, all from dues. Expenses for this period total \$168.41, and include \$154.35 for our website, and \$14.06 for paypal fees. That gives us a net gain of \$331.59 and a balance as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 of \$ 1571.50. This includes \$5.00 that is in our old account at the Navy Credit Union. It does not include any amounts that are in the Ships Store account.

Respectfully submitted March 15, 2009

See you in Charleston

Randy Groen

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## Reunion 2009

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If you are familiar with the Charleston area, the Holiday Inn at Patriots Point is just across the Cooper River from downtown Charleston. You can reach the hotel at the following address;

**Holiday Inn Patriots Point**

250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd

**Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464**

843.884.6000

*Are your dues up to date?*

*With reunion just about here, it is time for many of us to renew our dues.*

*If you aren't sure if you owe or not, contact TCHVA at [Thomas.c.hart@cox.net](mailto:Thomas.c.hart@cox.net) and we'll let you know.*

*Also, did you know you pay your dues online with PAYPAL? It's fast, easy, and secure. Take a look at [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org)!*



### Conversation Starters for the Reunion

So what do you think of the new Navy working uniforms?