



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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<b>T. C. Hart Veterans Assoc. Officers 2019-21</b>		
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Chairman	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Shipmates,

The year is going by quickly as we are approaching another holiday season, and the end of a tumultuous year. Hopefully, next year will be much better with Covid waning, and of course, the Hart reunion June 21 thru June 26 in the Washington D.C. area. As with previous reunions, a great time to meet former shipmates to reminisce and trade sea stories (always true and factual). Our reunion planner is hard at work finalizing reunion activities, which we expect to be close to the same venue as the cancelled reunion. So, block out the dates on your calendar and plan to join us for another great reunion. Don't forget to check your membership status to make sure your dues are up to date, as only paid up members can attend.

Also, the reunion is a great time to visit other attractions in the area before or after the reunion. A chance to make an extended vacation/road trip out of it. At the last reunion in Rapid City, my wife and I enjoyed exploring the Dakotas and other mid-west states on our return to Massachusetts. Pick up a tour book and see what is out there to see.

Happy holidays,  
*Philip Leblanc*

Philip Leblanc (HT2 1973-1976)  
 President TCHVA

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shipmates,

It's hard to believe that the Holiday's are around the corner. It seems like Summer didn't last as long as we would like. I, like other's travelled a little and visited our Shipmate DC2 Ed Parker. He served on our ship from 86 to 89 in Repair Division. Upon my return to Virginia Beach, our Shipmate SM2 Nick Gallo was visiting Norfolk and we enjoyed a couple of hours reminiscing of our time on the Hart. Within a couple weeks, I was at a Barber Shop here in Va. Beach and ran into another Shipmate, SH1 Ernie Castaneda.

Shipmates, there is nothing like reuniting with our old Shipmates. Sadly, we have lost a few since our last Newsletter. To name and honor a few, Norman Stovall, Note: We are in need of his rank and years served onboard to fully honor him on the Eternal Deployment section of our TCH Website, continuing, HT3 Leroy Voight, Anthony D. Edwards, and Plankowner-RMC Jack Mckenzie. I apologize if I missed any of our Shipmates.

Shipmates, we are gearing up to go forward with our planned reunion in the Washington DC area. It's not too late to join the USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association. Just go to [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org) and find JOIN TCHVA in the left column, then follow the directions. We look forward to welcoming you and we are excited to build onto our growing membership. We have a lot of Shipmates that have never experienced a ship reunion. I can't think of a better place to come together as 1 crew, than our nation's capital. Now, is the time to join us and get you place on our agenda of planned events. As a reminder, we are dedicating our Ship with a plaque, to be installed in the Navy Memorial. In closing, I would like to send out my 1<sup>st</sup> "Happy Holiday's" to you "My Shipmates". May you and your families enjoy this very special time of year.

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All the best,  
*Steve Holliday* (DC1(SW) 1985-90)  
Vice President TCHVA

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## From the Secretary

Shipmates,

Our membership is mustering in 121 paid up members. Of those, 36 members' dues will expire at year's end. I have sent emails to all those affected so please take a moment to reenlist. Our rescheduled reunion from last year is rapidly approaching (21-26 June 2022) and membership in the Association is the only criterion to attend the reunion. Our reunion planner is finalizing the tour options for the reunion and we plan to formally dedicate our Commemorative Plaque at the Navy Memorial on Friday of the reunion week. Please stand by for more details about the reunion. Let's make this one a big one!

All the best, *Garry Collins*

Garry Collins

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

USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association Founder/Secretary

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### **Financial Report** **THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

As of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we have \$4299.88. The only expenditures was \$9.95 per month for the last 3 months to [web.com](http://web.com).

Take care and God Bless

Dennis Paul

Treasurer, TCHVA

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### **DESTROYER ESCORT SAILORS ASSOCIATION (DESA)**

Thomas C. Hart sailors are eligible to join DESA. This organization is dedicated to sharing and preserving the history of all destroyer escorts, including the Knox class DE/FFs. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.desausa.org>, or contact them at Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, PO Box 488, Henderson Harbor, NY 13651-0488; (315) 938-7000

## WEBMASTER NOTES

Greetings from your [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org) Webmasters,

Well, not only is 2022 and our rescheduled TCHVA Reunion in Northern VA/Washington DC area just around the corner, but we are close to releasing our new TCHVA Web Site! Our soon to be new Web Master, who many of you probably remember, is Dan Vasconcellos (FTG-2 on TCH from 77-82). He has been working very diligently to revamp our site and move it to a new dominion (for those of you like me have no idea what that means or entails!).

While we have not nailed down a specific release date, we do know that we'll need to have it up and running before our current dominion lease expires in mid-January 2022. Dan has been coordinating with a new hosting and management company and is excited about the prospects for the new, secure, site. He has a wealth of experience in web site development and management and is a most welcomed addition to the TCHVA Board.

So stay tuned, it won't be long now! And Here's to a wonderful Holiday Season for all and hopefully we'll start welcoming some new members as well as folks renewing their memberships in anticipation of a great Reunion this coming June 2022.

All the Best,  
Mark Lamboni (LTjg, 76-79)  
Dan Vasconcellos (FTG2, 77-82)

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## REUNION 2022

Although we've needed to postpone the reunion for this year, looking ahead to next year we'll try to keep the same venue and schedule.

Place: The Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 793-3366.  
Dates: Tuesday 21 June – Sunday 28 June 2022

***Preliminary itinerary as follows: Note: subject to change***

- **Tues - Early Bird Check-in/Hospitality Suite open ~1500.**
- **Weds – Tours of the Capitol, downtown Washington DC**
- **Thurs – Tours of Arlington Cemetery and Mount Vernon**
- **Fri – Dedication of plaque at Navy Memorial, self-guided tour of memorials, museums, and other attractions on the national mall**
- **Sat - Business Meeting (AM)/Free Time/Banquet (PM)**
- **Sun - Check-out (AM)**

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**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](http://www.thomaschart.org)

**THOMAS C. HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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 you have trouble printing out this form, just provide the same info on a short note,  
mail it in, and we'll muster you in.*



*If a shipmate told you about the TCHVA, please tell us his name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tell us about you and your TCH service:*

*First Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *M.I.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Rate/ Rank on TCH* \_\_\_\_\_ *Division* \_\_\_\_\_

*Year Reported Aboard* \_\_\_\_\_ *Year Detached* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current Street Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cell/Work Phone* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Spouse Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*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  
c/o Dennis Paul  
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Tucson, AZ 85747**

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