



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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### Thomas C. Hart Veterans Assoc. Officers 2011-13

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### Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association Membership

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

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If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group, with its 148 members and 242 photos.

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### Vice President's Corner

Greetings to all our USS Thomas C. Hart veterans! Last summer's reunion was one of our best. It is impossible to adequately describe the good feelings one has when getting together with old shipmates. There exists an unspoken connection and camaraderie among us all as we reflect back on the people, places, and events we shared. We all experienced something as special today as it was then.

As Vice President of TCHVA, my primary mission is to recruit new

members. With today's technology, it is so much easier to search for old shipmates, but I can't do this alone. I need your help!!! Think back to those days you served aboard the Hart and try to recollect the names of those whom you knew. Let them know what a terrific association we have and encourage them to join. If you don't have contact information, I'll be happy to search the internet to try and find them. Appreciate your help in helping us grow!!!

Dan Schubert; Vice President, TCHVA  
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## From the Secretary



I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It seems like only yesterday we were enjoying the reunion in Norfolk. As your Secretary, I want to report on the TCHVA membership status and let you know that your votes were counted and the reunion city for 2013 will be Louisville, Kentucky! We're early in the event planning but there's already a wealth of links and info on the TCHVA website to whet your whistle. Our newsletter editor, Dave Neimeyer has more on the reunion elsewhere in this issue.

As for our membership, we have 81 members now whose dues are paid up for 2012 and beyond! While that is great, we also have a good many others who did not yet renew their membership from 2010 and 2011. We also have many other shipmates who have never joined us. We need to focus on our membership and encourage everyone to join us! Frankly, we'd love to have every TCH vet as a member to help us keep the site active and to perpetuate the history of a fine ship!

As a TCHVA member you will have access to all known TCHVA members/non-members email address, mailing address, and phone numbers; making it easy for you to contact your shipmates! We have purposely kept our dues low. Only \$20 for a two year membership. Virtually all dues are used to fund the website and help with reunion costs. Here is a convenient link to the membership section of the website: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html> You can pay dues with your debit card/paypal or you may print the form and mail it in with your check. Please be sure to complete the membership info as well as the dues payment.

Here's a list of some of our shipmates who have recently joined/renewed their memberships! Clayton Phillips (SM1 73-73), Jesus Lopez (BM3 89-92), Fred Longenecker (LT 84-87), Kevin Staten (OS1 87-92), John Pearson (RADM CO 79-81), Ronald Babb (ETR2 76-78), Tom Rhea (ET1 88-91), Peter Luschenat (IC2 79-83), Brian Moynihan (RM2 86-90), Donald Labrecque (MM2 73-76), Patrick Burke (ETN# 78-80), Robert McDonald (BMCS 83-86), Todd Black (LT 87-90), Ronald Brown (MMFN 73), Mark Cameron (RM3 73-75), Dave Neimeyer (LTJG 75-77), John Ebata (BTFN 86-90), Ron Koshko (EW1 75-79), Steve Garcia (NC1 84-87), Andy Roberts (OS2 81-85), Tom Seigle (SM1), Jim Maddox (OSCM 89-92), Kevin Morrissey (LCDR 86-89), Paul Dobrosky (ET2 86-89), Charles Earley (SHSN 76-80), RADM Archer Macy (LT 85-86), Frank McEvoy (LTJG 75-76), "Skip" MacMichael (CAPT CO 83-85), Michael Jones (SHC 74-76), Bill McGloon (CAPT CO 92-93)

We look forward to Welcoming you aboard!

P.S, If you know the email address of the following shipmates, please share that with us. We've been getting bouncebacks on email messages: Van Sullivan, Ray Polen, Charles Priestly, Ollie Read, James Richardson, Joe Roberts, Mark Schofield, Kenneth Williams, Robert Marshall, Earl Flynn, Craig Wilson, John Maynard, Jim O'Keefe, Michael Redman, Mike Barnhart, Robert Marshall, Rob Miller, Rick Olsen

Garry Collins



TCHVA: 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](http://www.thomaschart.org) and access the TCHVA Members Only Lounge

If you have any news articles or other information that you want to share with TCH Shipmates, please forward them to Dave Neimeyer at [neimeyer@us.net](mailto:neimeyer@us.net) for the newsletter or if you prefer an item on the website, please submit to [garrysea@gmail.com](mailto:garrysea@gmail.com)

Check out the Ship's Store too!

Again, thanks for coming aboard TCHVA!

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**Hello to everyone from the ship's store.  
For the rest of 2012 anybody with a order of 15 dollars I will send a magnet with a photo of the ship, and for orders over 30 dollars I will send a 8.5x11 photo of the ship.  
Hope to hear from you all soon.**

**John Ebata USS Thomas C. Hart FF/DE 1092 Ship's Store Operator**

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### *Chaplain's Corner*

Hello shipmates, this is Lee Edwardsen (STG2 '81-'86) and I am your chaplain for the Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association. If you missed the reunion last Summer in Virginia Beach you missed a good one as I renewed old friendships and made many more new ones. It was wonderful.

As chaplain my responsibilities include sending condolences on behalf of the TCHVA membership to spouses and loved ones of former shipmates who have passed away. If someone you know who once served aboard Thomas C. Hart is no longer with us, please contact me and I will be certain to send a condolence from our association to the appropriate recipient(s).

I hope this finds you well, in good health and spirit, and only the very best.....now and always.

God Bless,

-Lee [ledwardsen@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ledwardsen@carolina.rr.com)

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Final PCS: BT1 Gerald Polensky passed away Sunday, 6 Sept. 2009, Suffolk, Va.

## Historian's Log



Greetings Shipmates:

Welcome to another addition of the TC Hart Veterans Association Newsletter.

I am excited about the next Reunion 2013 planned for Louisville, Kentucky, and hope to see you there! (See details at <http://www.thomaschart.org/id73.html> ) There will be many activities planned for the whole family to enjoy! More importantly, there will be opportunities to rekindle old friendships and to establish new relationships. Shipmates will attest to the great time we have had at Hart Reunions.

I am honored to be TC Hart's Historian and welcome any information and/ or TC Hart memorabilia you wish to share /donate with the Association. As the Ship's Historian, my general role is to maintain the Association's official documents, memorabilia and history.

I am pleased to report that our historical collection is growing since the Association's first Reunion in Norfolk 2005. Thus far, we have collected the following items (not all inclusive):

- Thomas C. Hart FAMILYGRAMS (various)
- Cruise books (various years)
- Commissioning Program July 28, 1973
- Commissioning Program Invitation
- Dependent's Deployment Guide
- Assorted buttons, including " You Gotta Have Hart " (remember those?)
- Assorted photos of Ships Company (yes, that includes Shellback initiations too!)
- Video footage of Hart on Patrol in the Persian Gulf as featured on CNN
- Change of Command Program-May 23, 1975
- Newspaper articles about Hart

The collection will be on display for your viewing pleasure online at the TC Hart website periodically. So, please stay tuned. Remember, you too can share your sea stories and /or donate items to the Association. Your stories or donation will keep our organization growing and inspire other Shipmates to keep the Hart Spirit alive. You can contact me via the TC Hart website at Contact US, if you have questions or want to make arrangements for submitting an artifact as a donation to the TC Hart Veteran's Association.

I hope to hear from you soon!

You Gotta Have Hart!

Ships Historian: Andy Roberts, OS2 81-85

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

# February 25<sup>th</sup> 2012, Financial Report Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association

The last financial report was dated September 30th 2009 and was presented to the membership in the October Newsletter. At that time the ships treasury had a balance of \$3032.28 that included \$5.00 that was in the Navy Credit Union. These numbers did not include money that was in the ships store.

The current balance is \$3199.96. This includes \$5.00 that is in the Navy CU, \$19.12 that is in the paypal account and \$224.00 that is in a "shell" account. This account was created for last summer's reunion to help any shipmates who wanted to attend the reunion but could not afford to. None of these funds were used for this intended purpose, and so the TC Hart board decided to hold this money separate for future reunions. The money is actually in the general account, but for bookkeeping purposes it is being tracked separately. Funds that are in the ships store account are not included in this report.

Below is a list of the income and expenses since the last report

### Income

Dues	\$380.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 380.00</b>

### Expenses

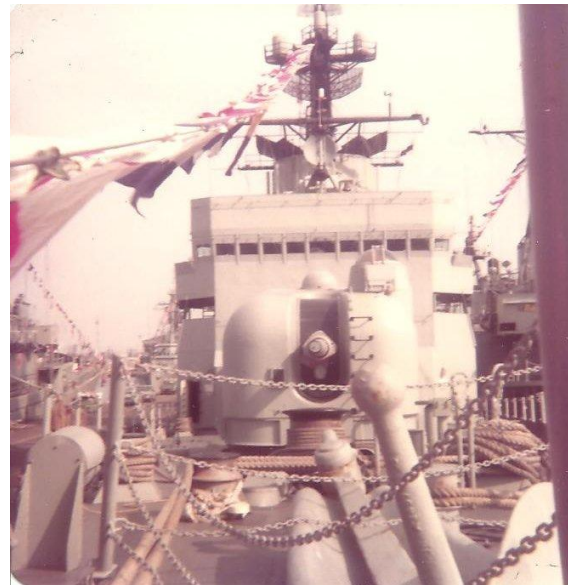
Website:	\$199.75*
Paypal Fees	\$12.61
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 212.36</b>
<b>Net gain:</b>	<b>\$ 167.64</b>

Total in account as of July 17<sup>th</sup> 2011:  
**\$ 3199.96**

\*This includes a \$100.00 fee paid every 5 years to renew our domain name for the website.

Respectfully submitted February 25 2012. Receipts and account statements are available for review

Randy Groen  
Treasurer  
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association  
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Dress ship 1976



Sea Bats on Fantail 1976



From the President:

Ahoy mates! We are rocking and rolling and building momentum. Your elected officers are meeting once a quarter via a telephone conference call and continuing progress towards building our great association. On our last call we made the decision to hold our next TCHVA Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky during the summer of 2013 based on your votes, feedback and input.

We are in the process of forming a reunion committee and we are looking for ideas from you as to how to make this next reunion the best one yet. By setting the location, you can now start your own planning over a year in advance. We will have the dates once we get more information on hotel availability and other events. But as you may have seen, there are lots of fun things to do in Louisville, including Bourbon tours, Louisville Slugger Factory tour, River Boat and great restaurants. We will make sure there is plenty for spouses and significant others as well. So stay tuned.

But the key ingredient is having you there! I urge you to begin planning to attend and contact your fellow shipmates and encourage them to attend. We will be announcing incentives and other surprises as we go forward.

I also invite you to contact any of the officers if you want to provide ideas, give feedback, or participate on the reunion planning committee or help the association in other ways. Let's make TCHVA 2013 the best reunion yet – Remember we want you there! You won't be disappointed.

Wishing you "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

Regards, Ron Koshko President TC Hart Veteran's Assoc. OE Div-EW1 May 75-Dec 79

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## **REUNION 2013 - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

Our next reunion will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in the summer of 2013. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote on our website. (Newport RI came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>, so those who favor a New England site for 2015 can start campaigning now!) We are still working out the exact date, but should have a decision on that shortly. Garry Collins has offered to serve as a reunion planner for the 2013 reunion. He'd greatly appreciate some help, so please let him know if you can lend a hand. In the meantime, let's start dreaming of Louisville sluggers, Churchill Downs, and riverboat rides and Waterfront Park along the Ohio River, as well as enjoying the parks and 100 mile Louisville Loop trail in the city named "America's Most Livable large City" by the US conference of mayors.

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Items for the newsletter, and other comments, can be sent to Dave Neimeyer at [<neimeyer@us.net>](mailto:neimeyer@us.net) or 9026 Haaf Road, Fogelsville PA 18051-1717

## UNITAS XVII

I recently received the following email. Can anyone provide more info on this incident?

Dear Mr. Neimeyer

I'm a Chilean journalist who is researching about an event that occurred in 1976 in Valparaiso, Chile. On September of that year, two unknown submarines were detected but these did not belong either to the Chilean Army nor to the North American Army, which was visiting Chile by the Unitas exercises.

The Chilean admiral ordained to afloat the unknown submarines with pumps depth and torpedoes, but one of the submarines could flee. Nevertheless, the destiny of the second submarine is uncertain. According to unofficial versions of the Chilean Navy, it was a Peruvian submarine that was sunk but is a secret that cannot be revealed. But there are others versions which indicate the submarine presumably sunk would be Soviet.

Recently I visited the Thomas Hart Veterans Association's webpage, and you wrote that Chilean navy ask for a suspicious contact. So, I would like to answer if you remember what happened with the unknown submarine and what is your opinion about. I'm writing, with another journalist, a book about this case.

Sincerely, Daniel C. Avendano  
[daniel\\_avendano@hotmail.com](mailto:daniel_avendano@hotmail.com)

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 D/FM 0-21 (L-F-774-858)  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  

### Memorandum

DATE 24 MAY 76

FROM: OPS

TO: ALL OFFICERS

SUBJ: UNITAS XVII SKED AS OF THIS DATE

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
08 JUL	DEPART NORVA	ENR PORT EVERGLADES, FLA.
09 JUL	RDVU	JOIN MACDONOUGH AND DAVIS VIC CHARLESTON, S.C.
12 JUL	ARRIVE PEV	PRE-SAIL CONF FOR TRANSIT TO P.R. ALB PRE-EX MSGS DUE.
14 JUL	SORTIE FM PEV	IN COMPANY WITH COLNAV AND BRAZNAV UNITS FOR MULTI- LATERAL OPS ENR
14 JUL-19 JUL	ENR ROOS. RDS.	CONDUCT TASK FORCE OPS.
19 JUL-22 JUL	INPORT ROOS RDS	PRE-SAIL CONF FOR TF OPS ENR PORT-OF- SPAIN - ALL PRE-EX MSGS DUE. DEPART AM 22 JUL.
22 JUL-26 JUL	ENR PORT-OF- SPAIN	CONDUCT TRA-EX'S IN P.R.
26 JUL-28 JUL	INPORT PORT-OF- SPAIN	OP AREAS. COLNAV UNITS DETACH. OPERATE WITH TRINIDAD- TOBAGO COAST GUARD UNITS DURING ENTRY.
28 JUL-04 AUG	ENR- RECIFE, BRAZIL	CONDUCT OPS WITH BRAZNAVENR
04 AUG-06 AUG	INPORT- RECIFE	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.
06 AUG-09 AUG	ENR- SALVADOR, BRAZIL	
09 AUG-11 AUG	INPORT SALVADOR	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
11 AUG-16 AUG	ENR- RIO DE JANEIRO	
16 AUG-20 AUG	INPORT- RIO	REFUEL
20 AUG-23 AUG	ENR- MONTEVIDEO URUGUAY	
23 AUG-26 AUG	IN PORT-MONTEVID EO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.
26 AUG-29 AUG	LOCAL OPS	
29 AUG-31 AUG	INPORT- MONTEVIDEO	REFUEL
31 AUG-04 SEP	ENR- PUERTO BELGRANO, ARGENTINA	
04 SEP-07 SEP	IN PORT- PUERTO BELGRANO	REFUEL, SYMPOSIUM: SPS-40 OPER & MAINT. ONBOARD HART, SYMPOSIUM: ANTI-TAMMING RADAR PROCEDURES ONBOARD HART, SYMPOSIUM: LAMPS ONBOARD HART, PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.
07 SEP-10 SEP	ENR- GOLFO NUEVO, ARGENTINA	REFUEL FM ARG. OILER (9)
10 SEP-11 SEP	IN PORT- GOLFO NUEVO, PUERTO MADRYN	
11 SEP-14 SEP	ENR- PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE	REFUEL FM ARG. OILER (10)
14 SEP-16 SEP	IN PORT- PUNTA ARENAS (ANCH.)	
16 SEP-18 SEP	TRANSIT CHILEAN INLAND WATERS TO PACIFIC	
18 SEP-21 SEP	ENR- TALCAHUANO, CHILE	REFUEL FM CHILEAN OILER ONBOARD AT ANCH IN GULF OF PUERTO ALDEA
21 SEP-25 SEP	IN PORT- TALCAHUANO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
25 SEP-27 SEP	ENR- VALPARAISO, CHILE	REFUEL FM CHILEAN OILER (11/12)
27 SEP-01 OCT	IN PORT- VALPARAISO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS. SYMPOSIUM: PROPULSION PLANT MAINT.
01 OCT-05 OCT	ENR- PUERTO ALDEA, CHILE	REFUEL MONTSIDE AT ANCH IN PUERTO ALDEA
05 OCT-06 OCT	IN PORT- PUERTO ALDEA	REFUEL (ANCH.)
06 OCT-10 OCT	ENR- CALLAO, PERU	
10 OCT-13 OCT	IN PORT, CALLAO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS SYMPOSIUM: SONAR RANGE FORECASTING & AIR ASW
13 OCT-19 OCT	ENR- PIATA, PERU	REFUEL (11/12) (14 & 18)
19 OCT-20 OCT	ANCH - PIATA	REFUEL (11/12) (20) DEP AM OF 20
20 OCT-21 OCT	ENR- RODMAN, PANAMA CANAL ZONE	REFUEL
21 OCT-26 OCT	IN-PORT- RODMAN	
26 OCT	GULF OF MORROSQUILLO, COLOMBIA - TRA. ANCH.	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
26 OCT-29 OCT	LOCAL OPS	
29 OCT-03 NOV	INPORT- CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA - REFUEL	
03 NOV-04 NOV	ENR- AMUAY, VENEZUELA	
04 NOV-05 NOV	IN PORT- AMUAY	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
05 NOV-09 NOV	LOCAL OPS	
09 NOV-13 NOV	INPORT - LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA	
13 NOV-14 NOV	ENR- PUERTO LA CRUZ, VENEZUELA	
14 NOV-15 NOV	IN PORT PUERTO LA CRUZ	REFUEL
15 NOV-18 NOV	ENR- ROOS. RDS.	

I HOLD A DETAILED SKED OF EVENTS COVERING DEPARTURE FROM  
 PORT OF SPAIN UNTIL ARRIVAL RODMAN THAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY  
 SOAM NAVIES CONCERNED AND IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE. THIS SKED  
 IS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS FOR YOUR PLANNING.

V/R  
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