



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Shipmates

Hope all is well with you and your families during this challenging time. A special thanks to those of you who are healthcare workers and first responders. Summer will be here soon, and hopefully the COVID-19 crisis will be waning by then.

As noted in the Secretary's report, we currently have only 81 members. Please check your membership status, and make sure you are current with your dues. If you know any shipmates who are not members, please ask them to join. Also, please check your contact information and make sure it is up to date and correct. A recent check showed that several former crew members had incorrect contact information (E-mail addresses, phone #'s, etc.).

Looking forward to seeing many of you at next year's reunion in the Washington, DC area.

*Phil Leblanc* (HT2 1973-76)  
President, TCHVA

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Fellow USS Thomas C. Hart Shipmates,

It is that time again that we reach out to you and communicate what is going on within the USS Thomas C. Hart Association. With all that's going on in the world, we are striving to stay focused on the planning of our 2021 reunion in Northern Virginia.

First and foremost, I send my sincere concern to every Hart family and wish you well during this pandemic. We are not completely immune to being comfortable to this social distancing. We have in the past, been cooped up on a ship away from family and friends, but this is definitely not the same. My prayers are with each and every shipmate and their families.

Bravo Zulu to all that responded to our desire to recognize our great ship by purchasing a plaque to be displayed at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC. The response was overwhelming and you answered the call. It is my hope that as many Shipmates as possible will be at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC during our 2021 reunion, to witness our ship's plaque displayed and dedicated.

We are also attempting to reach out to all members that are close to their membership expiring. Yes, we are asking you to reenlist again and remain onboard. We all look back and reminisce on all the great times we had no matter what time period we served. This continues today, just this past year, Shipmates gathered in Pennsylvania to come together once again. I was not able to attend, but I know I missed a great time. Let us all come together again as Ship's Company to honor the USS Thomas C. Hart (DE/FF-1092)

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

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From the Secretary 

Shipmates,

Membership - Currently we have only 81 current members. We really need to boost that muster!

You can see the current roster here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html> If you're not a member, please consider joining us as this is the only requirement to attend our reunions. If you are in contact with other TCH shipmates, please give them a yell and encourage them to stay connected as well.

This will be last call to re-enlist for those whose membership expired at year end 2019. May 1st, we'll update the roster to show current members only. You can join/renew online at:

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

## REUNION 2021

Place: The Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 793-3366.

Dates: 22 - 27 June 2021

Mark your calendars now! Our reunion planner is still working the tour/venue options and the hotel is not ready to accept reservations at this time. We will keep you posted on progress.

### *Preliminary itinerary as follows:*

- **Tues 22 Jun 2021 - Early Bird Check-in/Hospitality Suite open ~1500.**
- **Weds 23 Jun 2021 - Tour(s)/Event(s)**
- **Thurs 24 Jun 2021 - Tour(s)/Event(s)**
- **Fri 25 Jun 2021 - Tour(s)/Event(s)**
- **Sat 26 Jun 2021 - Business Meeting (AM)/Free Time/Banquet (PM)**
- **Sun 27 Jun 2021 - Check-out (AM)**

## NAVY MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Navy Memorial Plaque Update: As you may know, we have made the \$500 deposit to Navy Memorial. We are in communication with the plaque designer for the Navy Memorial. The plaque artist is working two designs now and he will be forwarding to us for review/approval once he completes the designs. Hopefully, that will be very soon. Once received, we'll post both options on our website and we'll let the plaque donors select the design they prefer. At that point we will notify Navy Memorial of our approved design and pay the balance due to get the plaque production started.

Special thanks to those shipmates who jumped at the chance to a part of this project. One of the highlights in this program is the actual plaque dedication ceremony at the Navy Memorial. Our intention is to schedule that during our 2021 reunion which will be in the DC area. We will keep you posted on the progress. Those who donated to the plaque fund drive are:

<b>Ronald Babb</b>	<b>John Batton</b>	<b>Ron Bayliss</b>	<b>Todd Black</b>
<b>Ron Church</b>	<b>Garry Collins</b>	<b>Peter Coste</b>	<b>Bill Cox</b>
<b>Dave Cymerman</b>	<b>John Ebata</b>	<b>Peter Ford</b>	<b>Brian Franklin</b>
<b>Robert Giles</b>	<b>Scott Hines</b>	<b>Steve Holliday</b>	<b>Jeff Ishee</b>
<b>Michael Jones</b>	<b>Mark Lamboni</b>	<b>Toby Layman</b>	<b>Jerry Leatherwood</b>
<b>Phil LeBlanc</b>	<b>Glenn Marshall</b>	<b>Jack McKinzie</b>	<b>James Morgan</b>
<b>Brian Neihart</b>	<b>Dave Neimeyer</b>	<b>Louis Nick</b>	<b>Matt Panella</b>
<b>Sean Patton</b>	<b>Dennis Paul</b>	<b>Robert Rooks</b>	<b>Dan Schubert</b>
<b>William Shank</b>	<b>James Stevens</b>	<b>Mark Truitt</b>	<b>Daniel Vasconcellos</b>

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 April 16<sup>th</sup>, our TCHVA Treasury Balance is \$5770.78 (\$2500 reserved for plaque balance)

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### CRUISE BOOKS

I have obtained reproductions of the 1983 and 1986 Med deployment cruise books and the 1990-91 Desert Storm cruise book. Along with the 1975 Med and 1976 Unitas cruise books, they will be provided on the free CDs distributed to shipmates at the 2021 reunion. The reproduction cruise books along with a separate CD of each will be raffled off at the next reunion.

These high quality reproductions were obtained from DBA Classic Cruise Book Reproductions [www.navycruisebooks.net](http://www.navycruisebooks.net) Although the only Hart cruise books in their inventory are the 75-76-83-86-91 books, they have a large inventory from other ships. The reproductions (which include a “hard copy” and a CD) run about \$50 each, depending on the size of the book and the type cover requested. I was able to work out a credit by letting them copy the 75 and 76 books, which they did not have in their inventory. You may be able to work out a similar deal if you have books they need. I was very pleased with the speed and quality of their service.

Are there Thomas C. Hart cruise books from other years? Please let me (Dave Neimeyer [neimeyer@us.net](mailto:neimeyer@us.net)) know. It would be great to collect a complete set, or at least to know which years we are missing.

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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

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### NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND COMMENTS

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

If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group, with its 453 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

**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  
11620 E. Camino Aurelia  
Vail, AZ 85641**

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