



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

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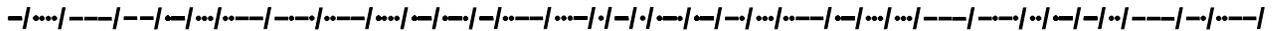
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### President's Report

Shipmates, The plans for reunion 2019 are ongoing. Excursions are being looked at, and if you would like to help with the planning, you can contact our secretary, Gary Collins. I am looking forward to being in Rapid City and making the drive from Arizona.

Hope to see you all there.

*Ron Church* FTG2 73-77



### FINANCIAL REPORT THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, there is currently \$2561 in our treasury. This includes \$0 in our Pay pal account and \$274 in our Help a Shipmate account. Our only income since my last report was from dues. The only expenses are the \$9.95 per month cost of our Website.

Respectfully submitted  
Randy Groen Treasurer  
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association



A New Congressional Research Service Publication on  
U.S. Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories

The Congressional Research Service has just published a short reference document that might be of interest to many:

*Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources*  
by Mese F. DeBruyne and Barbara Salazar Torreon.

The guide provides information on locating military unit histories and individual service records of discharged, retired, and deceased military personnel. It also provides information on locating and replacing military awards and medals. Included is contact information for military history centers, websites for additional sources of research, and a bibliography of other publications, including related CRS reports.

*Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources* is attached and can also be downloaded for free at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/secretcy/RS21282.pdf>.

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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

If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group,  
with its 396 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

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**WANTED: NEWSLETTERS, CRUISE BOOKS, AND OTHER MEMORABILIA**

I'm trying to scan all newsletters, cruise books, change of command programs, and other similar memorabilia, to distribute on CD to all reunion attendees, as I did in Minneapolis. So far I have the following:

**newsletters/familygrams:** 1973 Oct, Nov; 1974 Feb, Apr, Sep; 1975 May, Aug, Dec; 1978 Aug, Dec; 1979 Aug; 1980 Feb; 1981 May, Aug, Oct, Dec; 1982 Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec; 1983 Mar, Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov; 1984 Feb, Apr, Sep; 1985 #10; 1986 Jul, Sep; 2005 #1; All after 2007.

**Change of Command programs:** 1975, 1977, 1981, 1987

**Cruisebooks:** 1975 Med; 1976 Unitas cruisebook

**Other items:** 1973 precomm Booklet; 1973 commissioning Program; 1974 Welcome Aboard pamphlet

**Clippings:** Dec. 1975 Time magazine article on Belknap-kennedy collision; Sept 1993 article on transfer of hart to Turkish navy; 2016 press release on exercise White Storm, in which Hart was sunk as a target

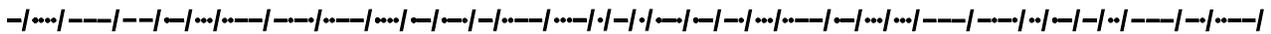
If you have any other items not listed above, I'd greatly appreciate if you could send me a scan, or send me the actual item so I could scan it and return it to you. Together we'll keep the memories alive!

Dave Neimeyer 610-285-4515 [neimeyer@us.net](mailto:neimeyer@us.net)

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## SO WHAT'S THERE TO DO IN RAPID CITY?

Rapid City lies east of Black Hills National Forest in western South Dakota. It's known as a gateway to Mt. Rushmore, the massive iconic sculpture of 4 U.S. presidents. "City of Presidents," a series of life-size statues, spans several blocks downtown. North of Rapid Creek, which bisects town, the Journey Museum & Learning Center offers local history and geology exhibits. Snakes are on view at Reptile Gardens zoo. If a giant sculpture of the heads of four presidents isn't enough for you, there's also the Crazy Horse sculpture being created in the nearby Black Hills. Other nearby attractions include Badlands National Park and Custer State Park. Badlands national Park features rugged natural formations and wildlife, with 244,000 rugged acres of geological formations, prairie grass and wildlife like bison & bighorn sheep. Custer State Park is a huge nature preserve featuring scenic views, trails and resorts among the flora and fauna. Of course, Rapid City also has the features and cultural amenities you'd expect in any US city, including restaurants, theatres, and microbreweries. We're still working up the itinerary for our 2019 reunion, so be sure to pass along your suggestions. We hope to see you at the reunion!



### *Final Farewells*

RMC James Wendell Lambert (85-90) It is with great sadness that the family of James (Jim/Jimmy) Wendell Lambert announces his passing after a brief illness on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the age of 63 years. Jimmy will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 37 ½ years, Angela; and their three children and six grandchildren. Jimmy was born in Huntington, W.Va. on March 26, 1954. He was raised in Belle, W.Va. and moved to Cleveland when he was in his teens. He decided to join the United States Navy in 1973. He was stationed on Guam, USS Francis Marion (LPH 249), SIMA Norfolk, NRTF Moron Spain, NSGA Northwest, USS Thomas C Hart (FF1092), NOPF Dam Neck, USS Wasp (LHD 1) and NATO Comm Facility, Norfolk. He swiftly moved up the ranks and retired as RMCM SW/AW (MasterChief E-9) in 1999. During his service he went to school and completed his Master's Degree in Education. He taught Tech-Ed, cabinet making, woodshop at Granby High School in Norfolk, Va. He was also an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University. In 2007, the family moved to Christiansburg where he continued to teach at Eastern Montgomery High School. Jimmy made a huge positive impact on his students, their families, administrators and fellow teachers. Throughout the years, several of his former students came back to visit him to thank him for his astounding influence. Jimmy was a Master Mason and belonged to McDaniel Lodge #86 in Christiansburg. He was a Shriner and belonged to Kazim Temple in Roanoke. Jimmy was the President of the Kazim Motor Patrol in 2015 and was very proud of his accomplishment. He was given a full military burial at Dublin Veterans Cemetery, followed by graveside rites by the Masonic Temple. Donations can be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hornefuneralservice.com](http://www.hornefuneralservice.com).

Past TCHVA President Steve Garcia and his wife Dee would like to thank everyone who offered their condolences and flowers on the death of Dee's son, CTI3 Stephen Martin, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Flowers may be sent to 11030 Drayton Road, Chester, VA. 23831. For financial donations, go to [www.youcaring.com/TiffanySammieAllieMissTheirFather](http://www.youcaring.com/TiffanySammieAllieMissTheirFather).

**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**

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  
c/o Randy Groen  
2219 Friendship Ln.  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
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