



THOMAS C. HART LINE

YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The reunion in DC was great but now it's time to look forward to the next reunion in Norfolk. DC was the first reunion that I attended and it makes me sad that I did not attend more. It was great to see old shipmates and talk about our adventures on the Hart. I have been traveling a lot and visiting former shipmates that have served with me. Please get the word out to anyone that you know that was on the T C Hart about the reunion in August.

We welcome all T C Hart Shipmates to join us at the reunion so get the word out and meet us in Norfolk August 2023

Please share www.thomaschart.org with all shipmates you know.

We are working on a challenge coin to celebrate this occasion.

All the best

Bruce Mikolaitis

Bruce Mikolaitis
FC2 (SW) 85-89
TCHVA Vice President

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

If you were not at the Washington DC Reunion, you missed a great time! I know most of you already know, but I am excited to share with you that we are having a 50th Anniversary Reunion and return to our homeport, Norfolk/Virginia Beach next year (2023), to celebrate 50 years since the commissioning of USS Thomas C. Hart DE-1092. The dates have been confirmed and are as follows: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – Sunday, August 27, 2023. Please check your calendars and plan to attend.

We hope to welcome many new members and new attendees to this very special milestone of our ship's history. Plans are rapidly being set and updates will follow as that time draws near. What I can share, is that the hotel location has been confirmed.

The Holiday Inn Virginia Beach/Norfolk Hotel and Conference Center,
5655 Greenwich Rd.,
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

As most of you know, I live in Virginia Beach. I had the opportunity to visit this Hotel. I am pleased to tell you that I was pleasantly surprised and very much impressed.

Please share TCHVA with as many of our shipmates as you can. You do not want to miss this one. Most importantly, we don't want any shipmate unaware of this event. We need your help getting the word out. Share: www.thomaschart.org and help grow our membership.

In closing, please keep the family of BM2 Ronnie Croupe in your prayers. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate. In addition, continue to keep our shipmate, Glenn Marshall in your prayers.

All the best,

Steve Holliday (DC1(SW) 1985-90)
President TCHVA

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Financial Report THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Our current balance is \$2778.61

Deductions

\$1174.32 to A Complete Reunion

\$10.67 to web.COM x3 \$300 Barb Schroeder

\$26.49 for flowers

\$293.14 Pasianos for pizza at the reunion

Pending CK of \$175\$ to John Ebata for challenge coins

Dennis Paul

Treasurer, TCHVA

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From the Secretary

Hello shipmates,

As our President, Steve Holliday mentioned, the great 50th commissioning reunion will be held next summer in our great homeport of Norfolk. Many of you no doubt have friends and TCH shipmates who still live in the area. I encourage you to reach out to them now and mention the reunion. There's plenty of time for them to join us at TCHVA as that is our only requirement to attend. They can join here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>. It's also that time of year when we will grandfather new memberships for the balance of this year. In other words, if you've never joined TCHVA or you were once a member and your membership expired, if you reenlist before year end, we will grandfather the balance of 2022 and your \$20 dues payment will mean your membership will be good until January 2025!!!! Sorry we can't offer \$100K reenlistment bonuses as the regular Navy is considering, but we do what we can!

Currently, our membership roster stands at 116 members. That's pretty good but we can do much better. As always, our dues remain only \$10/year. We do request you join for two years as it just reduces the administrative workload and keeps us from having to bug you to re-enlist so often. Unlike everything else you spend your hard earned money on, we have NEVER increased our dues since TCHVA's inception. As long as we can cover our website and domain expenses plus have just a little to help with reunions, that's all we need. No member/officer of TCHVA receives a single cent in compensation for serving in TCHVA. It's all about the love for the ship just as it should be!

It's a bit early to start making hotel reservations for 2023 reunion as we're just now in the process of signing the contract and setting all that up. We will let everyone know when the time is right. I can't believe 2022 is coming to a close. We had a great reunion in June in DC and we're getting back on our original odd year schedule. The 50th anniversary reunion should be the best yet!! Just block those dates in August and plan to attend. Much more to come.

Everyone please stay safe and enjoy your fall and winter.

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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A message from Glenn Marshall to his shipmates:

I just want to thank my Shipmates, brothers, and friends from the USS Thomas C Hart for the caring and support that I have received during this past year with my medical issues, which are still ongoing. I have full intentions of being at the reunion, even if they have to stick me in a box and ship me there LOL. I want to thank you all and to let you know to please feel free to reach out to me anytime through Steve Holliday, as I wish to keep my contact information private. Until the reunion, may we all have Fair Winds and following Seas.

FINAL FAREWELLS

STG2 William E Lezzer Jr (73-76) 5 October 1954 – 6 June 2022

Go to the Hart website, eternal deployment section, for updates and listing of shipmates who have passed away. Additional information on rate/rank and time on board for those who have passed would be appreciated.

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WEBMASTER NEEDED

We're looking to upgrade our web site and Dan Vasconcellos got the ball rolling with a new design with enhanced capabilities, but it is still a work in progress. Unfortunately Dan has had to step down as Webmaster and designer, and we're looking for a volunteer or volunteers to pick up the design effort(s). In the meantime Mark Lamboni will continue to manage our current web site until we can roll out a new one. If you are interested, or know of someone with web design and management experience who would like to continue Dan's efforts, please contact Mark at mlamboni@verizon.net, Garry at garrysea@gmail.com, or Dan at DrDanVas@outlook.com.

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CRUISE BOOKS

We now have scans of 78 familygrams/TCHVA newsletters; several precommissioning, commissioning, Change of Command and Welcome aboard booklets; and 7 cruise books. Electronic copies will be provided at the next reunion to anyone who wants them. If you have any familygrams, newsletters, cruisebooks, photos, or other paper memorabilia you would like to share, please contact Dave Neimeyer 484-378-2725 dave@neimeyer.org. You can either send him a scanned attachment of the item, or you could mail him the original. He can scan the item and return the original to you.

Bring a flash drive / memory stick to the reunion to receive a copy of all the familygrams, newsletters, cruise books, etc, as well as photos from most of the past reunions.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Comments, and items for the newsletter can be sent to Dave Neimeyer at dave@neimeyer.org 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 616 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

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
10195 S. Houghton Rd #67
Tucson, AZ 85747**

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