



THOMAS C. HART LINE

YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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President	Steve Holliday	DC1 (85-90)
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Secretary	Garry Collins	LT (86-89)
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Chairman	Phil Leblanc	HT2 (73-76)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year Shipmates,

Well, it's time to get 2023 underway. Remember the excitement of completing OUTCHOP OPPE and starting our journey back to our Homeport "Norfolk, Virginia"? It's that time once again as we return our Reunion to where it all began. Yes, what a homecoming we will have as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Ship coming alive.

Plans are in motion to ensure our Shipmates have a great Reunion. We have modified our schedule of every two years to coincide with this once in a lifetime event. The dates have been confirmed and will commence on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 and departing day will be Sunday, August 27, 2023.

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

There are many Shipmates out there that have never heard of the TCHVA or attended a Reunion. Whenever we welcome a new attendee as their 1st time, we consistently hear, "I wish that I had attended before." We need your help getting the word out. Share: <http://thomaschart.org> and help grow our membership.

As most of you know, the Association website has a new look and we are using a new Domain. This process is no easy task and several hours, days on end are spent upgrading and staying on top of several issues to get to the final product.

As President, I would like to formally show my appreciation to our Shipmates that have worked diligently on this endeavor: Todd Black, Daniel Vasconcellos, Mark Lamboni, and Garry Collins.

Hope to see you all in August 2023!!!

All the best,

Steve Holliday (DC1(SW) 1985-90)

President TCHVA

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From the Secretary

Hello shipmates,

As we are in this reunion year, we want to concentrate on reaching out to our shipmates and encourage them to join us in preparation for our big Norfolk reunion this summer. We want to continue to build the membership so I encourage you all to start looking for those shipmates who you would like to see in Norfolk. We're finalizing the reunion agenda with our planner and as soon as that process is complete, we'll get the reunion brochure out to you. For now, just block the dates on your calendar: 22-27 August.

As for our membership, our rolls show a muster of 125 members but of those 125, there are many whose membership expired at year end 2022. We do have a short grace period (month end) but if you don't renew before that date you will be unable to access the Members Only section of the site as we will be updating the password access at that time. Specifically, the following shipmates membership expired at year end 2022:

Dennis Baer John Batton Robert Berry Michael Cady Bill Carter Larry Cooper
Jeff Ishee Ron Koshko George Kreisher James Morgan Edward Parker Sean Patton
Charles Plummer William Rodriguez Scott Ruerup John Shenton William Sneed
Michael Taylor Toby Thiel Cecil Willis William Wingfield

To reenlist online, visit this page: <https://thomaschart.org/join-or-renew/> When you join/renew online, please remember it is a two step process. Click the Donate "yellow" button and that will take you to PayPal so you can use your debit/credit card safely. Then return to the same page and complete the "New Member Enrollment Form" (Blue button). Completing both those steps will ensure a prompt followup and Welcome Aboard!

For those whose membership expired before 2022, you can view the current members list here: <https://thomaschart.org/tchva-member-listing/> If your name does not appear here then your membership expired before 2022 or you were never a member. Please consider joining as described above!

I hope your new year has started on a positive note. We do have a couple of shipmates on the binnacle list. Please remember shipmates Steve Garcia and Glenn Marshall as they are battling some health challenges. We're all looking forward to a great time in Norfolk. Stay safe!

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

Treasurer report
Current balance is \$3301.44.
This includes 1123.02 transferred from PayPal.
Expenditures: \$623 for coins
\$96.57 for the web services.
That is all, God bless stay safe,

Dennis Paul, HM1(SW/AW) SMDR 91-93
USS, Thomas C Hart veterans Association Treasurer.

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WEBMASTER

Website update

Have you been on the TCHVA website lately? We recently updated the association website, moving to a modern platform and making some under-the-hood security updates. For example, the site should be easier to read on mobile devices now! Be sure to use the address <https://thomaschart.org> when accessing the site as you may have problems reaching the site from the older www address. Special thanks to Dan Vasconcellos, Mark Lamboni and Garry Collins for their help getting the data transferred over.

You'll see a new look and feel (check out the pull-down menus on the right or bottom of the pages depending on the device you use), but all the information, photos and memorabilia from the old site are still there. Take it for a spin and please provide suggestions for improvements or report any problems to webmaster@thomaschart.org. We have been working through some issues with the new hosting service and with the redesigned features, so it really helps hearing from you to get the site right!

Todd Black, (LT onboard 1987-1990)

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FINAL FAREWELLS

LCDR Wilburn Mack "Bob" Blount, 21 Oct 1947 - 15 Feb 2017. Bob served as Weapons Officer on USS Thomas C. Hart.

Nick Gallo passed away December 14th, 2022. He served as an SM2 on board Hart from 1983-1988.

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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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 644 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: <https://thomaschart.org/tchva-member-listing/> If your name does not appear here then your membership expired before 2022 or you were never a member.



If a shipmate told you about the TCHVA, please tell us who: _____

Tell us about yourself and your service aboard USS THOMAS C. HART (DD/FF 1092)

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name _____

Rate/Rank on TCH: _____ Division: _____

Year Reported: _____ Year Detached: _____

Current Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work Phone: _____

Current Email address: _____

Spouse Name (if desired): _____

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 desired.

I am sending in \$ _____ Please begin/renew my membership!

Mail this form and check or money order to:

USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association
C/O Dennis Paul
PO Box 69
Powder River, WY 82648

Note: If you have any difficulty printing this form, please just write the requested information on a short note and include with your payment. We'll make sure to muster you in. Thanks