



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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**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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**THOMAS C. HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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



## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Ahoy Shipmates!

We have a special connection – a unique bond! Valuable friendships! Incredible experiences! Whether your TC Hart spirit is alive and well or dormant, it's still there. Honor it, honor your memories on the Hart, honor your shipmates – you'll be glad you did.

With the reunion fast approaching, you don't want to procrastinate on this bi-annual event. I know, I am good at procrastinating and now regret missing the first couple of reunions while I was thinking it over. If you make a commitment now to join us in Louisville next year, you won't regret it. We have ways to help you plan, budget, and support you, in getting you to the Reunion. The TCHVA Officers are working hard to build the Association and to make this reunion the best ever.

Only from my own life experience and certainly not throwing any stones (living in a glass house at times), I would like you to consider a couple of things:

As someone told me,

- Some people *MAKE things happen* and *MAKE THEMSELVES A "HAPPENING"*;
- There are those that stand on the sidelines and *WATCH WHAT HAPPENS*;
- And then there are those that simply wonder "*WHAT HAPPENED?*".

And

- "Life Happens While You're Busy Making Plans".

Please consider committing now to the reunion which will give you 12 months to make it happen for you and you can make it a great personal or family vacation as well.

There will be some exciting announcements during the upcoming newsletters and some great contests in preparation for the reunion. Hope to see everyone there.

Warmest regards to you and yours,

Ron Koshko                      EW1 – OE Div (Apr 1974-Dec 1979)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all our USS Thomas C. Hart veterans! The summer is heating up and so are we as we prepare for our reunion in Louisville next year. Garry Collins has worked wonders in making arrangements so that we will truly have a great time.

Over the last few months we have contacted a number of shipmates and the association membership is growing. Don't be left out!! If you haven't joined or renewed your membership, get on board ASAP!!! And, you can help us immensely by getting in touch with others with whom you served aboard the Hart. We look forward to hearing from you!

Have a great summer and stay safe!

Dan Schubert

Vice President, TCHVA

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## From the Secretary



As Secretary, membership stands at 89 with many dues expiring at the end of 2012! It's time to beat the rush and renew your membership before year end!

As you may know, we are planning the 2013 reunion and we'd like to hear from you on what activities/venues you might be interested in during the Louisville event. As a TCHVA member, we wanted to give you an opportunity to tell us what you might like to do during the reunion. If you haven't been to Louisville, you are in for a treat! It is a great, clean town with lots to do within walking distance of the Galt House hotel. Downtown maps are available on the website so you can see what I mean. Great restaurants too! All within blocks of our hotel! Aside from the downtown venues, Kentucky offers other great places to visit such as Bowling Green (Corvette plant and museum), Mammoth Cave, Bourbon Trail (Kentucky is the worlds top producer of fine bourbon). On the reunion page, we've established a form where you can tell us what you'd like to do! Please feel free to offer other suggestions in the comments block.

Visit here <http://www.thomaschart.org/id73.html> and respond to the survey no later than 31 August.

Thanks for supporting TCHVA and we hope to see you in Louisville. Much more to come! Stay tuned and start contacting those shipmates who have not yet joined us! Let's make this reunion the biggest and best ever! YA GOTTA HAVE HART!

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### FROM THE SHIP'S STORE

Hello shipmates,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We are about 12 months from our next reunion and I am starting to make plans. Hopefully everyone else is planning on going to our next reunion so we can make it the best one so far. Remember to visit the ship's store and check out the deal we have going on for the rest of the year. Have a good a good summer and I will see you next year.

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

**JULY 1ST 2012, FINANCIAL REPORT  
THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

The last financial report was dated February 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 and was presented to the membership in the March Newsletter. At that time the ships treasury had a balance of \$3199.96 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 \$3261.76. This includes \$5.00 that is in the Navy Credit Union and \$224.00 that is in a "shell" account that 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	\$150.00	
Total income	\$150.00	
Expenses		
Website		\$79.80
Paypal Fees		\$8.40
Total expenses		\$89.20
Net gain		\$61.80
Total in account as of July 17 <sup>th</sup> 2011	\$3261.76	

Respectfully submitted July 5th 2012. Receipts and account statements are available for review

Randy Groen                      Treasurer, Thomas C Hart Veterans Association  
Randygg@frontiernet.net

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*Chaplain's Corner*

Greetings Shipmates,

There is an old African proverb that says when a person chooses to hold a lifelong grudge, he or she will always suffer twice from the same hurt. One of the liberating ways to begin a new season is to have less emotional baggage from our past. When we choose to forgive someone, we are not condoning what that person did; nor are we playing mind games in pretending that the offense never occurred. Because of life's circumstances, sometimes we should just choose to forgive our offender so we can release ourselves from them and them from us. I have seen with my own eyes that even though decades have separated some of us from one we will not forgive it continues to give them power over us. Let go of past grudges and move forward with greater emotional freedom and joy in your life! It works!

God Bless always,    *-Lee*

## HISTORIAN'S LOG

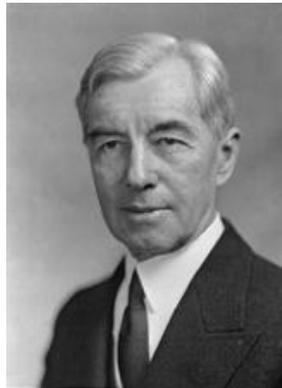


Greetings Shipmates! Welcome to another addition of the TC Hart Veterans Association Newsletter Historian's Log.

Wow, it is hard to believe how fast time flies. It seems like yesterday when we asked each association member in March to join us at the next reunion in Louisville. Now that the 4th of July has come and gone, the reunion will be here before you know it. So make your plans now to attend TC Hart Reunion 2013 planned for Louisville, Kentucky!

In the last edition, I reported on the TC Hart memorabilia collection and solicited items that any of you wished to donate or loan. While nothing new was added, we will gladly welcome said items for posterity. You can upload photos or send interesting artifacts from TC Hart's or other naval related items. See <http://www.thomaschart.org/id73.html> for details.

In this edition, I thought we have a little fun and play trivia. See if you can answer these six questions. Your name will be entered for a special prize if you answer all questions correctly. Answers will be posted on line at: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id73.html>



Thomas Charles HART

- 1) Which TC Hart former Commanding Officer's initials are JM?
- 2) What year did TC Hart make her maiden voyage?
- 3) What state did Admiral Hart represent in the US Senate?
- 4) Who is the TC Hart Veteran's Association's current vice president?
- 5) Which country was TC Hart assigned to after her decommissioning?
- 6) What shipyard constructed TC Hart DE/FF 1092?

## REUNION 2013 - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The contract has been signed for our reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012, at the Galt House Hotel. There are two room rates: West tower \$119, Suite tower \$129. The upgrade is worth the extra \$10. Lovely rooms. We will also have a Hospitality room (two bedroom suite) that overlooks the river. 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.

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### USN SHIP DESIGNATIONS

By Guy Derdall and Tony DiGiulian Updated 17 September 2010

The designations "Cruiser," "Destroyer" and "Frigate" were a source of some confusion in the USN during the 1970s. Existing US carrier escorts were designated as Frigates (DLG and DLGN), but foreign warships of the size of US Frigates were generally classified as destroyers or cruisers. The USN was also applying the term "Patrol Frigate" or "PF" to the much smaller USS Oliver Hazard Perry class of convoy escorts then being designed. This usage was more in line with the "Frigate" designation as used in foreign navies, where it was usually given only to smaller warships of about the same size as the Perrys.

The designation "DE" was originally assigned to Destroyer Escorts of World War II. It is sometimes stated that "DE" meant "Ocean Escorts" for those convoy escorts of the 1950s-1970s starting with the USS Dealey (DE-1006) class and ending with the USS Knox (DE-1052) class, but this does not appear to have ever been made a formal designation. The DANFS (Dictionary of American naval Fighting Ships) entry for USS Knox herself describes her as "the prototype in a new class of destroyer escorts" while the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) currently lists all DE-designated ships as simply "Escort" including those built during World War II. As stated above, on 30 June 1975 existing Guided Missile Escorts (DEG) were redesignated as Guided Missile Frigates (FFG) and those Escorts (DE) still in commission were redesignated as Frigates (FF).

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### Final PCS / Eternal deployment:

RONALD JOHN FORST (Age 76) Capt., USN (Ret.) Of Grasonville, MD died Thursday, December 8, 2011. He was the commissioning CO of TCH

Check Hart web page for other Eternal Deployments

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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

## **FROM FACEBOOK: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HART MEMORY?**

[Thomas Waite](#) Living on the barge at drydock.....not so much.

[Neal Jefferis](#) Backing the ship out from the pier in Ocho Rios, Jamaica ... and continuing to operate astern propulsion all of the way through the breakwater. Only time I've seen a single screw ship back out of port. (Summer 1985).

[George Kreisher](#) Thank the Engineers for giving" Tommy" an Exceptional Engineering Plant to be able to conduct the Operation. and for an AMAZING CAPTAIN on the Bridge Giving VERY PROFESSIONAL ORDERS to the watch in the Pilot House. She had ONE HELL OF A CREW, and ALWAYS DID.

[Nelson Cordero](#) When SIMA came to remove the barrel of the gun mount and dropped it on the deck!!! The barrel went through the deck missing an empty rack by inches.

[Neal Jefferis](#) The barrel punched about 8" into XN berthing, where [Ken Zierler](#) was compartment cleaning that morning. Barrel was later re-installed after the mount was overhauled, and is probably still the one installed on the ship.

[Dave Kaminski](#) Our vist to St. Cere France

[John Buckley](#) San Remo Italy where we were adopted by the locals.

[George Kreisher](#) Alexandria Egypt, Partying at the Ambassadors Estate, and having the honor of working with the Local People as "TOMMY CHUCK's" Fresh Water King and seeing the expression on CHENG's face ( Lt. Spiker ) when I told him we were given BOCKSEECH ( A Gift of 30,000 Gal. of Fresh Drinking Water) and the Com

mand didn't have to pay for the full amount of Fresh Water we used while we were there

.....PRICELESS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[Dave Cymerman](#) battle of Hammamet bay 1988, Thomas C. Hart 1, Greenpeace 0 ... nuff said

[Daron Walker](#) Dave C. I found a bunch of photos from that battle. I'll try to post them on here soon. David A. I think you're right the entire cruise was a blast. I still remember singing to the protesters with you on the liberty boat somewhere in Spain.

[George Kreisher](#) Yeh Buddy, still have the T-shirt from the cruise

[David Altwies](#) Daron, you are right. We were in Menorca Spain. The protesters were at the liberty launch site protesting us being in El Salvador and Nicaragua. I think they were also protesting "No Nukes", also. That was a rocky port visit. While we were at anchor, we were getting rocked worse than if we had been in a Noreaster off the Vacapes. They finally had to get the ship underway and move so we could put her head into the wind with the incoming tides.

[Daron Walker](#) Hey George don't forget the Magic Carpet Ride for Captain Nick. LOL That whole party was a great memory, from the belly dancers and magician to the food and liquor.

[Joey LaLonde](#) Keil Week - 1982 and celebrating the 4th of July in Denmark.

[David Altwies](#) Any port we hit during the '88 Med. I knew it was my last Med Cruise and I was enjoying the whole thing. Seeing all the things I saw with shipmates on this ship will always be first in my mind. I still remember most of you and at 62. That gets a little tougher each day. LOL. I look forward to next year, because I will be at that reunion come hell or high water. I can kill two birds with one stone seeing my shipmates and also the last best man I had at my last wedding, all in the same city. Hooyah!

[George Kreisher](#) Yeh especially when the magician pulled that thing the snake on BM Redman....that was funny....lol

[Don Szelag](#) 700+ rounds in 25 hours Baby!

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If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group, with its 157 members and 500+ photos.

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XN Division Nov 1975: Top row: Ltjg Dave Neimeyer – HMI Currier – QM3 Cassani – QMSA May – YNC Childress – QMC Lester Plummer. Bottom Row: SN Skip Murray – QM3 Mike Leatherman – PN3 Chester Weich – YN3 Dave Lundquist – HN Pat Andre – QM3 Bob Rooks – YN3 Ron Baylis