



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

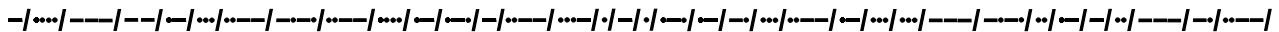
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President	Steve Garcia	NC1 (84-86)
Vice Pres.	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)
Treasurer	Randy Groen	STG2 (73-76)
Secretary	Garry Collins	LT (86-89)
Historian	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)
Storekeeper	John Ebata	BTFN (86-90)
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Webmaster	Mark Lamboni	LTJG (76-78)
Chaplain	Lee Edwardsen	STG2 (81-86)
Chairman	Dan Schubert	ETN3 (73-75)



### President's Report

Well Shipmates 2016 has been one interesting year. Between all of our own personal challenges, community challenges, and national challenges it's a wonder we're not all wandering around thinking "What a weird dream!" Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the crazy goings on in our everyday lives that we unintentionally forget about all the great things that have happened to us during the year. New businesses starting, job promotions, births, kids graduating, grand kids graduating, weddings, those short but fun vacations, and just sitting on the porch with a cup of coffee or cool beverage and watching the world go by. I know for Dee and me it has been a very challenging year, but the bright side always ended up outweighing the dark side. We had some cardio problems, but found a great Dr. and everything is under control; I was supposed to have back surgery, but with physical therapy things got better and surgery wasn't needed; Dee was diagnosed with cancer, but after surgery she is completely cancer free, and that is according to her last check-up a month ago. And we have lost some dear friends this year, but we know they are in a better place and would want us to go on with our lives, be happy, and remember the good times we had with them. There is no training manual for life, no POD for your daily tasks and challenges, just OJT and learning by trial and error. The trick to success is to be able to see that tiny spark of light at the end of the tunnel, get your boiler room to throw on a few liberty turns and press on. Many people say "stay positive", that's hard to do all the time, especially when times get tough. But rest assured that if you stay faithful to your beliefs, committed to your future success and happiness, you will make it through and will reach your goal sooner or later. Try and be a little flexible every once in a while and you'll make it around those tough times. Semper Gumby! (Always Flexible) And remember, your shipmates are here to help if we can.

It's time to start planning for the next reunion, Minneapolis, MN, June 2017. Randy has some great things in the works and it sounds like it is going to be another great time. If you have never been to one you really should try to come. Some of you may see the whole schedule and all the events and think, I can't afford all that, well for what it's worth there are a lot of folks who can't. So, what do we do? Come to part of it, come for a couple of days, or just the weekend. Go on all your favorite tours, or just one special tour, or just come and hang out, take a break from everyday life and relax. But come. It will give you the opportunity to be part of the workings of the organization and even be instrumental on where the next reunion will be. But more important than that it will give you the opportunity to reconnect with shipmates you knew from your time on the Hart, make new friends with shipmates that served before and after you did, share some old sea stories, and just have a great time. If you really want to go, but have some kind of challenge that is keeping you from coming, contact me or one of the other officers and maybe we can help you figure something out...no promises (we're not recruiters) but we'll do the best we can.

Last but far from least. Dee and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. For those of you who don't celebrate as we do, we would like to wish you Happy Holidays and hope you celebrate your holiday with all the joy and peace that comes with it. May you all be blessed, and have a safe, peaceful, and loving holiday season. And may 2017 be a good year for all of us.

Peace, Love, and Prayers

Steve and Dee Garcia  
President and First Lady  
U.S.S. Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association

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### Treasurer's Report



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 and a \$200 deposit to hold the rooms for next summer's reunion in Mpls MN. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Respectfully submitted  
Randy Groen Treasurer  
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association

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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 348 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

## Notes from the Secretary



Shipmates, as Secretary, I want to wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas! I can't believe another year has passed! I am pleased to list the current TCHVA members. If you don't see your name on the listing, then either your membership has expired or you have yet to join us. An \* indicates your membership is expiring at year end so please consider renewing. You can "re-enlist" or "join" here.

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

We are grandfathering the balance of 2016 so if you join/renew, your \$20 dues will cover your membership thru 2018! Of course, if you are not up for renewal, you may still renew and we will extend your active membership accordingly. FYI, our dues are used solely to fund the operation of the website/domain registration and any extra funds are used to keep the costs of our reunions as low as possible.

Dave Altwies	Ronald Babb	William Bacher	Jesse Barnett*	John Batton*
Ron Baylis	Todd Black	Jim Bowers*	Patrick Burke	Ron Church*
Thomas Clark*	David Coleman	Robert Coleman	Garry Collins	Craig Cope
Scott Cruikshank*	Mark Dammer*	Paul Dobrosky	Paul Dougherty*	Ovidio Duran*
Lee Edwardsen*	Charlie Ellis*	Randy Fisher	John Ebata	Peter Ford*
Randy Funkhouser	Michael Garcia	Steve Garcia*	Robert Giles	Randy Groen
James Hunt*	Michael Jones*	Sean Keller	Ron Koshko	Mark Lamboni
Jerry Leatherwood	Phillip Leblanc*	Martin Letitia*	Peter Loach	Kerry Long
Fred Longenecker	David Lundquist	Peter Luschenat	John MacMichael	Glen Mansfield
Larry Martin	Robert McDonald*	Bill McGloon	Jack McKinzie	Nelson Mertz
Eric Mettendorf	Thomas Miller	Kevin Morrissey*	Dave Neimeyer	Lou Nick
Kevin Nordberg	David Nusbaum	Michael Paderlikes	Archie Parks	Sean Patton
Dennis Paul*	Terry Peterson	Raymond Poirier*	Andy Roberts*	William Rodriguez
Robert Rooks	Scott Ruerup	Richard Rush	Michael Schmitt	Jim Schreiber*
Dan Schubert	Tommy Sexton	Bill Shank*	Gary Smith	William Sneed*
Mark Truitt	Joseph Tumminello*	Bill Tylock	Daron Walker	Steve Walker*
F. Richard Whalen	Jimmy Wilkerson	Reginald Wingfield*	Vern Wingfield	Samuel Yearby
James Zamorski				

If you have any questions about membership, you can email me directly at [garrysea@gmail.com](mailto:garrysea@gmail.com).

All the best, *Garry Collins*

LCDR, SC, USN (ret) SUPPO 1986-1989

USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association Founder/Secretary

Join/Renew membership: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html> or use the form at the end of this newsletter.

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### Past Thomas C. Hart Reunions

2005 Norfolk, Virginia

2007 Nashville, Tennessee

2009 Charleston, South Carolina

2011 Norfolk, Virginia

2013 Louisville, Kentucky

2015 Newport, Rhode Island

# 2017 THOMAS C. HART REUNION

## Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

### June 6 through June 11

Plans are almost complete for the 2017 Thomas C Hart Reunion. It will be held at the Best Western Plus Bloomington at Mall of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota. To reserve your room, call 952-854-8200. Be sure you tell them that you are part of the USS Thomas C Hart Reunion to get the special rate. We have 35 rooms at this rate so hurry and make your reservation. The hotel has a free breakfast, indoor Swimming Pool and hot tub, restaurant and free shuttle to and from the MSP Airport. The Best western is just a few miles from the MSP Airport and is across the street from The Mall of America.

Tuesday will be welcome aboard day. I will set up a place where we can all eat dinner together. The hospitality room, which is next to the pool will be open with snacks and refreshments.

Tours that I am planning for the week include a play at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater presenting the musical "Grease", a ninety-minute tour of the USBank Stadium, the MN Vikings brand new \$1.1 billion football stadium, and a visit to the Walker Art Museum and Sculpture Gardens. I am also considering visiting the newly opened Prince museum located in the late music icon's former home, studio and stage complex, and a tour of Historic Fort Snelling, an old Indian fort that has demos and interactive displays of life on the US Frontier through the Civil War. There will also be a taste of the city and a brewery tour. A visit to a comedy club and we will also have the Mall of America right next door. I'm also working on a Twin cities tour that will include a river boat ride on the Mississippi River.

On Saturday evening, I have a reserved the Banquette Hall in our hotel for a catered dinner. This will be the last time we all will get to hang out together until the next reunion.

Sunday, we will say our farewells and head home.

I am still considering other tours and entertainment. If you have any suggestions, please let me know at [groenrandy@gmail.com](mailto:groenrandy@gmail.com). I have included links to the hotel and some of the tours below. As soon as I have everything locked down, I will start registration. Hopefully in the first week of December.

Please make time for attending the Thomas C Hart Reunion. I have been to all 5 and had a great time. The best part is seeing my old shipmates and seeing the new friends I have made at the other reunions. I am looking forward to seeing all of you

Here are some links to some of the above venues.

Hotel website <http://www.reservations.com/hotel/best-western-plus-bloomington-hotel-at-mall-of-america>

Chanhassen Dinner Theater <https://www.chanhassentheatres.com>

Stadium tour <http://www.usbankstadium.com/stadium-tours>

Walker Art Center <http://go.minneapolis.org/directory/walker-art-center/>

Prince Museum <https://officialpaisleypark.com/pages/paisley-park-tours>

Fort Snelling <http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/>

City Tours <https://www.awardwinningcitytours.com/>

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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)

**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  
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