

Thomas C. Hart Line

You Gotta Have Hart!



*The newsletter of the Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association
Dedicated to the sailors who brought a great ship to life!*

Special points of interest:

- **Nashville bound!**
- **Webmaster update**
- **See you in Nashville, 2007**

Nashville bound!

Shipmates,
 Thanks for your votes! You've selected the 2007 reunion city to be Nashville!! I've placed a similar news article on the website. Also, I've posted nearly all of my pictures from the TCH days. I urge you to post your pics on our site!! It's really pretty user friendly once you get registered. If you are having trouble registering, let our webmaster, Ray Polen know. You can email him at webmaster@thomaschart.org. Basically, the photos are organized by Ships Photos, Reunion Photos, and Port Visits.
 Gents, the task is now before us. We've got to contact everyone we know who was a TCH sailor and get them to join us!!! If you have email addresses of others whom you don't wish to contact, forward them to me or one of the staff!

We've only added a couple of folks since the reunion so we're obviously not working very hard to make the Association grow. We've got a little fire in the boiler but we've gotta open those throttle valves to make the engines go!! If everyone would just contact three shipmates and get them to join, we'd have nearly 200 members..... That's our membership goal for the next reunion!!
 You can direct them to the website. They can print a membership form there or I encourage you to send them one! I'll attach a form to this email for your convenience.....
 Ya Gotta Have Hart!!
 All the best,
 Garry

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So what is in Nashville?

Did you know...Nashville was founded on Christmas Eve 1779 along the banks of the Cumberland River. Two teams of pioneers set forth from the Carolinas to found the new city. Upon arrival, they immediately began building Fort Nashborough. Among the pioneers was Rachel Donelson, daughter of Captain John Donelson, who would later become the wife of President Andrew Jackson.

Ok, so maybe history is not your cup of tea! There is plenty to do and see in Nashville. Take a look at the Nashville Visitor Bureau's website at <http://nashvillecvb.com/Visitors/default.aspx?menu=Visitors>, for some information to get you warmed up for 2007!

Webmaster's Corner

Well spring is just around the corner. I think that pesky groundhog in Pennsylvania was dead wrong this year. Lets hope at least. I just wanted to update some things and say hello to some new members. As you will notice around the site there are some thing from time to time that will be there one day and gone the next. Please understand this is because I'm testing new modules live rather than taking the site down to test them.

Currently I'm working on two projects. One is the online Newsletter and the other is a ships store. Although these things might sound simple, security of your information for as it pertains to online purchases and the ships store are key to this development. As well there are some glitches with what I thought was going to be an easy integration of the newsletter. Never fear, I'm up for the challenge.

Also, if you need assistance or help with anything pertaining to the site feel free to reach me at webmaster@thomaschart.org. I'll get to you email as soon as possible and help out. We have membership registration

forms on the site. Please visit the link on the menu "Mbrshp Docs & Registration" and I encourage you to participate in the polls. I'm sure with another reunion in the planning this feature will be utilized heavily.

Again, Happy Spring and I wish you well.

Ray Polen
TCHVA Webmaster



The Association is a fraternal organization for current or previous United States Navy Members who served aboard the destroyer escort/ fast frigate USS Thomas C. Hart (DE/FF-1092). The primary purpose of the Association is for former shipmates who share a common background of service aboard the T C Hart to enjoy camaraderie and to provide the opportunity for members to actively participate in reunions and other activities of the Association.

Notice a lot of white space? Please, send in an article!

This newsletter is dedicated to get the word out about the crew of the finest warship in the Fleet. From the snipes to the twigits, SWOs, Chops, deck-apes, and, of course, the families, this letter is for you to get reconnected with shipmates. We are shooting to publish three times a year in March, July and November. The deadline for the next newsletter is 15 June 2006. Send any suggestions for articles,

written material (sea-stores encouraged!), photos and announcements to Thomas.C.Hart@cox.net or mail it to,;

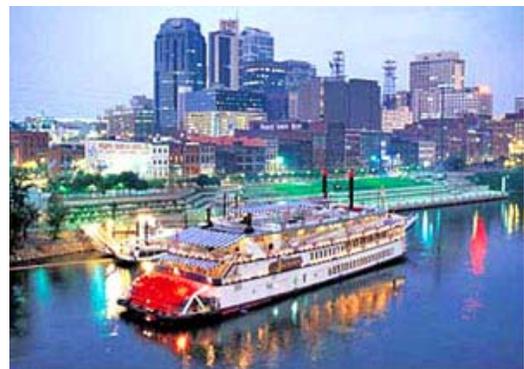
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- Todd Black

Items of Interest

Navy Ship Prints Available

HT1 Mark "Ozzie" Osborne (Retired), a Knox Frigate shipmate who served in USS BLAKELY (FF-1072) makes prints of ships that are available for purchase. You can see his handy work online at <http://groups.msn.com/navyships>. If you are interested in purchasing a 11 x 17 print, you can contact Ozzie at 447 Mechanicsville Rd., Apt 14, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or at his email address, soybeanpigfarmer@yahoo.com.



Get the word out!
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cheap! Just mail \$20 for two years
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WWW.THOMASCHART.ORG**



*Admiral Thomas C. Hart
United States Navy
12 June 1877 - 04 July 1974*

Association Staff

Elected Officers

President, Garry Collins
Vice President, Steve Garcia
Secretary, Toby Layman
Treasurer, Randy Groen

Volunteer Staff

Historian, Andy Roberts
Storekeeper, E. Scott Ruerup
Newsletter, Todd Black
Webmaster, Ray Polen



Chaplain Wanted! (we REALLY need one!!!)

During the business meeting at the 2005 reunion all of the officer and assistant positions were filled with the exception of a Chaplain. What does the Chaplain do? The Chaplain will be the primary point of contact for notification of illness/death of any Association Member or T C Hart Shipmate. In addition, he will initiate contact with relatives of the infirmed or deceased and keep the Association informed via direct e-mails and the official Association Website, of specifics, regarding the illness or death. He will send appropriate get well, condolences or sympathy cards on behalf of the Association and tender his signature to the card using the "Chaplain, USS Tho-

mas C. Hart FF-1092 Veterans Association" tag line. When notified, he will report any illness or death to the Association. The Chaplain will offer the invocation at the reunion banquet. If you are interested, please contact any of the Association officers.

Original October 2005 Financial Report		With Corrections		March 2006 Financial Report	
Starting Balance	\$ -	\$ -		Starting Balance	\$592.06
Dues 2005-2006	\$ 1,100.00	\$1,060.00		Dues 2006-2007	\$ 20.00
Dues 2006-2007	\$ -			Dues 2008-2009	\$ 20.00
Dues 2007-2008	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00		Dues 2008-2009	
Dues 2009-2010	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00		Dues 2009-2010	
Total Dues	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,250.00		Total Dues	\$ 40.00
Interest Income		\$ 6.47			
Total Income	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,256.47		Store Keeper	\$ -
				Total Income	\$ 40.00
Membership Pins	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00			
Banquet	\$ 172.41	\$ 172.41			
Store Keeper	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			
Misc	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		Misc	\$ 255.00
Pre Aug Expenses	\$ 58.53	\$ 50.00			
Total Expenses	\$ 672.94	\$ 664.41		Total Expenses	\$255.00
Ending Balance	\$ 587.06	\$ 592.06		Ending Balance	\$377.06

As required by the Associations Bi-laws, this is the Financial Report for the Thomas C Hart Veterans Association. After my last statement was published in Octobers T.C. Hart Newsletter, I was informed that some of the assumptions I'd made were incorrect. Even though the errors were minimal, I feel it is necessary to put out a corrected Financial Report. I've included the original statement for comparison.

The errors occurred because I didn't have a complete understanding of all that went on before I was elected to, and assumed the duties of Treasurer in August of 2006. I did not know that there was still \$5.00 in the original account. I thought that all the money in that account had been transferred to the new account. I also miscalculated (or miss-guessed) the amount of dues that had been collected. This happened because I did not know that some of the expenses that were incurred while organizing the Association were paid out of pocket. The organizers absorbed some of these expenses, and others were paid for in lieu of dues. The only pre August expense not listed elsewhere was \$50.00 rent for a Post Office box. The interest income was from our first checking account. All other entries were explained in the last News Letter.

As for the March Financial Report, you will note that our expenses are far out stripping our income. We need new members!!! Hopefully recruiting will become easier now that we are starting serious planning for our next reunion. The \$250.00 "Misc. fees" break down as follows. We had a one-time fee of \$150.00 for our application to the I.R.S. for tax-exempt status. This has been approved and so we no longer have to worry about the taxman. There was a \$90.00 charge for our Internet web site, and a \$15.00 charge for a one-time bank fee.

As I was sitting here working on this report, I recalled an incident that happened aboard the Hart in 1976. My first year aboard. I was member of Fox Division where all the seamen were known as NRPs. Pronounced nurp. This stood for Non Rated Puke. The Petty Officers were called BURPs for Big Useless Rated Pukes. (Some of our senior non-coms were "girth challenged"). Any way. After a night on shore leave where a group of us NRPs had tipped a few to many, we returned to the ship in a somewhat rebellious mood. I came up with a prank to pull on Dave, one of the BURPs. With encouragement from my shipmates, I stole the mattress and bedding from his rack and hauled it down to the sonar equipment room. I don't remember too much about the rest of the night. I'd had a few beers and slept pretty sound. I did hear some ranting and raving when Dave returned to the ship. Poor Dave ended up sleeping on a chair in the sonar control room that night and was in a sour mood for the next few days. Dave. If you are still out there and read this, please except my apology. I have no excuse but youth and alcohol. I hope you understand. And to all my shipmates who kept secret the information of who the perpetrator was, Thanks.

I'm sure all of you have your own memories of your time on the Hart. I look forward to hearing some of them when we get together at the next reunion in 2008. See you then.

Randy Groen
Treasurer