



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

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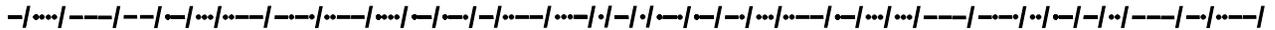
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Vice Pres.	Phil Leblanc	HT2 (73-76)
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### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

The Rapid City reunion is only a couple of months away, and I am really looking forward to it. Last June I had the opportunity to stay at the Grand Gateway Hotel on my way to a fishing trip in Montana. I was very pleased with the accommodations. The room was clean and comfortable, and the staff was very friendly and courteous.

The onsite Perkins restaurant was very good and open 24 hrs. Aside from the excellent tours that are scheduled during the reunion, there are many other places of interest in Rapid City and the surrounding area to visit if you have time before and/or after the reunion. My wife and I plan on driving so we can explore some of these places.

We are looking forward to seeing shipmates from previous reunions and meeting new ones. Also, don't forget the May 4 cut-off date to guarantee a room and discounted rate. Hope to see all of you there.

*Phil Leblanc* (HT2 1973-76)

## From the Secretary



Shipmates,

Hello Shipmates - Greetings from your TCHVA Secretary!

Reunion 2019 is literally just days away! Now is the time to make that hotel reservation and make those travel plans to join us in Rapid City, SD. The dates of the event are 4 - 9 June. The tours begin on Wednesday, June 5th, and our banquet will be held Saturday evening, June 8th! There are some wonderful tours to various historical sites, and they are very reasonably priced!

Your shipmates will be gathering to have a great time in this fabulous city. This is a great opportunity for those of you who live in the Midwest and Western US to make it to a great TCH event without having to travel across the country! Please make your hotel reservations by 4 May as we will have to surrender our hotel block on that date. That doesn't mean you can't come to the reunion. It just means the guaranteed room rate and room is no longer guaranteed. So, go ahead, make your hotel reservation now. If you can't send in your reunion registration form with payments just yet, don't worry. You have until the first of June to get that sent in to our planners.

You can download the reunion registration form/agenda here:

<http://www.thomaschart.org/id122.html>

As for the Secretary's report, membership rolls show only 76 active TCHVA members. We should be doing much better than this. If you're not a member, please consider joining us as we are the only "official" TC Hart Veterans group recognized by the government! You can re-enlist/ join us here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>

Bottom line: We want all TCH veterans to be a part of this organization and we'd love it if everyone could come to our Rapid City event! It promises to be a great time! I promise you the "sea stories will flow" as we all hang around our hospitality suite in the hotel! Come and be a part of this great event!

All the best,

*Garry Collins*

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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 418 members and hundreds of photos and posts.



**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
 March 31 2019

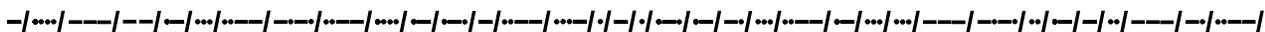
The TC Hart Treasury currently has a balance of \$2161.38. Included in that total is \$324 that is dedicated to the “Help a Shipmate Fund”.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Rapid City South Dakota for the 2019 Thomas C Hart Ship’s Reunion!! I have been to this area 3 times in my life, but the last time was over 30 years ago so I am looking forward to going again. The area boasts lots of American History and fantastic scenery. If you have never been to Wall Drug, it is a must-see place. It is much more than just a drug store. It has been there forever, and you can find just about anything there. Historically, Wall Drug practically invented the “Road Sign.” Their signs pointing the direction and the number of miles to Wall Drug were put up throughout the country. During World War II, our Soldiers in Europe put up signs pointing the way to Wall Drug to remember home. If you didn’t sign up for this tour, you may want to reconsider.

Can’t wait to see you all at the Reunion!!!

STG2 *Randy Groen*

Treasurer, USS Thomas C Hart Association



**WANTED: NEWSLETTERS, CRUISE BOOKS, AND OTHER MEMORABILIA**

I’m trying to scan all newsletters, cruise books, change of command programs, welcome aboard pamphlets, and other similar memorabilia to distribute on CD **FREE** to all shipmates who attend our upcoming reunion, as I did at the Minneapolis reunion. So far I have the following:

**Newsletters/familygrams:** 1973 Aug, Oct, Nov; 1974 Feb, Apr, Sep; 1975 May, Aug, Dec; 1978 Aug, Dec; 1979 Aug; 1980 Feb; 1981 May, Aug, Oct, Dec; 1982 Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec; 1983 Mar, Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov; 1984 Feb, Apr, Sep; 1985 #10; 1986 Jul, Sep; 1988 Jun, Jul; 2005 #1; 2007-2019 = all 26 issues.

**Change of command programs:** 1975, 1977, 1981, 1987

**Cruisebooks:** 1975 Med; 1976 Unitas

**Other items:** 1973 Precomm booklet; 1973 pre-commissioning welcome aboard letter; 1973 commissioning program; 1973 change of homeport letter; 1973 Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> plan of the day; 1974 Welcome Aboard pamphlet; 1976 Unitas schedule

**Clippings:** About a dozen newspaper clippings, including Dec 1975 *Time* magazine article on Belknap-Kennedy collision; Jan 1984 New Year’s Day rhyming deck log; 1989 Brawl at Tradewinds; March 1991 Hart task group returns to Norfolk; Sept 1993 article on transfer of Hart to Turkish navy; and 2016 press release on exercise White Storm, in which Hart was sunk as a target.

If you have any other items not listed above, I’d greatly appreciate if you could send me a scan, or you could send the actual item so I could scan it, and then return the original to you. Together we’ll keep the memories alive!

Dave Neimeyer 610-285-4515 neimeyer@us.net

# TCHVA REUNION RAPID CITY SD 4-9 JUNE 2019

## REGISTERED ATTENDEES

As of 30 March 2019, here is the list of registered attendees. We know a number of other folks who have indicated they plan to attend as well, so it looks like again we should have a really good turnout for this event. Remember, you have until 4 May 2019 to mail in your registration form and make your hotel reservations to get the special rate for the event. You can still register after 4 May 2019, but based on occupancy and room vacancies, you may not be able to get the TCHVA discounted rate. Hope to see many more of you in Rapid City SD!!!!

#	Last name	First name	Spouse	Guest(s)
2	Ebata	John		Wendy Baker
3	Groen	Randy	Anita	Jillian Groen
2	Leatherwood	Jerry	Terry	
1	Coleman	David		
1	Neimeyer	Dave		
2	Church	Ronald	Peggy	
2	Schubert	Dan	Molly	
1	Holliday	Steve		
1	Collins	Garry		
2	Lamboni	Mark	Kathy	

# USS Thomas C. Hart Reunion 2019

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Grand Gateway Hotel, 1721 N. Lacrosse St.

Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

On behalf of the USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association, welcome to the 2019 reunion of the USS Thomas C. Hart (DE/FF-1092). Please join us for an exciting time in Rapid City, SD! We know you will have a wonderful time sharing the experience with old and new friends. We welcome any family or friends who would like to attend with you. Call the Grand Gateway Hotel directly for your reservations (866-742-1300). Tell them you are with the USS Hart Reunion to get the discounted rate of \$119 plus tax. This includes two \$10 passes per room per day to Perkin's Restaurant and onsite parking. The reunion registration fee is \$73.00 for each attendee, which covers the hospitality room, the banquet, and other group expenses. For more information please visit the hotel website at. <https://www.grandgatewayhotel.com/>

## AGENDA

Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 10AM -12PM	Check in
Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2 PM	Hospitality room open; remains open throughout reunion
Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8:15 AM – 4:45 PM	Tour #1 Black Hills; \$67 (includes transportation, admission, and lunch): Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park
Thursday June 6, 8:45 AM – 3:15 PM	Tour #2 Badlands; \$45 (includes transportation and admission) Badlands National Park, Ben Reifel Visitor Center, Wall Drug
Friday June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8:45 AM – 3 PM	Tour #3 America's Founding Fathers Exhibit/South Dakota Air and Space Museum/Downtown Rapid City; \$31 (includes Transportation and admission)
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 – 11 AM	Business meeting; afternoon and lunch on your own
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 5 PM	Pictures: A professional photographer will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She puts out the pictures before the banquet, you order whatever you want; they are printed during the banquet and can be picked up as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less.
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 6-30 PM – 9 PM	Banquet (cost included in the \$73.00 reunion registration fee)
Sunday June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Checkout

A brochure with details and registration info is posted on the TCHVA website [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org) You can register from there. More details will also be on the *A Complete Reunion* website [www.acomplete reunion.com](http://www.acomplete reunion.com). From the hart website you can see an update on who else has registered for the reunion, and which tours they've signed up for.

Cost keeping you from attending? Contact TCHVA President Ron Church or any of our officers to see about our "Help a Shipmate" fund.

## 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  
c/o Randy Groen  
2219 Friendship Ln.  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
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