



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Shipmates-Now is the time to make your hotel reservations and register for the 2022 USS Thomas C. Hart reunion in Washington, D. C. beginning June 21 through June 26. This is less than two months away. Information for registering and hotel reservations have previously been sent to all members and shipmates listed on our master roster. You can also find information on the reunion at the TCHVA website, [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org), and clicking on the reunion tab, which also has a link to the reunion brochure and registration form. Additionally, you can get all the information you need at our reunion coordinator's website, [www.acompletoreunion.com](http://www.acompletoreunion.com).

Hotel reservations at the Westin Washington Dulles Airport can be made by calling 703-793-3366. Tell them you are with the USS Thomas C. Hart reunion in order to get the discounted room rate. Reservations must be made prior to May 21, 2022, to guarantee the discounted room rate and room availability. Reservations can still be made after this date, but there will be no guarantee of the discounted room rate and room availability.

Aside from the many monuments and places to visit, we will be having the dedication ceremony for the USS Thomas C. Hart commemorative plaque at the U. S. Navy Memorial. You don't want to miss this, especially if you made a donation to have the plaque.

Of course, one of the great things about the reunion is the opportunity to meet with former shipmates to remember our time on the Hart. Many Sea Stories will be told by several generations of Hart sailors. Always interesting and mostly true.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in D. C. this coming June.

Sincerely,  
*Philip Leblanc*

Philip Leblanc (HT2 1973-1976)  
President TCHVA

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### VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shipmates,

Now set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail! Our ship's Reunion will soon be getting underway!

Our list of attendees is growing, but time is running out to ensure the discounted rate of \$119 at the Westin Washington Dulles Airport. So, the time is now to book your reservations. Be sure and call the Hotel directly at 703-793-3366 and don't forget to tell them that you are with the USS Thomas C. Hart. Remember that May 21st is the cut-off to receive this discounted rate.

Keep in mind that you must be a member of the Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association (TCHVA) to attend. Note: Members may bring guests. Visit our TCHVA website [www.thomaschart.org](http://www.thomaschart.org) to join.

One of many highlights of this reunion is our Plaque Dedication to be held at the Navy Memorial. A lot of our Shipmates have made contributions to ensure USS Thomas C. Hart is remembered and honored in our nation's capital.

Our planner with [www.acomplete reunion.com](http://www.acomplete reunion.com) has provided us an outstanding schedule of events/tours for your choosing.

I would like to close by informing you of some of our shipmates that are in need of good thoughts and prayer.

1. Glenn Marshall (74-79) - With permission from Glenn, I want to ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he is combating health issues. He will not be able to attend our reunion. After a short chat with him the other day, he expressed his regrets and his love for our Ship and Shipmates. A true Hart Sailor.
  2. Dave Kaminski (84-87) - With permission from Dave, he is also combating health issues. Another true Hart Sailor.
- Hope to see you at the Reunion!!!

Sincerely,

*Steve Holliday* (DC1(SW) 1985-90)  
Vice President TCHVA

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## From the Secretary

Hello shipmates,

I'll just report that we now have 108 current TCHVA members but quite a few let their memberships expire and have not reenlisted. We've updated the Members Only roster on our current website.

You can see the active member listing here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html> The members on that page are current TCHVA members. If you don't see your name on this page, that means your membership has expired. You can reenlist here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>

Our DC reunion is less than 60 days away. I know you're gearing up for the reunion and I hope you are as anxious as I am to visit DC. As you know, we had to postpone the event from last year due to COVID. Since we're less than 60 days from the event, all you bridge and CIC types recognize this reality as a "constant bearing - decreasing range" situation! That translates as **it's really time to sign up for the reunion**. Our planner advised us on Friday that we only have 5 hotel rooms left in our block and she would be requesting more as the last 60 days are usually when the majority of folks start signing up. So that said, please do it now.

Everyone should have already received a copy of the reunion brochure. Everything you need to know is in that brochure. If anyone does not have the reunion brochure you can download a copy from our website: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id137.html> The brochure is also available on our planners website: <https://www.acompletereunion.com/uss-thomas-c-hart>

When you call to make your hotel reservations, **call the hotel directly**. Do not use the link for the online registration. **Call 703-793-3366**. When someone answers, don't ask for reservations (that will send you to a corporate reservation center). Tell them you are with the USS Thomas C Hart group and ask to speak to someone at the hotel property front desk. Or ask for sales, or group events. That will keep your call on the property. We've found that the corporate reservation center does not have the full story about our hotel contract. For instance, through our planner, we are given the special hotel rate three days before and three days after our official reunion dates. We've had a couple of shipmates who weren't initially given that good rate for early/late stays. We have taken action to fix those situations. The hotel has been quite accommodating!

Don't forget we have our TCH commemorative plaque dedication ceremony scheduled during the reunion at the U. S. Navy Memorial. That will be on Friday, June 24th. The Memorial rolls out the red carpet and will "formally" dedicate the TCH plaque. All are invited and the Memorial will be first on our Friday reunion tour activities.

As for our Saturday evening banquet, Captain Louis A Nick, Jr, (CO 1985-1987) will be our speaker and Rear Admiral Archer Macy (Weps 85-86) will also be attending this event! For a complete listing of those who have signed up so far, click here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id137.html> Join us if you can!

Stay safe and I hope to see you in June!

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

Treasury Report as of 1 May  
Current Checking Balance is 4515.91  
Transfer 451.29 from PayPal to checking  
Received 50\$ in checks  
Web.com 10.67 x3  
Tax post card completed for 2021

Dennis Paul  
Treasurer, TCHVA

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### Final Farewells

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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### REUNION 2022

Place: The Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA 20171,  
(703) 793-3366.

Dates: Tuesday 21 June – Sunday 28 June 2022

**General itinerary as follows: Note: subject to change**

- **Tues - Early Bird Check-in/Hospitality Suite open ~1500.**
- **Weds – Tours of the Mall, downtown Washington DC**
- **Thurs – Tours of Arlington Cemetery and Mount Vernon**
- **Fri – Dedication of plaque at Navy Memorial, self-guided tour of memorials, museums, and other attractions on the national mall**
- **Sat - Business Meeting (AM) / Free Time/Banquet (PM)**
- **Sun - Check-out (AM)**

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## CRUISE BOOKS

We now have scans of 76 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. (Best if you could bring along a memory stick/flash drive). 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](mailto:dave@neimeyer.org). He can scan them 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.

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## NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Comments, and items for the newsletter can be sent to Dave Neimeyer at [dave@neimeyer.org](mailto: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 584 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](http://www.thomaschart.org)

**THOMAS C. HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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 you have trouble printing out this form, just provide the same info on a short note,  
mail it in, and we'll muster you in.*



*If a shipmate told you about the TCHVA, please tell us his name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tell us about you and your TCH service:*

*First Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *M.I.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Rate/ Rank on TCH* \_\_\_\_\_ *Division* \_\_\_\_\_

*Year Reported Aboard* \_\_\_\_\_ *Year Detached* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current Street Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cell/Work Phone* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Spouse Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*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 Dennis Paul  
10195 S. Houghton Rd #67  
Tucson, AZ 85747***

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