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SPECIAL REUNION ISSUE

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This newsletter contains a copy of the reunion brochure for our 8th reunion, in Rapid City, South Dakota, from Tuesday June 4th to Sunday June 9th 2019. You can print and mail your reservation from this copy, or you can go to our website at www.thomaschart.org and click on “2019 Reunion” to see the original full color version. At the website you can also see who else has signed up.

We've posted notices in Together We Served, navweaps.com, bluejackets.com, Retired Fleet Association, and the Military Reunion Network. The Military Reunion Network says they'll pass to American Legion, VFW, DAV, VVA, USSVI, and Tin Can Sailors. Info on the reunion also appears on our facebook page **USS THomas C. Hart FF-1092** (and yes, the group name does have THomas spelled with a capital “H”). If you know of any other places where we can post, please contact me at Dave Neimeyer Neimeyer@us.net. Of course, please pass the reunion info on to any shipmates.

Navy Anniversaries of Note

June 3-6, 1942 Battle of Midway 77th Anniversary

June 6th, 1944 D-Day: 75th anniversary

From the Secretary



Garry Collins

Shipmates, the Association membership stands at only 75 members. We still have nearly 100 people who were once members, but have not re-enlisted. You can view the current membership roster here: <http://www.thomaschart.org/id100.html> . Some expirations date back to 2012. As a courtesy, the following shipmates' membership expired at year end 2018: Bacher – Cady – Carr – Cook – Duran – Early – Edwardsen – Ford – Giles – Hungerford – Jones – Keller – Kreson – Longenecker – Martin – McDonald – Mettendorf – Miller – Salmon – Staten – Wood

Please consider re-enlisting here. <http://www.thomaschart.org/id33.html>

Reunion 2019 is shaping up and it's time to start getting those registrations in. June will be here before you know it! Looking forward to a great event.

(Editor's note: To put the 75 members in perspective, we have just under 400 people on our email mailing list, and just over 400 on our facebook page.)



FINANCIAL REPORT THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Randy Groen

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

As of February 1st, 2019, the Thomas C Hart Veterans Association bank account has \$2017.72 in it and there is \$19.12 in our PayPal account for a total of 2036.84. This total is a little bit low for a February before a Ships Reunion. If you have let your membership lapse, please renew your membership. Remember, you must be a member to attend the reunion in Rapid City South Dakota this June. Dues are only \$20 for 2 years membership.

Are you looking forward to the reunion? I am. I haven't been to the Grand Rapids area since my kids were little. It's a wonderful area with great scenery and history. The only thing that would make it better is to go there with my old friends from the Hart. Who knows how many more opportunities you will have to see your old shipmates? Please consider going because I am looking forward to seeing everyone.



The hotel and reservation phone number:

Grand Gateway Hotel
1721 N Lacrosse St
Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: (866) 742-1300

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. The Grand Gateway Hotel offers many amenities to make your stay relaxing. A refrigerator, microwave, and a coffee maker are in every room. The hotel also offers free Wi-Fi, fitness center, indoor pool with a 130-foot waterslide, hot tub, arcade, pool tables, and a play area for young children. There is an on-site Perkins restaurant with 24/7 service. Also located on-site is a Cheers Lounge with entertainment 6 nights a week.

Be sure to call the hotel directly for your reservations. 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.** For more information please visit the website at <https://www.grandgatewayhotel.com/> . Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel Reservations must be made prior to **May 4th, 2019** to guarantee space and rate. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the discounted rate will not be guaranteed. Rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. We look forward to seeing you!

Once you have submitted your registration, you'll be able to visit either the TCHVA website www.thomaschart.org or the A Complete Reunion website www.acomplereunion.com to get an update on who has registered for the reunion to date.

We ask for your own safety that someone accompanies you on your trip or that you ensure your family is aware of your traveling plans. Please provide us with the name and phone number of someone not attending to be contacted in case of emergency. Thank you.

Cancellation Refund Policy: Complete refunds will be sent 30 days before the reunion minus \$17 of the processing fee per person. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER May 4, 2019.**

All tours must achieve the minimum (30) number in order to complete the tour. Gratuities for the driver and guide are included. We need all attendees to understand that the cutoff date of May 4th, 2019 is primarily to assure the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A CUT OFF DATE THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION.** Please be aware that if you decide on-site that you want to take a tour, it will be based on space available on the coach.

The hospitality room will be open starting Wednesday June 5th, 2019 and continuing throughout the reunion.

Agenda

All tours include transportation, guide (when applicable) and entrance fees. Meals are included only if indicated. Tours will board approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure times listed here. Check signs available at the registration desk in case of changes.

Tuesday June 4, 2019

10:00 – 12:00 pm

2:00 pm

Check in

Hospitality room open

Wednesday June 5, 2019

8:15 am – 4:45 pm



Tour #1 Black Hills Tour \$67 (Includes transportation, admission, and lunch)

Take a tour through the beautiful Black Hills area! The tour will start off at Mt Rushmore to view this national treasure. Then the tour will go to the Crazy Horse Memorial with lunch at Laughing Waters Restaurant. The tour will continue on through Custer State Park. The bus will go to Sylvan Lake and then on to a wildlife loop for viewing of buffalo, burros and more. The tour will take a final stop at the Visitor Center before heading back to the hotel.

Thursday June 6, 2019

8:45 am – 3:15 pm



Tour #2 Badlands Tour \$45 (Includes transportation and admission)

Take a tour through Badlands National Park! The tour will begin with stop at Ben Reifel Visitor Center and will make a few stops throughout the park for photo opportunities. Then the tour will go to Wall Drug for lunch on your own and time to walk through stores and exhibits.

Friday June 7, 2019

8:45 am – 3:00 pm



Tour #3 American's Founding Fathers Exhibit/South Dakota Air & Space Museum/Downtown Rapid City \$31 (Includes transportation and admissions)

Start off at America's Founding Fathers Exhibit. Then go to the South Dakota Air & Space museum. Finish the day in downtown Rapid City to explore! Lunch on your own downtown.

Saturday June 8, 2019

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Business meeting

Afternoon and lunch on your own.

5:00 pm

Pictures- The onsite coordinator from ACR is a professional photographer and will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She does not charge your group or ACR anything to be onsite and manage the entire reunion. Nor does she require a minimum amount. She makes her money for this event by the pictures sold. She puts out the pictures before the banquet, you order whatever you want, they are printed during the banquet and can be picked up and taken with you as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less. (She does many of the pictures for the Air Force Academy, schools and special events in the Colorado Springs & Denver area)

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Banquet

Banquet buffet with choice of carved to order roast beef w/horseradish sauce; chicken cordon bleu w/hollandaise sauce; Chef's choice fish

Red diced potatoes w/ butter & herbs

Green beans w/ toasted almonds and bacon

Spinach salad w/ sliced strawberries, grape tomatoes, mandarin oranges, cucumbers, toasted almonds (served with assorted salad dressings on the side)

Sunday June 9, 2019

Check out

DUE MAY 4th

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Registration
USS Hart
Reunion
June 4th - 9th, 2019

This name will be used on your Name Badge:

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

Tour #1 Black Hills Tour _____ @ \$67.00 = _____
Tour #2 Badlands Tour _____ @ \$45.00 = _____
Tour #3 America's Founding Fathers/SD Air & Space Museum/Downtown Rapid City
_____ @ \$31.00 = _____

Banquet Buffet (Please indicate your choice of meat)

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____
Carved Roast Beef _____
Chef's Choice Fish _____

Registration (Includes hospitality room, banquet and processing fee)

Each attendee must pay this fee _____ @ \$73.00 = _____

TOTAL= _____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Please identify any special accommodations you may need:

SEND THIS FORM & A CHECK (PAYABLE TO "A COMPLETE REUNION") FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

USS Hart Reunion
c/o A Complete Reunion
PO Box 25806
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

Contact Sherry or Carly at 719.380.1412
email us at sherry@acomplereunion.com or
carly.acomplereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at
www.acomplereunion.com

Refund Policy:

Cancellation before May 4th, 2019 will receive a full refund minus \$17.00 processing fee. There will be no refund after that date. All tours must have a minimum number of people per tour.

If you register for a tour and do not attend you will NOT receive any refund.

You will receive a confirmation letter detailing your selections within 7-10 days of us receiving it.

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 Thomas 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

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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