



# THOMAS C. HART LINE

## YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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### T. C. Hart Veterans Assoc. Officers 2023-25

President	Steve Holliday	DC1 (85-90)
Vice Pres.	Bill Tylock	EM2 (78-83)
	Dan Vasconcellos	FTG2 (77-82)
Treasurer	Dennis Paul	HM1 (91-93)
Secretary	Garry Collins	LT (86-89)
Historian	Ron Church	FTG2 (73-77)
Storekeeper	John Ebata	BTFN (86-90)
Newsletter	Dave Neimeyer	LTJG (75-77)
Webmaster	Todd Black	LT (87-90)
Chaplain	Mike Garcia	FTG2 (77-79)
Chairman	Phil Leblanc	HT2 (73-76)

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Shipmates,

We just wrapped up our 50th Anniversary Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. I have to say that our Shipmates and families that attended, displayed so much teamwork and support during this very special time. As expected, it was the largest turnout in the history of the TCHVA. I would like to personally thank each of you for everything you did to make this a success. I know we all faced challenges, but we all came together as Shipmates and rekindled our memories and we also met a lot of Shipmates for the first time.

It wasn't the same without our Founder, Garry Collins and his wife, Marylyn. You both were in our thoughts and many prayers will be with you and your family throughout this unexpected journey.

Special Thanks - I would like to thank Captain David Rollins and Kerry Long for being our speakers for the Banquet. Additionally, I would like to thank Commander Orin Reams for generously donating his treasured USS Thomas C. Hart memorabilia for auction. Thank you for stepping up and leading this very successful event. Thank you to Scott Ruerup for conducting the 50/50 Raffle and assisting me with the reading the names that are on Eternal Deployment. Also, thank you to Mike Garcia and Bill Tylock for helping sell the 50/50 Raffle tickets.

During our Business Meeting, we had the pleasure of electing new Officers to serve on the Board. Congratulations to the following Shipmates:

Interim Reunion Coordinator – Dave Neimeyer Note: To assist Garry Collins until his recovery.

Vice President – Bill Tylock W/ Dan Vasconcellos

Interim Secretary – Mark Lamboni Note: To assist Garry Collins until his recovery.

Chaplain – Mike Garcia

I along with the other Officers will remain in our current positions until the next reunion.

Next Reunion choices – Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Branson, Missouri; Portland, Maine

Note: Myrtle Beach was not recommended by our Planner. Portland, Maine has a slight lead over Branson, Missouri. We are awaiting final results for later in the year.

On a sad note, we lost a Shipmate that devoted his love to our Ship, our Shipmates and his service to our country. We bid Fair Winds and Following Seas to our Shipmate and Friend, Glenn Marshall.

Until next time, be safe and keep on promoting TCHVA Membership.

All the best,

Steve Holliday DC1 (SW) (85 – 90)

TCHVA President

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### **FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:**

Hello Shipmates,

As newly elected Vice President, I would like to introduce myself. I am EM2(SW) Bill Tylock. I served aboard USS Thomas C. Hart from 1978 – 1983. After Hart, I did tours as an Instructor at EM ‘C’ School in Norfolk and aboard USS Shenandoah AD-44. I got out as an EM2(SW) in 1990, and returned to the Rochester, NY area, where I still live. I hope to retire in a few years and begin doing some travelling.

I attended the Norfolk reunion last month, the DC reunion last year and the Minneapolis reunion 6 years ago. I wish that I had been able to attend more of the reunions, and I plan to attend many more in the future. It is always a great time meeting up with shipmates that I served with, and shipmates that I never knew.

Since the DC reunion, I have been constructing a listing of as many sailors that served on Hart as I can identify. Using Cruise Books and Familygrams, my listing is over 2000 names long. I have a few more documents to review, and some formatting of the list, and then we should be adding that list to the Member’s Only section of the website. I am working on a search feature that will find everyone who was onboard in a particular year.

Our Association relies on members, so please renew when you are due, and suggest membership to any shipmates you know.

All the best,

Bill Tylock EM2(SW) 1978-1983



## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

Current Balance is \$3905.46

Received Check from Steve for \$490.00. This was for Monies collected at the Reunion: \$315 for the Auction, \$135 for 50/50 draw, and Dues collected from Bill Barton \$20 and Steve Garcia \$20

Expenditures web.com \$14.95 Check for \$300 Reimburse Mark Lamboni; Marcos Pizza \$183.40 Party City raffle tickets for 50/50 draw \$12.72

As of September 21st I have not received check from Sherry at A Complete Reunion.

*Dennis Paul* HMC(SW/AW), USN, Ret SMDR 1991-1993

Treasurer USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association

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If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group,  
with its 644 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

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### **WEBMASTER'S NOTE**

We will be transitioning our web site to a new hosting service sometime in October. Due to our association's non-profit status, this will be a relatively free service provided to us. We will try and minimize disruptions to the [thomaschart.org](http://thomaschart.org) site during this transition. We thank you for your patience.

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### **FINAL FAREWELLS**

Glenn Marshall passed away on the night of 26-27 August 2023. He was a GMC, and served on Hart in the mid 1970's.

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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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

## From the Secretary

Hello shipmates,

"Shipmates, I'm happy to report we have a total of 130 paid up members. That said, a good many dues will expire at year end. Please take a moment to renew online. <https://thomaschart.org/join-or-renew/> These are the shipmates whose dues expire at year end:

J Aragon D Austin R Brown J Buckley N Cordero P Coste P Dunn C Earley D Easter N Gandara R Giles S Hines N Jefferis

S Keller T Layman J Larkin K Long G Mansfield L Martin F McEvoy B McGloon B Mikolaitis W Moss T Myers D Neimeyer G Nelms

O Reams R Rooks D Schubert T Sexton J Smith J Stevens W Tylock S Yearby J Zamorski

For those whose dues have expired prior to 2023 or for those who have never been a member, we do offer a grace period for the rest of this year. So, if you join us now, the balance of 2023 will be grandfathered so your \$20 dues will pay your membership to 1 January 2026!!!!

Many thanks to all those who made reunion 2023 a great event!

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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## CRUISE BOOKS

We now have scans of 93 familygrams/TCHVA newsletters; several precommissioning, commissioning, Change of Command and Welcome aboard booklets; and 9 cruise books. If you have any familygrams, newsletters, cruise books, photos, or other paper memorabilia you would like to share, please contact me, Dave Neimeyer, at 484-378-2725 [dave@neimeyer.org](mailto:dave@neimeyer.org). I'll let you know if it's an item we need. You can then either send me a scan of the item, or you could mail me the original. I can scan the item and return the original to you. By the way, if you'd like a hard copy reproduction of any Hart (or other ship) cruise books, I highly recommend Classic Cruise Book Reproductions (google it). I'm presently working with them to get a copy of the 1992 cruise book. If you were at the reunion, all the spiral bound cruise books on display there were from Classic Cruise Book Reproductions.

**SPECIAL GOOD DEAL:** If TCHVA members send a flash drive / memory stick to me, Dave Neimeyer, at 9026 Haaf Rd, Fogelsville PA 18051. I will copy the files plus photos from nearly all the past reunions to the flash drive and send it back to you. This offer is only good for current members of the TCHVA, so if your membership has lapsed, please renew.



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# USS Thomas C. Hart

50th Anniversary  
Reunion - 2023  
Norfolk, Virginia











## 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: <https://thomaschart.org/tchva-member-listing/> If your name does not appear here then your membership expired before 2022 or you were never a member.



If a shipmate told you about the TCHVA, please tell us who: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about yourself and your service aboard USS THOMAS C. HART (DD/FF 1092)

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

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

Year Reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Detached: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

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 desired.

I am sending in \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please begin/renew my membership!

Mail this form and check or money order to:

USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association  
C/O Dennis Paul  
6490 Big Cheese Rd  
Natrona, WY 82646

Note: If you have any difficulty printing this form, please just write the requested information on a short note and include with your payment. We'll make sure to muster you in. Thanks