



THOMAS C. HART LINE

YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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T. C. Hart Veterans Assoc. Officers 2025-27

President	Bill Tylock	EM2 (78-83)
Vice Pres.	Scott Cruikshank	BT3 (86-89)
Treasurer	Dennis Paul	HM1 (91-93)
Secretary	Mark Lamboni	LTJG (76-78)
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	Steve Holliday	DC1 (85-90)

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN (OUTGOING PRESIDENT)

Shipmates,

We have just completed another successful Reunion in Portland, Maine. It was extremely nice to reconnect with our past Shipmates; some we hadn't seen in 30 to 40 years or longer. We missed the ones that could not be there, but I am sure your name was brought up in a few conversations. (In a good way). As always, we met Shipmates for the 1st time, who served in another era than our service on Hart. One of the many highlights of my time at this reunion was reconnecting with my Damage Control Assistant (DCA) Charlie Ellis and his Wife, Jana. I have always said that he was the best DCA that I had the privilege of serving with in my 22 years of service. I would like to extend my congratulations to our newly elected President, Bill Tylock, and our newly elected Vice President, Scott Cruikshank. I along with our Board members are grateful for your willingness to serve. In addition, Ovy Duran has expressed his willingness to serve as Vice President following Scott Cruikshank's term.

I would also like to express my thanks to Dave Neimeyer for spearheading the Reunion Coordinator responsibilities for the Portland Reunion. Your time and dedication spent served to ensure a well-organized Reunion. Hats off to the Best Western Merry Manor, Portland, Maine. Our stay was most enjoyable.

Additionally, many thanks to Mark Lamboni, Phil LeBlanc and Dave Neimeyer for your hard work organizing, setting up and cleaning up at our Pizza/Ice Cream Social. A very special thank you goes out to Orin Reams (Executive Officer 1990-1992) for always accepting to head our auction during our Banquet. Everyone had a wonderful time trying to outbid each other for very special items that were donated by our Shipmates.

Lastly, we have a location for our 2027 Reunion. Branson, Missouri! I know that many

Shipmates have been wanting that location for some time now. Branson has numerous attractions to enjoy, and I look forward to welcoming many new members and active members alike. Let's spread the word and gain the interest for another great reunion of USS Thomas C. Hart Shipmates.

I wish all of our Shipmates and families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Holiday season.

All the best,
Steve Holliday DC1(SW) 85-90
Chairman, USS Thomas C. Hart DE/FF-1092 Veterans Assoc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We held our 2025 Reunion a few weeks ago, in Portland ME, and everyone had a great time. I would like to thank everyone for making this yet another successful reunion. The weather was great, no rain, and pleasant temperatures.

Special thanks to Orrin Reams for conducting an auction at the banquet. We raised over \$700 for the association.

During the Business Meeting we elected our new Officers to serve on the Board.

Congratulations to the following Shipmates:

President - Bill Tylock

Vice President - Scott Cruikshank

And Ovi Duran noted that he will run for VP at our next reunion!

Secretary - Mark Lamboni

The other officers remain the same as previous, thanks to all of you for supporting the Association!

We also decided on a location for our next reunion, in 2027: Branson, MO. We also thought that mid-October would be a good time of year for that location, so it's not too hot. Thanks in advance to the folks that will be planning that one, as we no longer have the services of "A Complete Reunion". I think we did pretty good on this one.

Take care, and remember, "Ya Gotta Have Heart!"

Bill Tylock EM2(SW) ('78-'83)
TCHVA President

Notes from the Vice President

Hello. This is your VP, BT3 Scott Cruikshank. I served on the Hart from 1986- 1989. Thank you for electing me as the VP for this term. I have big shoes to fill. The previous administration did a great job. We will be heading to Missouri's Ozark mountains, Branson, Mo. I'm sure we all have a great time. Reach out to our shipmates and get them there. Again, thank you and we will have a great next two years.

Scott Cruikshank

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FINANCIAL REPORT THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Treasury Report and Reunion Debrief

Current Balance in Wells Fargo is \$7,562.26
Check to Maine Tours of \$200 has not cleared.
We received a Check from AF Reunions for \$10,046.00
Received from John Ebata for Tour that was not in initial monies \$280.00
Total Monies Received \$10,326.00
Paid out to Maine Tours. (200.00)
Paid out to Maine Tours (7186.00)
Paid out to Merry Manor (2250.00)
\$690.00 remaining after reunion expenses deducted from amounts received.
Hospitality and Pizza Night. (409.75)
Total \$280.25 reunion funds remaining after hospitality and pizza expenses deducted.
So the Reunion was a positive venture. We also made \$785.00 on auction items.
I believe we should continue with the Auction in future reunions.

Cheers and God Bless All

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

Treasurer USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association

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From the Secretary

A hearty Bravo Zulu to all our shipmates, family members and friends who were able to attend the USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association Reunion from 14 – 19 October 2025 in Portland Maine. It was another huge success, very accommodating hotel, well stocked Hospitality Suite (big thanks to our shopper Phil Leblanc), magnificent weather, fun, fact-filled tours (for those of us who could actually hear the narrator LOL) and just plain good times.

We currently have 110 paid members of TCHVA, which includes 3 Honorary Lifetime Members. Sadly that number could soon drop as we have 22 former shipmates whose membership will expire on 31 December 2025. I will be sending a separate email soon to notify those members, but if you check our TCHVA Member Listing page on our website, <https://www.thomaschart.org/tchva-member-listing/> you will see those members with expiring 2025 dates. So please consider re-upping to keep our association strong. And if you know of other former shipmates who either never joined or let their membership lapse, please give them a gentle nudge to consider signing up. Still \$20.00 for 2 years – inflation has not got us!

Congratulations to the following shipmates assuming (or retaining) positions on the TCHVA Board. Per our by-laws, Steve Holliday moves from President to Chairman. Big thanks to our outgoing Chairman Phil Leblanc for his service and support (and Reunion shopping) for TCHVA.

New President: Bill Tylock (fleet up from VP)

New Vice President: Scott Cruikshank

Treasurer: Dennis Paul

Secretary: Mark Lamboni

Ship Store: John Ebata

Historian: Ron Church

Chaplain: Mike Garcia

Newsletters: Dave Neimeyer

Webmaster: Todd Black/Mark Lamboni

Last, but certainly not least, at our TCHVA Business Meeting we discussed various locations and venues for the next Reunion in 2027. Nine different cities/locations were discussed, including a discussion of doing a cruise, and by majority vote Branson Missouri was selected for the next Reunion. We are looking at a similar timeframe as past years, Sept – Oct, to try and optimize a timeframe not encumbered by large vacationing crowds. We will again look to contract with a dedicated reunion planning company to assist with the scheduling, tours, hotels, reservations, etc. If you'd like to assist with that planning effort, please let me (mlamboni@verizon.net) or Dave Neimeyer (dave@neimeyer.org) know.

Been a most eventful year and looking forward to continued success with TCHVA. In the meantime, we wish you a most happy, cheerful, and more importantly healthy Holiday Season.

Cheers/Mark

Minutes of TCHVA Business Meeting 18 October 2025

The USS Thomas C. Hart Veterans Association held its 2025 TCHVA Reunion from 14 – 19 October 2025 in Portland Maine. On Saturday 18 October 2025 a Business Meeting of TCHVA Members in attendance was conducted beginning at 0900 in the Hospitality Room of the Merry Manor Hotel. Herein is a synopsis of that meeting.

1. Steve Holliday, President TCHVA called the meeting to order at 0900. After welcoming those who were in attendance Steve acknowledged Dave Neimeyer for his dedicated efforts with Armed Forces Reunion (Don Haggard and Chris Reckmeyer) to make the reunion a success. Dave and Mark Lamboni were thanked for arranging the Pizza & Ice Cream Social on Friday evening. Phil Leblanc was thanked for stocking the Hospitality Room with snacks and beverages.
2. Each Board Officer was provided an opportunity to discuss any matters of their office:
 - a. President (Steve Holliday):
 - b. Vice President (Bill Tylock):
 - c. Treasurer (Dennis Paul): Dennis reported the treasury of TCHVA was in good condition with a current balance of \$6424.91.
 - d. Secretary (Mark Lamboni):
 - e. Ship Store (John Ebata):
 - f. Historian (Ron Church):
 - g. Chaplain (Mike Garcia): NTR. Not in attendance
 - h. Newsletters (Dave Neimeyer):
 - i. Webmaster (Todd Black/Mark Lamboni): Mark acknowledged the efforts of Todd to overhaul and redesign the web site to provide more functional use. Mark mentioned he would work with Todd to create a Portland Maine Reunion page and seek ways to expand the availability to access photos, cruise books, newsletters, etc. made available by Dave Neimeyer on flash drives.
3. The President announced the openings on the Board as of the current Reunion:
 - a. President: Steve Holliday completed his tour, and as provided for in our bylaws our Vice President Bill Tylock assumed the position as our new President. Again, as described in our bylaws, Steve now assumes the position of Chairman of the Board relieving Phil Leblanc.
 - b. Vice President: Scott Cruikshank was nominated for the position of Vice President. His nomination was seconded and his election confirmed by vote of those in attendance. Scott will be assisted by his "striker" Ovi Duran who expressed his interest in volunteer as VP for our next Reunion.

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- c. Secretary: Mark Lamboni agreed to become full time Secretary.
 - d. Ship Store: John Ebata agreed to retain Ship Store position.
 - e. Treasurer: Dennis Paul agreed to remain as Treasurer.
4. Next Reunion: By virtue of his prior experience with conducting ship reunions, Dae Neimeyer coordinated the discussions regarding the methodology for determining where and when to hold our next Reunion. Dave explained the pros and cons of using an event planning agency, and how our work with Armed Forces Reunion (AFR) for this year's event differed from our past planner(s). The group consensus was to work with an event planner, and for now we intend to continue with AFR, depending on their experience and availability for the 2027 event.
- a. The floor was opened for location nominations. Those cities included:
 - i. Asheville NC
 - ii. Reno NV
 - iii. Groton CT
 - iv. Smokey Mountains (Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg)
 - v. Oklahoma City OK
 - vi. Branson MO
 - vii. Durango CO
 - viii. New Orleans LA
 - ix. Galveston TX
 - b. Attendees then offered advantages and disadvantages of each location and the suitability for what we were looking for in terms of travel, lodging, tours, cost, possible availability of shipmates to attend, etc. based on their personal experiences or available information.
 - c. The attendees then rank voted for each location to narrow the options to three cities. The final three choices were Smokey Mountains, Branson & Galveston.
 - d. Attendees then voted for the winning city which was Branson MO.
 - e. Dave Neimeyer and Scott Cruikshank agreed to do the preliminary work for best time of year, available accommodations that meet our price range and supportive needs (Hospitality, shuttles, etc.).
 - f. Our group consensus was to schedule the 2027 Reunion at a similar timeframe as this year, Fall (Sept/Oct) to take advantage of cooler weather and less crowds
5. President Bill Tylock again thanked all in attendance and adjourned the Business Meeting at 1045.

HISTORY OF THE USS THOMAS C. HART

Recently Kerry Long compiled documents detailing the history of the USS Thomas C. Hart. Sources included official correspondence, command instructions and notes, the annual histories submitted for each calendar year, and associated clippings and articles. Portions will be included in this and future newsletters. The full files will be available for review at our next reunion, and will be included in future flashdrives.

OP-09B
Ser 323P09B

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

21 OCT 1971

Subj: Assignment of name to a naval ship

Ref: (a) CNO memo ser 1648P09B91 of 2 Sep 1971

Encl: (1) Proposed SECNAV NOTE 5030

1. By endorsement on reference (a), on 8 October 1971, Mr. Warner approved selection of the name HART, in honor of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, for DE-1092.

2. Enclosure (1), which notifies interested commands of this assignment, is forwarded for signature. Since there already is a ship named HART (DD-594), named in honor of Lieutenant Commander John E. Hart, which has been out of commission since January, 1947, category "B" reserve, the full name THOMAS C. HART is prescribed for DE-1092 in enclosure (1).

T.F. DEDMAN
Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Director of Naval Administration

Blind copy to:
OP-09B9

Launching Program
Thomas C. Hart
(DE 1092)
for the
United States Navy
Avondale Shipyards, Inc.
New Orleans
August 12, 1972

The Thomas C. Hart (DE-1092) a destroyer of a new class, is one of a series of 27 DE's being built by Avondale Shipyards under multiple year ship procurement contracts awarded in 1964 and 1966. This ship is designed for optimum performance in locating and destroying submarines. Integral bow mounted long range sonar, variable depth sonar and gyro stabilizers provide for improved seaworthiness and increased anti-submarine warfare capabilities over previous DE's. The Thomas C. Hart is 438 feet in length with a beam of 47 feet and is capable of attaining speeds in excess of 25 knots. Her total complement consists of 19 Officers and 226 men.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Naval Air Station Band Pensacola, Florida
INTRODUCTIONS.....	Albert Bossier Executive Vice President Production Avondale Shipyards, Inc.
INVOCATION.....	Captain J. G. Power, CHC, USN
REMARKS.....	Captain Andrew Bodnaruk, USN Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair 8th Naval District
REMARKS.....	Rear Admiral Charles N. Payne, USN Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair Pascagoula, Mississippi
PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.....	Rear Admiral Robert E. Riera, USN Commandant, 8th Naval District
SPONSOR.....	Mrs. Reginald Bragonier
MATRON OF HONOR.....	Mrs. LaVerne Baldwin
FLOWER GIRL.....	Katherine Reyer Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Elliott

ANCHORS AWEIGH

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.

Comments and items for the newsletter can be sent to Dave Neimeyer at 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 851 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

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 2025 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!