



THOMAS C. HART LINE

YOU GOTTA HAVE HART

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

Winter finally seems to be over in the north, haven't seen a snowflake for a week, or so. But we can never really be sure until June.

As always, we really need your help to expand our membership. The membership cost is kept extremely low so that it is not a financial burden to anyone. These monies go to support the website and help finance our reunions. So get out the contact information you might have for your old buddies and call or write to remind them that we need their involvement.

We have started exploring options for our next reunion, Fall of 2027 in Branson, Missouri. Plenty of time to gear up & make plans to attend!

Best wishes to all,

Bill Tylock
EM2(SW) '78 - '83

FROM THE CHAIRMAN (PREVIOUS PRESIDENT)

Shipmates,

It's time once again to reach out to our shipmates with a newsletter. With our next reunion still in our planning, it's time for all of us to contact our shipmates and inform them of our 2027 Reunion in Branson, Missouri. At each reunion I have attended, I have reunited with several shipmates that I served with during my time on Hart. It is so rewarding to reunite and share our memories while making new friends. So, I highly recommend that you plan to join us in Branson.

If you are in contact with any of your previous Hart shipmates, please inform them of the Association with providing them with the website www.thomaschart.org. once on the website, scroll down to **Join or Renew**. There you will find under Step 2, a button to click on that brings you to the New Member Enrollment Form. Fill out the Online Membership Form, then hit submit. Please note that the minimum membership period is 2 years at the cost of \$20.00. If you are renewing your membership, you hit **Donate**, then follow the instructions.

As you know, Summer is right around the corner. I hope everyone will have a safe and enjoyable Summer. It is unbelievable that it has been 6 months since our last reunion in Portland, Maine. If this is any indication how fast the fall of 2027 will come, it's time to start making that decision to join and hopefully we will see many shipmates in Branson.

Sincerely,
Steve "Doc" Holliday DC1(SW) 85-90
Chairman, USS Thomas C. Hart (DE/FF-1092) Veterans Association

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
THOMAS C HART VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

Treasury Report

Current Balance in Wells Fargo is \$8,145.82

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

First, the GOOD news: we currently have 113 paid up members in our association. “Hart-felt” thanks to all who continue to support our efforts to get out these Newsletter, maintain a web site, and plan for our fantastic reunions. The NOT SO GOOD news is we have 25 former shipmates who have allowed their memberships to lapse just these past two years, and 33 current members whose membership will expire as of 31 December 2026. But do not despair, as we will be sending out updates on all of this in the coming months, and in the Fall our website will display in the Current Membership page those expiring memberships.

I anticipate we will again offer an “early registration” option beginning in October 2026 whereby your \$20.00 donation will pay through 31 December 2028. Per our bylaws, memberships run for 2 calendar years (not 12 months) starting with the year of payment, meaning any payment received January thru December provides membership for that calendar year and the next. But the “early registration” offer actually buys an additional year. So keep an eye out on your email and/or the website for additional gouge.

We are already doing some advanced planning for the 2027 TCHVA Reunion in Branson MO. It promises to be another great event and we hope to have plenty of additional info available in the coming months of 2026. Hope to see many of you there!

Mark Lamboni
Secretary
Thomas C Hart Veterans Association

Final Farewells

Dudley “Tom” Ivy passed away on March 21, 2026. He served on the Hart as a BM1 in 1992-1994.

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

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If you are on facebook, consider joining the USS Thomas C. Hart FF 1092 group, with its 891 members and hundreds of photos and posts.

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REUNION UPDATE

At our 2025 reunion in Maine, our shipmates decided that our next reunion should be in Branson, Missouri in the fall of 2027. As it turns out, I'm coordinating a reunion for another ship on which I served, USS Worden DLG/CG 18, in Branson this September. I'm using a new reunion company to coordinate, and so far I have mixed feeling about their performance. My plan now is to wait until after Worden's reunion to decide if we should go with that company for the Hart reunion, or work with Armed Forces Reunion or another organization for admin, and use a local Branson company to arrange the tours.

I've never been to Branson. I'd appreciate your input:

- Are there any Branson events/venues we should definitely include in our tours
- Are there any Branson events/venues we should definitely avoid?
- Should we plan organized tours as in the past, or leave the schedule open for shipmates to plan their own tours?
- What hotels do you recommend?
- What local tour companies do you recommend?

For a time line, I'd like to select an admin organization and tour company by October/November, and get the hotel and exact dates nailed down by January, with the target dates for the reunion being September/October 2027. Registration forms should be out by March/April.

Again, I welcome any input, comments, and help in ensuring that our reunion turns out a winner.

Sincerely

Dave Neimeyer

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2009 Charleston, SC

HISTORY OF THE USS THOMAS C. HART

SECOND DEPLOYMENT - 1976 UNITAS XVII

OPNAV 516/144 MAY 4 76
 516 0107-101-010-000
 DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Memorandum DATE: 24 MAY 76

FROM: OPS

TO: ALL OFFICERS

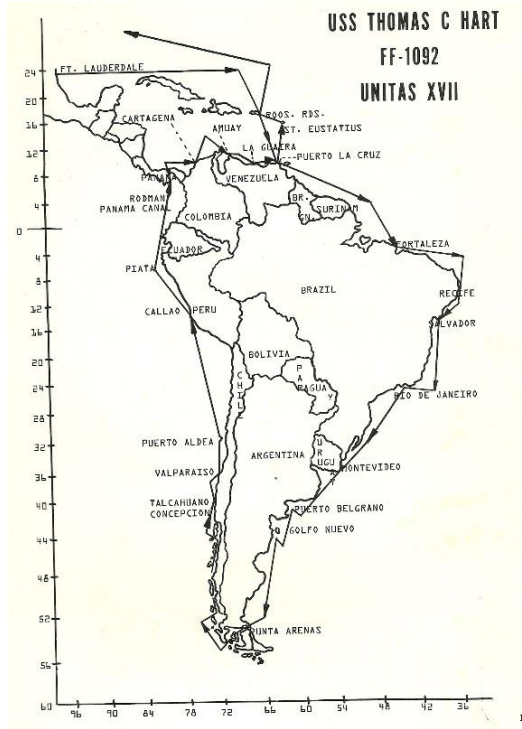
SUBJ: UNITAS XVII SKED AS OF THIS DATE

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
08 JUL	DEPART NORVA	ENR PORT EVERGLADES, FLA.
09 JUL	RDVU	JOIN MACDONOUGH AND DAVIS VIC CHARLESTON, S.C.
12 JUL	ARRIVE PEV	PRE-SAIL CONF FOR TRANSIT TO P.R. ALL PRE-EX MSGS DUE.
14 JUL	SORTIE FM PEV	IN COMPANY WITH COLNAV AND BRAZNAV UNITS FOR MULTI- LATERAL OPS ENR
14 JUL-19 JUL	ENR ROOS. RDS.	CONDUCT TASK FORCE OPS.
19 JUL-22 JUL	INPORT ROOS RDS	PRE-SAIL CONF FOR TF OPS ENR PORT-OF- SPAIN - ALL PRE-EX MSGS DUE. DEPART AM 22 JUL.
22 JUL-26 JUL	ENR PORT-OF- SPAIN	CONDUCT TRA-EX'S IN P.R.
26 JUL-28 JUL	INPORT PORT-OF- SPAIN	OP-AREAS. COLNAV UNITS DETACH. OPERATE WITH TRINIDAD- TOBAGO COAST GUARD UNITS DURING ENTRY.
28 JUL-04 AUG	ENR- RECIFE, BRAZIL	CONDUCT OPS WITH BRAZNAV ENR
04 AUG-06 AUG	INPORT- RECIFE	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.
06 AUG-09 AUG	ENR- SALVADOR, BRAZIL	
09 AUG-11 AUG	INPART SALVADOR	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
11 AUG-16 AUG	ENR- RIO DE JANEIRO	
16 AUG-20 AUG	INPORT- RIO	REFUEL
20 AUG-23 AUG	ENR- MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	
23 AUG-26 AUG	INPORT- MONTEVIDEO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.
26 AUG-29 AUG	LOCAL OPS	
29 AUG-31 AUG	INPORT- MONTEVIDEO	REFUEL
31 AUG-04 SEP	ENR- PUERTO BELGRANO, ARGENTINA	
04 SEP-07 SEP	IN PORT- PUERTO BELGRANO	REFUEL, SYMPOSIUM: SPS-40 OPER & MAINT. ON BOARD HART, SYMPOSIUM: ANTI-JAMMING RADAR PROCEDURES ONBOARD HART, SYMPOSIUM: LAMPS ONBOARD HART, PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS.

07 SEP-10 SEP	ENR- GOLFO NUEVO, ARGENTINA	REFUEL FM ARG. OILER (9)
10 SEP-11 SEP	IN PORT- GOLFO NUEVO, PUERTO MADRYN	
11 SEP-14 SEP	ENR- PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE	REFUEL FM ARG. DILER (10)
14 SEP-16 SEP	IN PORT- PUNTA ARENAS (ANCH.)	
16 SEP-18 SEP	TRANSIT CHILEAN INLAND WATERS TO PACIFIC	
18 SEP-21 SEP	ENR- TALCAHUANO, CHILE	REFUEL FM CHILEAN OILER CALCHESIDE AT BUCU IN CHILEAN BAY
21 SEP-25 SEP	IN PORT- TALCAHUANO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
25 SEP-27 SEP	ENR- VALPARAISO, CHILE	REFUEL FM CHILEAN OILER (11/12)
27 SEP-01 OCT	IN PORT- VALPARAISO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS. SYMPOSIUM: DISCUSSION PLANT MAINT.
01 OCT-05 OCT	ENR- PUERTO ALDEA, CHILE	REFUEL ALONGSIDE AT ANCH IN PUERTO ALDEA
05 OCT-06 OCT	IN PORT- PUERTO ALDEA	REFUEL (ANCH.)
06 OCT-10 OCT	ENR- CALLAO, PERU	
10 OCT-13 OCT	IN PORT, CALLAO	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS SYMPOSIUM: BOARD BOARD. FORECASTING AIR ASD
13 OCT-19 OCT	ENR- PIATA, PERU	REFUEL (11/12) (14, 15)
19 OCT-20 OCT	ANCH - PIATA	REFUEL (11/12) (16) DEP ANCH 20
20 OCT-21 OCT	ENR- RODMAN, PANAMA CANAL ZONE	REFUEL
21 OCT-26 OCT	IN-PORT- RODMAN	
26 OCT -	GULF OF MARROSQUILLO, COLOMBIA -	TRA. ANCH.
26 OCT-29 OCT	LOCAL OPS	PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
29 OCT-03 NOV	INPORT- CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA -	REFUEL
03 NOV-04 NOV	ENR- AMUAY, VENEZUELA	
04 NOV-05 NOV	IN PORT- AMUAY	REFUEL PRE-SAIL CONF. PRE-EX MSGS
05 NOV-09 NOV	LOCAL OPS	
09 NOV-13 NOV	INPORT - LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA	
13 NOV-14 NOV	ENR- PUERTO LA CRUZ, VENEZUELA	
14 NOV-15 NOV	IN PORT PUERTO LA CRUZ	REFUEL
15 NOV-18 NOV	ENR- ROOS. RDS.	

I HOLD A DETAILED SKED OF EVENTS COVERING DEPARTURE FROM
 PORT OF SPAIN UNTIL ARRIVAL RODMAN THAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY
 SOAM NAVIES CONCERNED AND IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE. THIS SKED
 IS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS FOR YOUR PLANNING.

V/R
 C.Z. SC



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!