

USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) NEWSLETTER *THE 21MC*

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OUR SHIPS MOTTO: TO BE RATHER THAN SEEM TO BE!



SHIPMATE COMMENTS

Jeffrey Richard, LT, 70-72, Portsmouth, RI

Plans for the 2020 Reunion in Newport, RI are nearing completion. We will be staying at the Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center located at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road in Newport, RI. It is 5 minutes from the Main Gate at Newport Naval Station. The Hotel has space for us to do all of the routine things our reunions involve. We have chosen OCT 6-9, 2020 for the reunion dates. [Tues-Fri] This is mid-week so the cost of a room is much less. Also means we will have the Naval Base Staff available to assist with base activities. We will be visiting the Naval War College (NWC), the NWC museum and the Surface Warfare training facilities with lunch at the Officer's Club overlooking Narragansett Bay. Our memorial will be aboard the USS Massachusetts which is moored at Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. The USS Joseph P Kennedy and the submarine USS Lionfish are also in the Cove! Go to www.battleshipcove.org to get the full picture. The hotel is next to Newport, so we can shuttle you to many things and places Newport has to offer. We will have the local tour company (most likely Viking)

available to take you on tours of Newport and/or visiting the mansions. Side excursions might include the Whaling Museum in New Bedford; vineyard tours on and off Aquidneck Island; a 3 ½ mile stroll on Newport's Cliff Walk; Fort Adams State Park; Green Animals Topiary Garden; the Tennis Hall of Fame; the White Horse Tavern (oldest operating restaurant in the USA); the Newport Car Museum in Portsmouth, RI; and you can eat out in any of the hundreds of local eateries in Newport County. Google Newport to get a sense of what's available. You might consider Boston as an extension to your Newport visit. If you haven't been to the Boston area, it is loaded with historical attractions; USS Constitution; the Mayflower; Plimoth Plantation; and the list goes on! If there is something you would like the Reunion Committee to consider making available in the Newport area, please let us know.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Since the last 21MC was published, we have made substantial progress in the mandatory Federal & State regulatory conversion process. We were notified on 7/27/2019 by the IRS that we are now officially a 501 (c) 7 non-profit, tax exempt Veteran's Social Group. After that notification, the Calendar Year (CY) 2018 informal audit package was prepared & finished & sent off to our Independent Financial Reviewer/Informal Auditor, Mike Stockreiter, who has the package for action per IRS Rules, Regulations & Guidelines (IRS RR&G's). His Independent Financial Review/Informal Auditor report to all membership will be in the next 21 MC per IRS RR&G's. As IRS RR&G's now require, we have to report ongoing financial status to membership! The last 21 MC reported \$8,593 in USS TURNER REUNION GROUP (TJRG) funds as of 12/31/18. The TJRG CY 2019 funds from 1/1/2019 to 7/27/2019 are as follows:

Total/Sub Totals Rounded

1/1/19 Beginning Balance		\$8,593
Subtract IRS 501 (c) 7 Conversion Costs		
Form 1024 Filing Fee	\$ 600.00	
Postage Costs	\$ 610.00	
Attorney's Fees	\$ 200.00	
Secretarial Costs	\$ 300.00	
Printing & Admin costs	\$1,254.52	
Sub Total		(\$2,965)
Add: Income		
Donations Members	\$3,410.00	
Donations Outside	\$ 240.00	
Dues	\$1,560.00	
Interest Income	\$ 10.32	
Sub Total		\$5,220
Subtract Other Expenses		
TJRG NFCU fund checks	\$ 135.28	
Classic Imaging Contract	\$ 350.00	
Mailing Costs TJRG Admin	\$ 15.49	

Sub Total

(\$.501)

7/27/2019 Ending balance per Checkbook and Bank Statement \$10,347

The next administrative chore will be to smooth up & FINALIZE the USS TJRG Bylaws & Guidelines. We can then register with State of Washington Secretary of State for State Non-profit status, required by law. With our famous ship as a destroyer museum in Bremerton, WA run by the 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, tax exempt Bremerton Historic Ship's Association (BHSA), we are locked into a certain course of State LEGAL & administrative action. My staff and I hope this Federal and State conversion process will be fully complete by the end of the year, barring unforeseen difficulties. Thus far, we are on schedule!

DONATIONS:

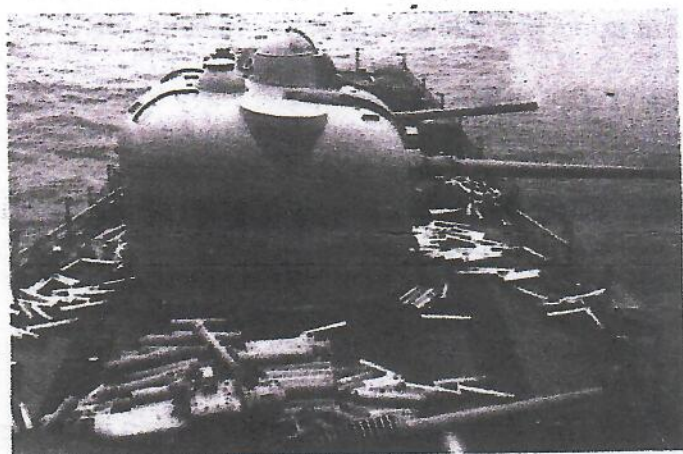
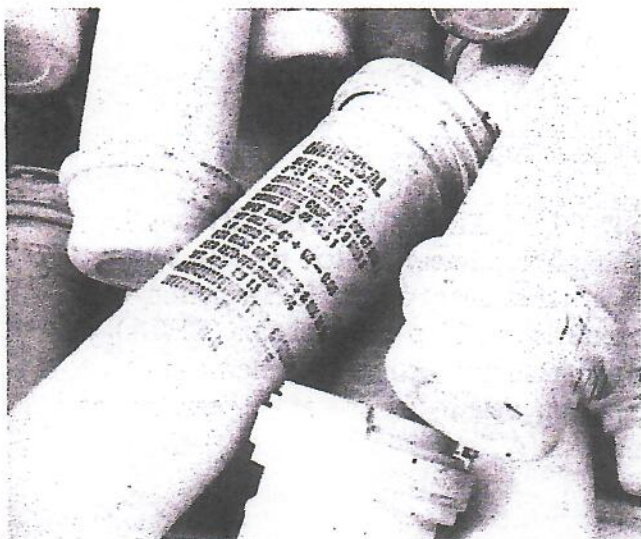
- \$ My staff and I wish to thank all those TJRG members & outside individuals that have made donations NOT only to cover IRS Conversion costs, but to grow our TJRG funds. To date \$3,650.00 in donations have been received to cover IRS conversion costs. Well Done! Future donations will help grow our TJRG funds back to the normal balance of approximately \$15,000. To set the example, I donate \$25.00 per month to the TJRG fund!
- \$ Donations to the USS Turner Joy Historic Ship Preservation Project should be mailed to USS TURNER JOY, 300 Washington Beach Blvd. Bremerton, WA 98337, made payable to BHSA and shown in the NOTE line for the intended purpose such as drydocking fund.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS: As previously announced, future 21 MC newsletters in the short term will be sent via e-mail. Some have expressed this was NOT to their liking and I have rescinded that policy. However, once the FINALIZED TJRG Bylaws & Guidelines are done, they will be sent via e-mail to the maximum extent possible to save costs and build TJRG funds.

VETERANS REGULATORY INFORMATION UPDATE-Blue Water Navy Veterans are NOW entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange. The extension of the presumption is a result of Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law By President Donald J. Trump on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect on January 1, 2020. Veterans with questions about benefits or filing a claim can visit the VA Agent Orange website www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agentorange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/. They can also call the disability benefits call center at 1-800-827-1000.

NEED LOCATING DATA (Mail returned NO forwarding address): Crewmembers if anyone knows Wayne Ramsey, Jay Wilson, Robert McClean, Jesus Herrera, Jr., Don Frazier, Francis Rowan, Courtney Hundley, Frederick Krenke, or former CO John Bianco, please e-mail up to date contact information to: jime251@hotmail.com!!!

**TRIBUTE TO THE GUNNER'S MATE RATING AND QUARTERMASTER RATING:
GENTLEMEN, DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR?**



ENGAGING
NVA REGIMENT
AT 800 METERS

1400 Local
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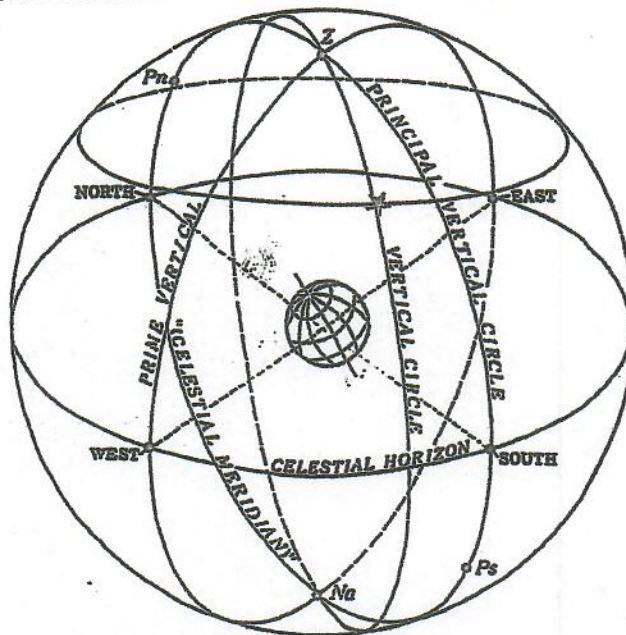


Figure 1527a. Elements of the celestial sphere. The celestial horizon is the primary great circle.

OTHER NOTES:

"ATTENTION ALL REUNION ATTENDEES"

For a little FUN, we will be having a photo wall of all attendees coming to the OCT 6-9, 2020 USS Turner Joy (DD-951) Reunion. We are asking everyone who plans on attending the reunion to mail a 4" X 6" photo of themselves; one photo of yourself when aboard the USS Turner Joy and a present photo. We will also need your Name, Rank/Rating, your TJ Division and dates when you were aboard USS Turner Joy. Please include the state you're currently residing in! Any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (586) 322-0328. Please Mail all photos and information to: Brian Soncrant, 8152 E Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209-5118

SPECIAL THANKS: Chad James has done a "spectacular job in correcting the history" to actual events in the famed Tonkin Gulf incident of August 2-4, 1964. Chad was a RD2 at the time and his efforts along with other eye witness of the time have done much to correct the "political misconceptions" created long ago. We are now seeing corrections made in the news media on occasion and with some politicians. Chad and other eye witnesses have made a lasting inroad to correct the historical record. Good Job Gentlemen! BZ!

TAPS: It is with great regret we report the following shipmates who have passed on:

CDR Robert Brock McClinton USN, later RADM USN(Ret), onboard May 65 to OCT 66 as Commanding Officer and Mrs. Gunvor McClinton. Our beloved Bob McClinton, age 94 passed away in his sleep on April 12, 2019 and his beloved wife, Gunvor passed away on June 8th, 2019. Bob was a consummate Surface Warfare Line Naval Officer, USNA graduate (class of 1947), also commanded the USS Detroit (AOE-4), retired from the US

Navy in 1982. He was an avid cyclist who rode from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean at age 69 to raise funds for cancer research, a certified flight instructor for single engine planes and a master yachtsman. Bob was cremated and his ashes scattered in the Straights of Juan de Fuca by his yachting club friends. No Internment information on Gunvor.

LT Scott Dudley USN former Engineering Officer on board 1969 to 1970 passed away on March 11, 2017, age 74. Scott was a USNA Graduate, class of 1965 and loved the Navy. He leaves behind Shaun (Jill) Byrnes and his Sister Jane. Scott was Interned at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C..

LCDR Gary L. Anderson, age 75, Onboard 1975, passed away June 1, 2017 in Republic, WA. He loved his naval work! He was a 1963 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY in Marine Engineering. Leaves behind his wife Pamela and brother John! No Internment information given!

RMSN Herbert Probst, Jr., age 72, Onboard July 1966 to December 1967, passed away March 1, 2019. He was proud of his service on the USS Turner Joy. No Internment information was given.

BT2 Richard K. Linington. Age 71, died May 17, 2014. He was Onboard during the 1962 to 1966 time frame. He leaves behind his wife, name unknown. No Internment Information was given.

OS1 Bill Kurth, died in 1981 from cancer. Onboard 1974 to 1977. NO family or Internment information was given.

FTG3 John Louis Miller, age 77, passed away January 27, 2017. Onboard 1959 to 1961. He leaves behind a Son and his wife. From Bothell, WA! No Internment information was given.

MM3 Charles E. Swalla passed away July 3rd, 2019 in San Antonio, TX. Onboard from 1965 to 1967. He leaves behind his beloved wife Sue, daughter Jana and her husband and 2 Grandchildren. He was a 1972 graduate of Lea College in Albert Lea, MN. He is Interned in Porter, TX.

EM2 Charles A. Diskin, passed away July 9, 2017. Later EMC USN(Ret). Onboard 1966 to 1969. Leaves behind a daughter, Denice. From Post Falls, ID. No Internment information was given.

BT3 Robert "Guy" A. Lutz, age 50, passed away May 8, 2002 at his home in Tipton, MO. Onboard 1971 to 1974. Leaves behind his wife Jackie and 4 sons. He is Interned at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Tipton, MO.

BT3 Raymond L. Feihtner, date passed away-unknown, reported by BTC Ray Berube, USN(Ret), Onboard circa 1971 to 1974. Originally from Grover, CO. No Family and No Internment information was given.

FTG3 Robert Charles Robson, age 71, passed away December 7, 2018. Onboard 1964 to 1967. No family information given. From Silver Springs, MD. Interned at Gate of Heaven cemetery in Silver Springs. MD.

Harold "Skeeter" Lansing, Rank/Rate/Rating unknown, age 76, passed away May 27, 2019. Onboard 1964 to 1967. He leaves behind a wife! He is Interned at Ballston Spa Cemetery in Ballston Spa, NY.

BT1 Willie Johnson, reported passed away, date unknown, by BTC Ray Berube USN(Ret). Onboard circa 1971 to 1975. He was originally from Texarkana, TX. No family and NO Internment information was given

SHIPMATE COMMENTS: (Too many for publishing, more later)

LTJG Jack Barry, Houston, TX, Onboard 63-65; The passing of Admiral McClinton is truly sad news. The honorable history of the Turner Joy was led by its list of exemplary CO's. The captains I have personally known are Captain Wentworth, Captain Barnhart, Captain McClinton and Captain Briggs set a high standard not only for the Turner Joy, but the Navy and the people everywhere. They were dedicated to achieving the mission while at the same time caring for their crew. I had the honor to serve with both Captain Barnhart and Captain McClinton. I got to know both very well and they each had significant influence on my development. I am proud to say that they were not only my Captains, but my friends and they were experts at when to play each role. "Captains", God Bless; your influence lives on in those who served with you.

CDR Ed Briggs, former CO, Onboard 66-68, Escondido, CA; Excerpts: Bob always chose the high road-Hail Fellow, well met; the brightest side of life; the power that comes from experience and knowledge to achieve the best possible outcomes; the glass for Bob was always half full. He always had time for his people. He led his sailors with aplomb and affection for he knew they were the heart and soul of Turner Joy. He was at once a teacher, leader, sailor, advisor, friend and loving husband-proud of the past and confident of the future. Bob McClinton has left us all a legacy of devoted service to community, Navy, and nation and spirit of adventure. Sadness-surely. Nanette and I join the Turner Joy crew in remembering with respect and admiration a patriot and indefatigable sailor.

OCT 6-9, 2020 REUNION HOTEL INFO:

1. Check In time is 4PM; Check Out time is 11AM.
2. All reservations must be accompanied by first night's deposit or guaranteed by major credit card.
3. Reservations by TJ attendees must be received on or before July 14, 2020.
4. If for some reason you need to cancel, you must cancel 72 hours prior to arrival.
5. All rooms are smoke free! \$150 cleaning fee for violators!
6. Mainstay provides all food and beverage and all alcohol!

2019 - 2020 USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Spouse/Partner: _____ S/P Email: _____
Street: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____
Member Email: _____
Dates Served on Board: _____ Rank/Rating on TJ: _____
Years of Active Duty: _____ Retired? _____ Retired Rank/Rating: _____
Present Occupation/Employer: _____

Do you have comments for possible inclusion in newsletters? _____

- **Donations:** Due to a regulatory change by the IRS we have spent nearly \$2000 in converting to a regulated 501 (c) 7 unincorporated non-profit tax exempt Veterans Group operating under IRS Rule 501 (a). Additionally we need to build up funds for the next reunion. All donations will be reported to the Membership in detail in future newsletters.
- **Annual Dues** are \$20.00 per year (Dec.) Membership dues may be paid in advance for the year. Your dues (and donations) subsidize all reunion activities. Additional amounts paid (in \$20.00 increments) will be credited to future year membership dues.

Please send this application with your check payable to:

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Carson City, NV 89703-0605