

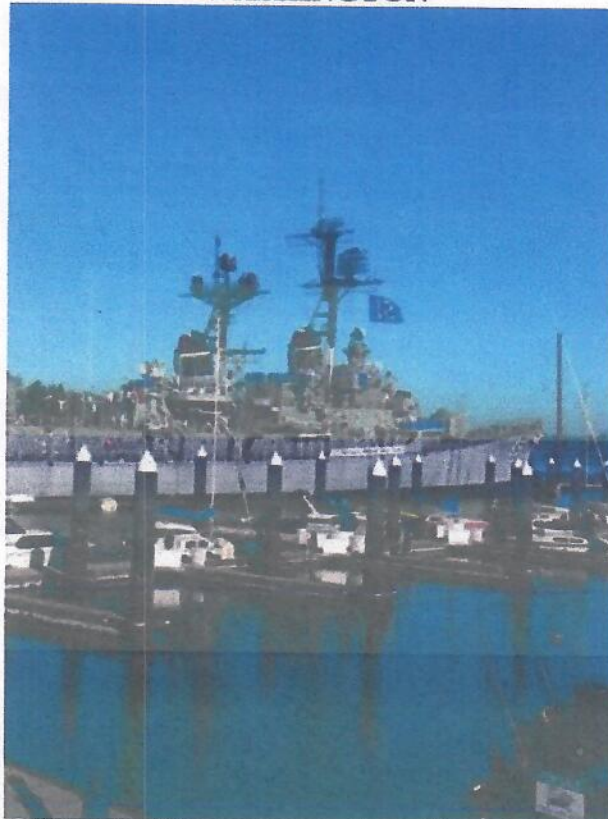
USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) NEWSLETTER *THE 21MC*

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December 23, 2020



OUR SHIPS MOTTO: TO BE RATHER THAN SEEM TO BE!
**USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) AT HER MEMORIAL BERTH IN BREMERTON,
WASHINGTON**



SHIPMATE COMMENTS

Jim Chester, RD2/OS2, 71-73. Carson City, NV.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 New Year to TJRG Members and their families.

SHIPMATE COMMENTS (Continued)

Paul C. Henshaw, LTJG, 71-72, Clayton, CA

Too bad about postponing the 2020 TJ Reunion. I hope your year had some high points! I appreciated all the e-mails on TJ history and efforts to get recognition for ship and crew members.

Wayne R. Moberg, STGCM, 66-68, Buhl, ID

New Decade! New Resolve! Let's keep our "TJ" Reunion Group Alive! Be Part of our Reunion Group and Be Active.

Charles W. Fish, RM2, 65-68, Leland, NC

My time on TJ was at a very memorable time in her history. The events are very clear to me, but the recall of many awesome crew members, not specifically in in communications, is becoming more difficult as the years go by! My wife and I are looking forward to the next reunion.

David M. Nitsch, BM3, 67-68, Hallettsville, TX

Thanks for working for the Reunion Group!

Neil (and Noel) Sutton, LTJG, 67-69, Scottsdale, AZ

Had a great lunch last Christmas with VADM Ed and Nan Briggs!

Mike Shiveley, ETN2, 70-74, Berthoud, CO

Thank you for all you do!

Robert (Bob) J. Uetz, FN, 63-65, La Pine, OR

I served in the forward fireroom. Battle stations on August 4, 1964 was phone operating with damage control. The experiences onboard the TJ and the events of August 4, 1964 have stayed with me to this day!

Allen N. Mayer, IC2, 70-73, Roseville, MN

Dear Veteran(s), I salute your courage, your honor, and most of all your sacrifice. Please accept this special "thank you" from one American who truly appreciates your willingness to serve our country and what it cost you.

Jim Turbull, LTJG/LT, 63-65, Ramona, CA

I'm still going strong! My memory of the TJ is vivid and gives me some real perspective on how the rest of my 26 and 2/3 years in the Canoe Club went. I look forward to meeting you (again) at our next reunion, whenever that may be!

William F. Kappes, RD2, 68-70, Edgewater, FL

I was sorry to learn about the passing of Robert Dunham, RD2, in the last newsletter. He was a great guy!

Bob McLean, LT, 66-68, Fort Belvoir, VA

The Crew and Wardroom of the Turner Joy were the best shipmates of my whole career.

Rodney, B. McDaniel, LT, 59-61, New York, NY

TJ was my first Destroyer. It was a new ship! I was the first Officer to come aboard after the Commissioning Crew. It was a great introduction to the Surface Navy.

Steve Godes, RD3, 59-62, Eagan, MN

It is unreal how the time has flown by! 60 years since our shakedown cruise to Central America, Panama Canal and South America. We never saw action like some of you did, and thank you for your service. Had a great skipper, with CDR Strat Wentworth who made it to Admiral.

Larry Upton, SK2, 80-82, Clifton Park, NY

Looking for members of the TJ 1980-1982 crew.

John H. Rohrer, ETNSN, 59-61, Menlo Park, CA

Proudly served on the TJ from AUG 59 to AUG 61. CDR Strat Wentworth was the 1st Skipper and great guy and fantastic CO. Ironically, his Grandson and my youngest Grandson currently work together in the Menlo Park, F. D.

Don Frazier, RD3, 67-70, Lake Stevens, WA

I saw Ray Mason mentioned in the last 21MC N.L. A Special "Thank You" for your service. It is nice to be reminded of one of the good guys!

Greg Stohl, MM2, 77-80, Prineville, OR

Reported aboard Fall of 77 just prior to 9-month overhaul. Worked in "A" Gang under Chief Blodgett. If you notice, the Ovens in the Galley are missing their name plates. They are Blodgett Ovens. What can I say?

PRESIDENT'S CORNER. Since the last 21MC was published on 8/4/2020, as of 12/10/2020, we have completed the Independent Financial Review/Informal Audit for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 for the TJRG, signed by Mike Stockreiter. The informal audit report with the audited CY 2019 Financial Statements was sent to some of the Membership per IRS RR&G's. The CY 2019 informal audit report and CY 2019 audited financial statements will be posted on the OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION segment on our web site: www.ussturnerjoy.com.

The CY 2019 Informal Audit Report for your Review:

Captain F. Michael Stockreiter, USNR(Ret)
USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP
Internal Financial Reviewer/Auditor
3031 Applegate Lane
Glenview, IL 60025

December 10, 2020

Subj: USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP INTERNAL (UNAUDITED) INFORMAL FINANCIAL REVIEW /AUDIT REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 REPORT TO THE USSTURNER JOY REUNION GROUP 501(c) 7 TAX EXEMPT NON-PROFIT VETERAN'S SOCIAL CREWMEMBERS ASSOCIATION PER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RULES, REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES (IRS RR&G'S)

Dear USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP AND CREW MEMBERS,

I have independently examined the cash basis accounting per Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for Calendar Year 2019 for the USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP, applying informal internal financial review/audit procedures with available documentation provided by the current President and current Treasurer of the USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP and found the following Financial Condition:

Satisfactory in all respects for Calendar Year 2019 and properly disclosed to the crewmembers of the USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP in the December 23, 2020 USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) NEWSLETTER, THE 21MC. Also, proper disclosure to the IRS was made via FORM 990 for the Calendar Year 2019 within the allowed timelines under the IRS RR&G's.

Proper disclosure of calendar Year 2019 audited financial statements was made and will be posted on the USS Turner Joy Reunion Group website: www.ussturnerjoy.com under the OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS for PUBLIC INSPECTION tab.

I am not a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a licensed Public Accountant and therefore cannot render an unqualified or qualified opinion as to the fairness of the financial statements reported to the IRS and the USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP. I do hold an undergraduate degree in Business Administration majoring in Finance and an MBA in Marketing and worked in the business community in the Chicagoland area for 36 years. I do meet the IRS criteria for an independent Informal Financial Reviewer/Internal Auditor for our 501(c) 7 tax exempt, non-profit Veteran's Social Group.

F. Michael Stockreiter
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- **OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:** When you open the website; www.ussturnerjoy.com at the top of the page is a tab to click on for OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. Per Federal & State Law, the Public & TJRG Members must have access to these documents. Please take a few minutes and view/study these documents.
- **REQUIRED WASHINGTON STATE VOLUNTARY DONATION DISCLOSURE.** Per legal guidance from the State of Washington Secretary of State, we must make sure all solicitations for voluntary donations have the required disclosure information as described in the Charities Solicitations Act; RCW 19.09.100. This disclosure is on our web site at the top of the page in the red bar, just click on that tab and this will bring up the State of Washington required RCW 19.09.100 disclosure to be read before voluntary donations are made.

○ **DONATIONS FOR 2020**

- The following TJRG members donated between \$500.00 and \$999.00 in CY 2020: Paul C. Henshaw
- The following TJRG members donated between \$250.00 and \$499.00 in CY 2020: Rodney Postma
- The following TJRG members donated between \$100.00 and \$249.00 in CY 2020: Tod Hale; Ed Briggs*; Robert Sager; Mike Stockreiter; Michael Farmer; John Bianco; Douglas Benton; Bill Johnson; Herbert Pettis; Homer Roberts! *Ed Briggs donated between \$100.00 and \$249.00 in CY 2019, but accidentally omitted his name in this category in the 12/23/2019 21MC Newsletter.
- The following TJRG members donated between \$5.00 and \$99.00 in CY 2020: Jim Chester; Daniel Gilroy; Wayne Moberg; David Nitsch; Robert W. Poage; Donald Proffit; Carroll "Skip" Screws; Larry Upton; Steve Kirkpatrick!
- Reunion Planning: The EXCOM is looking at the positive developments of the COVID-19 pandemic as 2020 closes and a New Year of 2021 emerges. Approximately one week ago, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first vaccine for the COVID-19 pandemic. It is way too early to tell how the vaccines will have an effect on various different age groups in quashing the pandemic. We also learned the COVID-19 virus seems to

thrive in colder weather and has become more dangerous in the Winter in the United States. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic conditions and HOPEFULLY come to a RESPONSIBLE conclusion that it is safe to proceed with planning for the next reunion. According to the Presidential COVID-19 medical/pandemic management experts, if all goes well with the vaccine, we might return to normal in the mid-to late summer of 2021. We in the EXCOM shall continue to monitor the situation. In the meantime, we strongly recommend all TJRG members and their family members follow the CDC Guidelines for preventing COVID-19 illness. For those TJRG members and family members who have contracted COVID-19, we wish you a hearty "GET WELL" and **Well Wishes** on your recovery! Currently, the USS TURNER JOY Destroyer Museum is shut down until at least mid-January 2021 by Executive State Order of the Washington State Governor.

- We in the EXCOM have heard from many TJRG shipmates about the October 2020 reunion being cancelled and how sad they were, that we were forced to cancel for health reasons and so many vendors and facilities being shut down, including Naval Base, Newport, RI. The feedback most of us have received from our membership is about having the next reunion in 2021 if pandemic conditions allow us to have a Safe Reunion. Thus far, every TJRG member I have talked to recommends we have the next reunion in Bremerton, WA at the ship. As soon as conditions are deemed safe enough for a reunion, we will get a 21 MC Newsletter with initial planning details.

**UNAUDITED ONGOING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR TJRG
MEMBERSHIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FROM 8/7/20 TO 12/23/20**

Date	Transaction/Event	Checking	Savings	Total
8/7/20	Bal TJRG Funds per last 21MC	\$ 3,050.12	\$15,852.37	\$18,902.49
7/31/20	Interest Earned per BS	\$.13	3.34	3.47
	Add Revenues:			
8/10-8/25/20	Membership Dues	\$ 170.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 220.00
8/27/20	Balances per NFCU Bank Stmt	\$ 3,220.25	\$15,905.71	\$19,125.96
	SEP 2020			
8/31/20	Interest Earned per BS	\$.13	3.37	3.50
	Add Revenues:			
8/27-9/24/20	Membership Dues	\$ 610.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 990.00
	Subtract Expenses:			
9/2/20	TJRG Mailings/Postage	\$ 348.99	-	\$ 348.99
9/27/20	Balances per NFCU Bank Stmt	\$ 3,481.39	\$16,289.08	\$19,770.47
	OCT 2020			
9/30/20	Interest Earned per BS	\$.14	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.48
10/5-10/13/20	Membership Donations	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
10/5-10/26/20	Membership Dues	\$ 600.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 640.00
	Subtract Expenses:			
10/5-10/20/20	TJRG Mailings	\$ 99.87	\$ -	\$ 99.87
10/5/20	Purch Off Supplies	\$ 65.17	\$ -	\$ 65.17
10/19/20	Purch TJ historical videos	\$ 86.42	\$ -	\$ 86.42
10/27/20	Balances per NFCU Bank Stmt	\$ 3,830.05	\$16,562.42	\$20,392.47
	NOV 2020			
10/30/20	Interest Earned per BS	\$.16	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.65
	Subtract Expenses:			
11/6/20	Purch Office Supplies	\$ 86.78	\$ -	\$ 86.78
11/6/20	EXCOM Mailings	\$ 16.65	\$ -	\$ 16.65
11/28/20	Balances per NFCU Bank Stmt	\$ 3,726.78	\$16,565.91	\$20,292.69
	DEC 2020			
12/2-12/16/20	Membership Dues	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00
12/16/20	Membership Donation	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Subtract Expenses:			
12/17/20	TJRG/EXOM Mailings/Postage	\$ 107.56	\$ -	\$ 107.56
12/18/20	Bal. per TJRG Ck Reg & Sav Reg	\$ 3,679.22	\$17,065.91	\$20,745.13

ONGOING NOTES. 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 took 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: Please provide date of information, up to date contact information and phone number and known e-mail address to: jimc951@hotmail.com!!!

John Peterson, of Johnstown, CO

Don Frazier, of Snohomish, WA

Cecil Elliott, of Jonesboro, GA

Andrew Loyal of Aiken, SC

[REDACTED]

Robert Wroblewski, of Dexter, MI

Larry Nader, of Surprise, AZ

Robert Jones, of Plymouth, MA

Anthony Sweat, Of Asheville, NC

Rudolph Halek, of Westlake, OH

"ATTENTION ALL FUTURE REUNION ATTENDEES"

DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR PICTURES TO BRIAN SONCRANT

For a little FUN, we will be having a photo wall of all attendees coming to the next scheduled USS Turner Joy (DD-951) Reunion, when conditions allow. We are asking everyone who plans on attending the next reunion to mail a 4" X 6" photo of themselves; one photo of yourself when aboard the USS Turner Joy & present photo. We need your Name, Rank/Rating, your TJ Division & 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. These trips down memory lane are so great! I urge all TJRG crewmembers to send their pictures to Brian Soncrant, because at some point in the future we will have another great reunion.

TAPS: It is with 'GREAT REGRET' we report the following shipmates who have passed on:

Daniel E. Boomgaarden, RD1, USN (Ret), OB 65-68, Aged 81, passed away on September 3, 2020. Interred near Rigby, ID. Follow on career as a Nevada State Highway Patrol Officer. Leaves behind his beloved wife and family!

Forrest F. Hilbish II, EW2, OB 77-80, CWO4 USN (Ret), Aged 64, passed away July 15, 2020. Navarre, FL. He leaves behind his wife, Josephine, Children and Grandchildren. His favorite quote was: I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think I can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction; "I served in the United States Navy"! President JFK

George S. Yeargin Jr., SN, reportedly OB 65-67, reportedly Aged 71/72, passed away in Pasadena TX on August 6, 2020. He is survived by his partner Cindy. Other family information and place of Internment not disclosed. He liked the USS Turner Joy!

George M. Anastasi, LT, OB 65-67, CDR, USN (Ret), passed away June 1, 2020. Centerville, VA. Survived by his wife, Roma, Children and Grandchildren. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined. George was a 22-year Navy Surface Warfare Officer with a distinguished service record.

David S. Bremer YN3, OB 67-70, Aged 71, passed away January 27, 2019, Waterloo, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, children, grandchildren and one great Grandchild. He was interred with Full Military Honors, in Tripoli, Iowa.

Ronald R. Bowden, LTJG, OB 70-72, Aged 73, passed away April 21, 2020, Austin, TX. He is survived by his former wife, Rebecca Reed Bowden, and his family members in and around Austin, TX. Ron called me many years ago from Cranfills Gap, TX and informed me he worked in the Oil Industry, but also seeking contact info. He is reportedly interred at the Memorial Grounds of Cook Walden Forest Oaks Funeral home in Austin, TX.

Jack L. Winner, HM3, Aged 73, OB 65-69, Passed away in La Quinta, CA on November 1, 2020. After the Navy, Jack worked as a Real Estate Agent in California. Reported by Mike Stockreiter. Family information and place of Internment was NOT disclosed.

Wayne R. Moberg, STGCM, OB 66-68, Aged 89, Passed away in Buhl, ID on August 9, 2020. Wayne served as the leading Sonarman and Command master Chief of the USS Turner Joy. He was very active in the USS Turner Joy Reunion group since it was formed in the early 1990's. He leaves behind his beloved wife Bette, his beloved children and Grandchildren. His quasi-adopted daughter; HMC (FMF) Toni Lee Swalstad, USNR gave a special reading at his memorial service. Tod Hale, Chad James and Myself attended his Memorial service, and his funeral with Full military honors. Wayne will be interred at Snake River Canyon National Cemetery; Buhl, ID. "Mo", you will be missed by all in the TJRG. Ed Briggs wrote a special epitaph for Mo! Here is an excerpt from that epitaph!

"We have lost another Turner Joy Leader! A man of exceptional devotion to Family, Navy and Country. For those of us privileged to serve with him, he was our Master Chief of the Command before that honor became official. He was the Chief of the Ship in every sense of that tradition. He and Bette, our First Lady of the crew, were a team for all ages who relentlessly looked after us and our families ashore. We are forever grateful for that attention to the total family that made Turner Joy so special in our hearts.....He was a devoted Husband, Father, Teacher, Sailor, Mentor, Confidant, Advisor and Patriot whose leadership qualities were without parallel. His courage was a measure of dignity, unafraid to speak the truth and to assume responsibility for his actions and decisions regarding the crew's competence and welfare.....His tireless efforts in behalf of the Turner Joy NEVER waned. He and Bette were there for every reunion once again looking out for the crew he loved so much. He and Bette, are friends to whom we owe so much. He rests in peace now and that his work is done and he will NEVER be forgotten for the distinction he so richly deserves. In Sorrow; Ed and Nan

**ACTUAL COMBAT VIDEO OF THE LAST NAVAL ROUND FIRED IN THE
VIETNAM WAR BY THE USS TURNER JOY (DD-951).**

Our shipmate; HT 2 Kenny Roice USN filmed the "Last Naval Round fired" by the USS Turner Joy (DD-951) in the Vietnam War. Many crew members remember this a bit differently so we in the EXCOM purchased two DVD's of the Vietnam War filmed by Kenny. When the last fire mission was transmitted by our ANGLICO Airborne Spotter, LTJG Dave Pfahler USN, the OS's and the Gunnery Liaison Officer (GLO) in Combat Information Center (CIC) plotted this target on a Universal Mercator Grid (UTM) Combat Chart with 1,000 meter grid squares to set up for an indirect Fire Mission of 'One Round ONLY'! Commander 7th Fleet (C7F), VADM Jim Holloway USN, directed us to fire that last round to impact at precisely 0800 H, (0000Z GMT) on 28 January 1973. The video also shows our one round fire mission hitting the target approximately 20,750 yards away [45 second Time of Flight] in the thick Industrial haze and the additional smoke of being in a heavy combat; just below the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) for 13 consecutive days. The video shows a somewhat large secondary explosion of the enemy target in the thick Industrial haze, which was a 'Suspected Ammunition Dump' in the DMZ. Kenny was standing next to our Captain, CDR Robert (Rob) H. Pidgeon USN who was directing Kenny in the video shoot. The video also shows the empty shell casings (about 70 of them, from the two previous Fire Missions) that was moved forward of the Gun Target Line of the barrel by the Gunner's Mates, so the XO could pick up that last powder casing of the Last Naval Round Fired in the Vietnam War. A copy of the video has gone to our webmaster along with all the documentation the EXCOM could find and will be a historical contribution for the USS Turner Joy. In the near future, another copy of the video and supporting documentation will be sent to the USS Turner Joy for an historical exhibit on the ship itself. The painting by Dale Byhre is still very accurate and is a Great Naval Painting and copies will be donated to the United States Naval Academy museum, the United States Naval War College museum and the new Naval Historical and Heritage Command museum in Washington DC. The video and supporting documentation have been sent off to our webmaster and we hope that this will be on our web site in the very near future.

2020 – 2021 USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Spouse/Partner: _____ E-mail: _____
Street: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____
Member E-mail: _____
Dates Served Onboard: _____ Rank/Rating on TJ: _____
Years of Active Duty: _____ Retired: _____ Retired Rank/Rating: _____
Present Occupation/Employer: _____

Comments for possible inclusion for the 21 MC
newsletter: _____

Donations: They are always welcome! Currently the funds for the TJRG are “fully replenished” and the Federal IRS and State Conversion costs are paid for! Thank You So Much! Now, as a regulated 501 (c) 7 tax exempt, non-profit, Veteran’s Social Group and State of Washington Charitable Organization operating under IRS Rule 501 (a), we are a healthy Veteran’s Organization. We are always seeking donation funds for follow on reunions: Donations in fiscal categories have been reported by name per IRS RR&G’s!

Annual Dues: They are \$ 20.00 per year (NOV/DEC). **Membership Dues** may be paid in advance for the year and more out years. **Your Dues and donations subsidize all reunion activities!**

Please send this application with your check payable to:
USS Turner Joy Reunion Group
c/o Jim Chester-President
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