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JIM

USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) NEWLETTER THE 21MC

Editor: e-mail: dleverenz@sbcglobal.net

December 18, 2022

Dave Leverenz

First Lieutenant (1967-68)



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to all
Turner Joy
Sailors
Very Best Regards
Jim Chester
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THE SHIP'S MOTTO: "ESSE QUAM VIDERI" – TO BE RATHER THAN SEEM TO BE!

Editor's Notes:

Eventually Going Toward Paperless with the 21MC Newsletter:

Currently in our by-laws and regulations we have it set up under the payment of dues for publishing the 21MC Newsletter, unless there are specific requests to send the newsletter electronically over the Internet.

Editor's Notes: (Continued)

You may consider this note a formal request to each of you to switch from snail (U.S. Postal Service) to e-mail.

President's Corner:

1. **New Website!** Our new website is www.ussturnerjoyRG.com. Our new web site became operational on May 16, 2022. Our Legal Domain and our Copyright for this new website are in place and this new website belongs to the membership of the USS Turner Joy Reunion Group. Additionally, there are legal barriers for the new website in place to ensure against theft by outside hackers.
2. **Changing favorable Legal tides:** During Calendar Year (CY) 2019, we received a general flyer from the IRS concerning conditions that either once existed or were being corrected and the flyer stated we were restricted to filing a yearly FORM 990EZ and associated schedules. The FORM 990EZ and associated Schedules were developed, reviewed and signed by the President for 2018, 2019 and 2020 well ahead of schedule and sent via U.S. Postal Service to the IRS. Also, all State of Washington reports were filed on time for those same years, plus 2021. All these documents were posted on our old web site, before it was stolen in July 2021 under the OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION tab. On July 31, 2021, we received another flyer from the IRS stating that we could no longer mail into the IRS FORM 990EZ and associated schedules and ONLY electronic transmission would be accepted. We finished the Form 990EZ and associated schedules for CY 2021 on April 20, 2022 and then went to authorized electronic senders, but only one IRS Enrolled Agent in Medford, OR would take this for action at a price of \$400 for electronic submission to the IRS. There were many delays by the vendor and we could not properly close out CY 2021 reporting to the IRS until this was sent. On, NOV 28th, 2022, I asked our VP [Tod Hale] to go see this Gentleman again about the delays and that day, he sent in a 2021 FORM 990N e-postcard which we were not previously allowed to send and it was accepted without question by the IRS. The

allowed to send and it was accepted without question by the IRS. The vendor did this Pro Bono, so once again we lucked out!

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President's corner: (Continued)

Unforeseen and Unbeknownst to me, we had the option of converting to FORM 990N e-postcard once we had corrected all past issues notified by flyers and through discussions with the IRS, thus notifying the IRS by phone to applicable codes that conditions were corrected and requesting permission to convert to FORM 990 e-postcard. The IRS Enrolled Agent did this for us after a thorough review of our work, which he found to be entirely satisfactory. Thus, we unknowingly fell into a WIN-WIN-WIN situation and I am **NOT** complaining whatsoever! I guess it is that good ole' Turner Joy luck that keeps paying dividends! Thus, our position with the IRS (and State of Washington) is now considered "FULL COMPLIANCE" and seen as an "ongoing position" for our 501 (c) 7 Veteran's Social Group.

Furthermore, we can file a FORM 990N e-postcard in the future for \$19.90 on a website that I found. Also, we were **NOT** considered late in filing due to my reporting to the IRS office in Reno, NV in May 2022, that we were having trouble with authorized IRS Vendors for sending the 2021 FORM 990EZ and related schedules. **Succinctly, all the necessary reporting to the IRS for CY 2021 is now complete!** The documentation from the IRS closing out for 2021, was mailed to me by Tod Hale and then copies were mailed to Dave Leverenz for upload on our OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION on our new website. Per IRS RR&G's, we are also required to educate the membership. Now maybe life can get a bit simpler for Me and your EXCOM once more.

3. **Performance of your EXCOM!**>Tod Hale, Mike Stockreiter and Dave Leverenz, plus Chad James until he resigned on April 1, 2022 has been exemplary! When we were first notified by the IRS in mid-November of 2018, we took on a super huge workload and all these Gentlemen worked very well with me in all the various tasking involved. When the old web site was stolen, once again your EXCOM took on this very tough issue and we developed a strategy within the IRS RR&G's and State of Washington

developed a strategy within the INS RR&G's and State of Washington guidelines that worked very well and this included development of a new website, which is now very popular.

President's corner: (Continued)

4. **Next Reunion!** The main contract was signed on 12/23/2022 for the hotel and the banquet room for October 11-15, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in San Diego on Pacific Blvd, close to the Embarcadero. We decided that since San Diego is among the best tourist attractions in the United States, that we would have this reunion for "four days" instead of the usual three days. The room rate is \$165.00 per night plus taxes and fees, but falls way short of the average room rate in San Diego that is usually over \$235.00 plus taxes and fees. Since we had a considerable loss at the SEP 2021 reunion mainly due to COVID-19, we negotiated and built-in safeguards in the contract and had unanimous approval by the entire EXCOM. Right now, we have 50 rooms earmarked for the TJRG and that can be adjusted upwards if necessary. **We hope that is the case!** More to be developed and promulgated!

USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP UNAUDITED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE TO MEMBERSHIP 8/6/2022 TO 12/18/2022.

Date	Transaction/Event	Checking	Savings	Total
8/6/22	Balances forward	\$ 1,042.96	\$15,147.78	\$16,190.74
	ADD:			
8/31-11/27	Member Dues	\$ 150.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 220.00

**USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP UNAUDITED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE TO
MEMBERSHIP 8/6/2022 TO 12/18/2022. (Continued)**

11/27/22	Balances Forward	\$ 948.10	\$15,318.68	\$16,266.78
	ADD:			
12/1-12/3	Member Dues	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 80.00
12/5	Member Donations	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00
	SUBTRACT:			
12/5	Website Monthly Maint. Fee	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00
12/8	Printing Fee - 2022 audit prep	\$ 7.80	\$ -	\$ 7.80
12/8	GEN Mail/Postage	\$ 25.68	\$ -	\$ 25.68
<u>12/18/22</u>	Balances per 21MC Cutoff	<u>\$ 964.62</u>	<u>\$15,393.68</u>	<u>\$16,358.30</u>

Notes:

1. Period of 12/19/22 to 12/31/22 will be covered in the next 21MC Newsletter. If the 2022 Internal Audit is completed by the next 21MC Newsletter, this financial information disclosed to membership will be so stated.

CATEGORIES OF TJRG MEMBER DONATIONS & OUTSIDE DONATIONS MADE TO TJRG FOR CY 2022; FROM 1/1/22-12/18/22, PER PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IRS RR&G'S. THIS SECTION ALSO INCLUDES TJRG MEMBERS WHO DONATED PERSONAL FUNDS FOR "SPECIAL DONATIONS" (CODEWORD: GREYHOUND) TO REBUILD WEBSITE

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TO "REGAIN COMPLIANCE" WITH THE IRS & THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

The following members donated between \$1,000 and \$5,100:

Jim Chester

The following members donated between \$500 to \$999:

Paul Henshaw

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(Continued)**

The following members donated between \$250 to \$499

None

The following members donated between \$100 to \$249

Kelsay Stewart

Jim Turnbull

Mike Stockreiter

Arthur Bilderback

Robert Torgler

William Keuhn

Charles Nagle

Dave Millen

The following members donated between \$5 to \$99

Tom Betty

Dave Ginsburg

Don Masavoy

Don Proffit

Howard Shores

William Eldred

Don Morgan

Richard Horst (Friend of Member)

Bill Lefurgey

Kenneth Braid

Edward Briggs

Patricia Lape (Widow of Member)

**TJRG Members who donated funds for Special Donation (Codeword-Greyhound)
to rebuild website to regain IRS and State of Washington compliance!**

TJRG Member-\$2,000

TJRG Member-\$500

TJRG Member-\$300

TJRG Member-\$200

TJRG Member-\$200

TJRG Member-\$150

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CY 2022 SHIPMATE COMMENTS:

EDWARD BRIGGS, CDR, OB 66-68

Grateful appreciation for due careful attention and hard work. The volunteer crew gives to Turner Joy. Your dedication to the task of maintaining the ship is extraordinary. My sincere thanks for all you accomplish each year.

DAVID E. GINSBURG, QM2, OB 71-75

I AM GRATEFUL TO Jim Chester, Doug Church and all the TJ volunteers who work so hard to preserve our history. I hope to bring my Grandsons in a few years.

RUDI HALEK, E-4, OB 66-68

LOVE the Dayton VAMC. Excellent care!

WAYNE SCHMUS, ETR2, OB 62-64

Some how the unpleasant memories of shipboard living have faded, and I remember fondly the good shipmates and adventures including ports of call and Tonkin Gulf. Thanks to Jim Treanor and Ed Med Vegy for making the experience worthwhile, among many of them.

SCOTT SAVARY, IC 3, OB 66-67

If anyone is suffering from the effects of AGENT ORANGE, Please apply to the VA for compensation.

JOHN P. MEIERDIERKS, ENS/LTJG, OB 65-66

Happy to renew my membership. Due to health concerns, unable to travel at this time. Perhaps the next time in Bremerton. Best regards to all our TJ Shipmates.

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL, LTJG/LT, OB 60-62

TJ was my first Destroyer and second ship. It was while onboard I decided to stay in the Navy, make it a career.

RICHARD MARTIN, FTG 3, OB 65-66

TAPS! It is with great regret and sorrow that we report the passing of our beloved shipmates. "Fair Winds and Following Seas":

Edward S. Briggs, CDR, OB 66-68, age 96, passed away on November 23, 2022. Later Vice Admiral, USN, (Ret) Ed attended the United States Naval Academy graduating in the class of 1949. He was married to his beloved Nanette on June 7, 1949. Ed attended Flight School and got his Wings in 1951, and flew numerous combat missions in the Korean War. In 1961, he transferred to Surface Line! He was XO of USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) in 1962-1963. He assumed Command of the USS Turner Joy in 1966 and was in command for two years until 1968. He later commanded USS Jouett (DLG-29) from 1971 to 1972. He then was Chief of Plans and later Chief of Staff to VADM Jim Holloway (Com 7th Flt) during 1972 to 1973. Later he was Commander, Cruiser, Destroyer Group 7. His final billet was Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic Fleet. He retired from Active Service in 1984. Highly decorated, among his decorations he held are the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit. Per his request, interment will be determined after his beloved wife passes away, so they can be interred together. His son Jeffrey, will be announcing the interment date and a future date and location for honoring his distinguished Father.

Douglas R. Benton, FTG2, OB 65-67, age 75, passed away on September 21, 2022

September 27, 2022

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, two brothers and numerous other family members. Doug to a keen interest in being a Tin Can Sailor during his entire life. Doug was buried with Full Military Honors at Willington Hill Cemetery.

Joe E. Rexwinkle, MM3, OB 61-63, age 79, passed away on March 6, 2022

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Penny of 56 years. He is also survived by 2 sons and a daughter and their spouses. After the Navy, Joe worked as a Machinist and a Draftsman. Joe is interred at North Edna Elm Grove Cemetery in Edna, Kansas.

James A. Deaton, Honorary Shipmate and brother to GMG1 Carl W. Deaton USN killed in the Mount 53 explosion in October 1965. Age 90, passed away July 25, 2022.

James was close to the USS Turner Joy all his life in honor of his brother.

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Navy Sites on Facebook: For shipmates using computers, there are a plethora of USN Facebook sites. Just to name a few, some pertinent sites follow. These Facebook groups must be joined to see/write shipmate comments. Anyone can view:

1. TIN CAN SAILORS USA

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/466284277189501/>

12,500 members

2. US Navy Ships & History

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470304663271652/>

5,500 members

3. 900 Class Destroyers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/303750066416838/>

2,800 members

And,

4. USS Turner Joy DD-951

US Military Set to Return to Subic Bay, Philippines to Counter China

The US closed its military base in Subic Bay 30 years ago

by Dave DeCamp / November 24, 2022 / News / China, Philippines

The US will likely return to Subic Bay, Philippines, 30 years after closing what was once the largest US military base in Asia, [Kyodo News reported on Thursday](#).

The US is planning to build new military facilities in the Philippines as part of its effort to confront China in the region and is in talks with Manila to set up five new locations. The construction will be done under the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), a military pact between Manila and Washington signed in 2014.

Since the US base in Subic Bay was closed, the area has become a bustling port overseen by the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA). Rolan Paulino, the head of the SBMA, told *Kyodo* that he would be "very surprised" if Subic Bay does not become an EDCA site, as "during war, time is of the essence."

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Spouse/Partner: _____ E-mail: _____
Street: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
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Member E-mail: _____