

USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) NEWSLETTER

THE 21MC

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THE SHIPS MOTTO: "ESSE QUAM VIDERI" - TO BE RATHER THAN SEEM TO BE!

Going Paperless with the 21MC:

Going forward, we will be attempting to save quite a bit of the shipmate's money by transmitting copies of the 21MC by email instead of by snail mail. Needless to say, any shipmate desiring to receive a hard copy AND certainly all shipmates not having access to a computer/email will be accommodated by providing the usual hard copy by mail. The default option will be email IF we have an email address for you.

You may consider this note a formal request to each of you to switch from snail mail to email, thus saving several hundred dollars of shipmate funds - EVERY QUARTER - which may then be used to defray reunion expenses and other expenses. This savings could possibly provide us an extra \$1500-\$2000 toward the next reunion in 2023. If a large number of shipmates "go paperless," those figures would double. Of course, anyone with a printer would be able to produce hardcopy of the 21MC at will. You may forward you email address to Jim Chester (using website* "Contact" button), or to me via my email (dleverenz@sbcglobal.net).

The 21MC will be emailed out to shipmates with a listed email address the day the hardcopy version is produced. And so, you will be receiving your electronic newsletter some 2-4 days before the snail mail version.

Once we get coordinated, I expect to see quite a bit of the content of the 21MC duplicated on our new website, so we may eventually see the day that, for all shipmates with computers and email addresses, the two (website & 21MC) would be redundant. Advantages: the 21MC is issued about every 3-4 months. The website (ussturnerjoyrg.com) will probably be updated by me every month, if not every week.

* see next article (President's Corner)

President's Corner: 1) **New Website!** Our new website is www.ussturnerjoyRG.com. Our new website became operational on May 16, 2022, but had to hold the announcement in abeyance due to IRS Compliance issues and ongoing legal development issues to protect the new web site from further theft through the legal domain, legal disclaimers, and the development of legal warnings to anyone who would try to hijack our new web site. Also, the new Legal Domain has been registered in the name of the USS Turner Joy Reunion Group and a United States COPYRIGHT has been submitted in the name of the USS Turner Joy Reunion Group. Several TJRG members who made special donations to develop this new web site are highly appreciated! Because of our inability to freely access our old web site now registered and copyrighted in Toronto, Canada as investigated and determined by our EXCOM, this new web site was developed under an umbrella of Secrecy with Special donations and Development disbursements under the codeword: GREYHOUND. This new web site is PAID IN FULL. Every effort was made to develop this new web site as “cost effectively” as possible!

2) **TJRG Member Vote for Next Reunion.** The results of the vote for the next reunion were overwhelmingly in favor of October 2022 in San Diego. Once the vote was all in and tabulated, the EXCOM went to work to see if October 2022 reunion in San Diego was “reasonably feasible”. Mainly due to the Massive Scheduled Airlines shortage of flights, soaring inflation and getting a better read on the waning COVID-19 pandemic [now officially downgraded to an epidemic], we determined October 2022 was NOT reasonably feasible.

3) **Tentatively Scheduled Next Reunion.** We have tentatively set the dates for the next reunion in San Diego from October 11-14, 2023. We have already discussed advance contract issues with the Sales Manager at the Holiday Express Inn. Even though contracts have yet to be signed, we were quoted a room rate of approximately \$159.00 per night, plus taxes and local fees. Getting room rates in San Diego under \$200 per night is rather unusual. By October 2023, we expect the Airline problem to be largely solved and the COVID-19 problem reduced to minor variants/minor mutations, making it safe to attend a reunion. We do not want, nor desire a repeat of massive cancellations like the last Reunion and wish to avoid another substantial loss. NO one is to blame for the cancellations at the last reunion, because the deadly Delta variant of COVID-19 was in full force at the time. Thus, we are proceeding with an abundance of caution and assurances.

4) **New Book-ON THE GUNLINE.** By David Bruhn and Richard Matthews. Covers Vietnam Strike Missions of Operations Sea Dragon, and Linebacker Operations and South Vietnam Gunline Operations by 270 U.S. ships including one Battleship, 10 Cruisers, 212 Destroyers, 50 destroyer escorts, 4 Royal Australian Navy ships and Inshore Fire Support Ship, Carronade. We in the

EXCOM highly recommend this to the TJRG.

For Current Info on all Things Turner Joy:

You may observe that our new web site has quite a bit in common with the old TJ web site – over which we no longer have control. I would advise you to use the **current** one, not the **old** one for that reason. It is brand new, so in the event that you discover any errata, please send a note to Jim Chester (click the “Contact” button) or better yet, contact my email (dleverenz@sbcglobal.net). If it is a minor detail, send it to me and I will fix it immediately...

The following serves as an introduction to the use of the new 21MC website:

1. The following buttons serve to access the basic functions of the newsletter. They are: Main (home page), History (USS Turner Joy), Gallery (Memorable moments), Shipmates (Names in this directory), Guest Book (Our Guest Entries), Latest News (from our blog), Contacts (Get in touch).
2. The following auxiliary function buttons also appear in the sub header above the function buttons and “moving ship view.” They are : “FIND US ON MAP,” “CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITATIONS FOR DONATIONS,” and “Official Documents For Public Inspection.”
3. In addition to the above buttons, there are extra access buttons for several of the most popular functions located beneath the moving ship view (The Last of Her Class, the First to Bear the Name), Namely, “Shipmates,” “Guest Book,” “From Our Photo Gallery,” and “Latest News.”
4. Finally, on the bottom of the website are buttons for “Final By-Laws And Disclaimers,” and “Legal Disclaimer.”
5. Most of these functions are self-explanatory. Try them out! Of particular note and interest to you would be the “Guest Book,” where you are able to enter your own information when you have time and interest. Any news concerning your own activities/observations pertaining to the Navy and shipmates are most welcome. When you click on the “Write New Entry” button, you will be prompted to fill out the form with your name, etc., and then type in your entry in the provided field. Type in the “captcha” code EXACTLY as printed in the “Enter the captcha code field” and click on the “Save Entry” button. All entries will be immediately transmitted to me via email. I will be reviewing my email on a pretty much daily basis for inclusion of entries in the website. I WILL NOT print any advertisements or political statements. I will notify any shipmate that has provided an entry with which I am not comfortable. Questions? Just ask me. -Dave Leverenz

TAPS –

It is with great regret we report the passing of our USS Turner Joy shipmates. We wish each and every passed shipmate; “Fair Winds and Following Seas”!

William Jay Butka, GMGC USN(Ret), 81 years old, OB 1965 to 1968 and 1971 to 1975. Jay Retired from the Navy in 1981 after 21 years of service. Jay Butka served in combat from 1961 to 1975, almost continuously for the better part of 14 years. He only served on two ships and the other one being the USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7). He also served with a Seabee Battalion. Because of Jay’s unique longevity combat veteran status associated with the Vietnam War, he was selected for the Veteran’s History Project and provided Video and Oral history. Citation as: William Jay Butka collection (AFC/2001/001/32916). He died on January 1, 2022. He resided in San Diego and leaves behind a widow. As a side note, during the month of heavy combat in January 1973, Jay was the Mount Captain for MT 52, affectionately known as “Bertha Butt”.

Raymond G. Frakes, MM2, 81 years old, OB 1959-1964. Ray leaves behind his beloved wife, Alice and two daughters, one of which was a Navy Veteran. His family informed me that he passed away on August 21, 2021. Ray worked as an Air Conditioning and Refrigeration technician in and around Mineral Wells, TX. He loved to play the guitar and loved the open highway as a biker.

Stephen “Buzz” M. Stypa III, MM2, 80 years old, OB 1961-1965. Stephen passed away April 23, 2022. He was from Kawkawlin, Michigan and worked his entire life as a machinist. He was happily married for 51 years until the passing of his beloved wife, Marylou. He leaves behind three children, nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was buried in Michigan with FULL Military Honors!

Andrew Lenoir, Rate Unknown, 88 years old. Served OB in the early 1960’s. Very Little Information in his obituary. From Lenoir, North Carolina. No details of his family. It is known that he proudly served in the US Navy for quite a few years, which encompassed the Korean War.

John M. Duke, SF3, Age Unknown, but believed to have passed in his late 80’s as reported by a shipmate. No obituary was found on the Internet. John was a plankowner. OB 1959 to the early 1960’s.

Fred E. Jordan, SF3, Passed away June 23, 2019. OB59-62

From the Introduction to 'FOLLOWING ORDERS' - errata

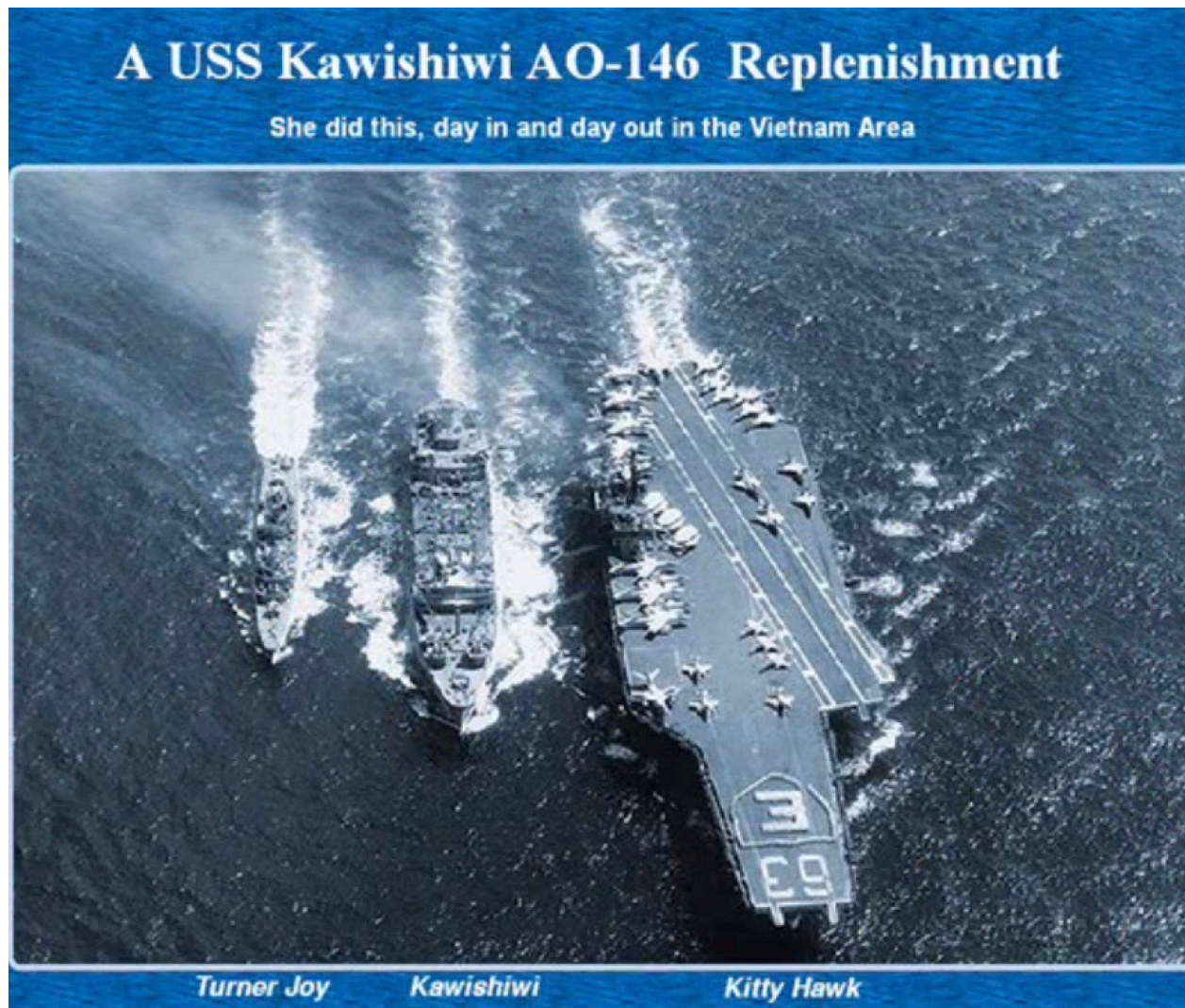
In the previous newsletter, we reproduced the Introduction from Chad James' new book, "Following Orders: 'Protect a US Asset.'" We regret there was a minor typo in the latter part of that reproduction. The text read as follows:

"-There was an important operational question as to where the attacking **aircraft** on the 4th Aug. came from..."

Our apologies to Chad James for this error. The text should have read:

"-There was an important operational question as to where the attacking **craft** on the 4th Aug. came from..."

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST.... We did this a lot back in the 60's-70's.



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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/99181925648>

347 members

USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP UNAUDITED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE 4/12/22 TO 8/5/22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction Event</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Total</u>
8/13/22				
4/12/22	Balance per bank; C/B 7 S/R	\$4,974.38	\$14,738.57	\$19,712.95
	ADD			
31-Mar	Interest Income	\$0.02	\$3.04	\$3.06
21-Apr	Member Dues	\$40.00		\$40.00
21-Apr	Member donations	\$15.00		\$15.00
	SUBTRACT			
18-Apr	Special disb (greyhound chk#1175)	\$1,425.00	\$0.00	-\$1,425.00
4/18-25/22	General Mail	\$9.03	\$0.00	-\$9.03
4/18-25/22	EXCOM Mail	\$19.50	\$0.00	-\$19.50
22-Apr	Postal Costs	\$11.60	\$0.00	-\$11.60
4/27/22	Balance per NFCU Bank Stmt	\$3,564.27	\$14,741.61	\$18,305.88
	SUBTRACT			
22-Apr	WA St Filing Fee (yrly rpt) chk#1177	\$40.00	\$0.00	-\$40.00
27-Apr	Balance per CDS C/B & S/R	\$3,524.27	\$14,741.61	\$18,265.88
4/27/22	Balances Forward	\$3,524.27	\$14,741.61	\$18,265.88

ADD					
5/6/22	Special Donation - Greyhound		\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
5/12-27/22	Member dues		\$440.00	\$0.00	\$440.00
5/5-19/22	Member donations		\$430.00	\$300.00	\$730.00
29-Apr	Interest income		\$0.03	\$3.00	\$3.03
SUBTRACT					
5/9/22	Reimb 21MC NL costs		\$620.28	\$0.00	-\$620.28
5/6-19/22	Gen. mail		\$39.64	\$0.00	-\$39.64
5/10/22	NFCU checks print fee		\$21.63	\$0.00	-\$21.63
5/6-19/22	EXCOM Mail		\$12.58	\$0.00	-\$12.58
5/19/22	TJRG envelopes		\$324.05	\$0.00	-\$324.05
5/27/22	Balance- NFCU stmt C/B S/R &CDS	\$	3,776.12	\$ 15,144.61	\$ 18,920.73

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8/13/22					
		6/22/22			
5/27/22	Balances Forward		\$3,776.12	\$15,144.61	\$18,920.73
ADD					
6/6-7/22	Member Dues		\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
5-Jun	Member donations		\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
31-May	Interest income		\$0.03	\$3.17	\$3.20
SUBTRACT					
31-May	Special disb (greyhound chk#1179)		\$1,620.00	\$0.00	-\$1,620.00
6/8/22	Special disb (greyhound chk#1180)		\$1,140.00	\$0.00	-\$1,140.00
6/27/22	Balance- NFCU stmt C/B S/R &CDS		\$1,186.15	\$15,147.78	\$16,333.93
		7/22/22			
4/27/22	Balance forward		\$1,186.15	\$15,147.78	\$16,333.93
ADD					
5/12-27/22	Member dues		\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
5/5-19/22	Member donations		\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
SUBTRACT					
7/19/22	Special disb (greyhound chk#1181)		\$284.00	\$0.00	-\$284.00
7/20/22	Special disb (greyhound chk#1182)		\$130.00	\$0.00	-\$130.00
7/27/22	Balances per C/B & S/R		\$922.15	\$15,147.78	\$16,069.93
		8/22/22			
ADD					
7/30-8/5/22	Member donations		\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
SUBTRACT					
7/28/22	Special disb (greyhound chk#1183)	\$	56.80	-	\$(56.80)
7/30/22	TJ envelopes shipping cost	\$	12.41	-	\$(12.41)
8/5/22	Balances per C/B & S/R		\$1,042.94	\$15,147.78	\$16,190.72

2022 – 202_ 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: _____

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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
1330 Thompson Street
Carson City, NV 89703-0605**