

USS Turner Joy (DD-951) Newsletter

The 21MC

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USS Turner Joy Future Newsletters-The 21MC

Richard E. Asche, President Turner Joy Reunion Group

In our January 15, 2016 edition of our newsletter it was indicated that costs were prohibitive for the continued mailing of newsletters to shipmates who are not members. A few shipmates joined membership after the January 15th mailing was made. Therefore, after the newsletter is received following our Reunion this Fall, our mailing list will be scrubbed and future newsletters will be mailed only to active members of our Reunion Group. If you are a first time member or you are behind in your dues by more than two years, any payment of \$20.00 will be credited to your 2016 dues ie. you are instantly caught up!! Sorry shipmates but something had to be done. If you wish to receive paper copies of newsletters you must be a member and if not, every newsletter is available on-line at our web site: www.ussturnerjoy.com.

Shipmate Comments

William F. Kappes, Jr., 68-70, RM2, Edgewater, FL

I had a great three years on the TJ. I've lost contact with all my old acquaintances since I moved to Florida. I would like to hear from you guys again. I can be reached at:
Kappes1948@yahoo.com.

Edward S. Briggs, 66-68, CDR, Escondido, CA

Kudos to the BHSA Volunteers who have kept the Turner Joy alive as a museum, historical attraction and representative of a bygone era that must not be forgotten for its contributions to the US exercise of national power in defense of freedom and international order.

Homer Gary Roberts, 65-67, BMSN, Edgewood, KY

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Norfolk, VA this year.

Neil Sutton, 67-69, LTJG, Scottsdale, AZ

Over Christmas we had lunch with Admiral and Nan Briggs- a very nice time that everyone enjoyed.

Paul Bennett, 74-75, LCDR, Princeton, MA

I had the distinct privilege to work for CDR (then our Captain) Howard Shore. He epitomized the can do, gutsy Commanding Officer, rarely seen in today's Navy. We had a hard working crew (particularly THE Engineers) and saw lots of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. I heard from BTCS Kensley and several other crew members. Wonderful memories of a great ship.

Frank Mandersceid, 66-67, ETN2, Naperville, IL

Thank you Richard Asche for serving on the Board of Directors of the Bremerton Historic Ships Association (BHSA) 1990-to September 1, 2015.

Kenneth Roice, 71-73, HT2, Logan, UT

FYI, I was on the bridge with the Captain when we fired the last shot of the war. I had an old 8MM wind up camera and filmed the last shot with the Captains help. There is other stuff on the DVD as well. I had a company make the DVD from my old film-not seen since 1973.

Mike Austin, 72-74, LT, Shepardstown, WV

Without question, my assignment to TJ was the high point of my Navy career which covered the end of the war, firing the last round and the sensitive post ceasefire involvement. During that period I served as Weapons Officer and temporarily as Executive Officer. We operated flawlessly divided into Blue and Gold teams to work around the clock. Everyone worked with a minimum of direction manning up for any evolution in minutes. All I had to do was get on the 1MC and say: "Okay, one more time" and then announce the evolution-unrep, rearm, etc. I have used the crews teamwork as the ultimate example in numerous situations over the years in my navy career and later a second civil career doing FEMA's international work. In the early 1980's when I was on CNO's "Incidents at Sea" negotiating team working with our Russian counterparts, my escprt office had served on one of the Russian surveillance ships that had frequently shadowed us. He had all kinds of questions about our unreps and maneuvers. They were impressed with TJ too.

Robert Poage, 72-74, FTG2, Drain, OR

I would like to hear from 2nd Division Shipmates during WestPac 73. Please email me robertpoage87@yahoo.com.

Carroll (Skip) Screws, 75-80, STG1, Sun Valley, NV

TJ was a great home for 66 months-thanks to all the guys I knew from WS09 and ER09. Best wishes to all.

John W. Hart, FTG1, 65-69, Bloomington, IL

Does anyone remember when the Forward 3" gun mount was removed? When I came aboard in September 1965 it was gone. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September 2016.

Tod Hale, 66-69, STG3, Central Point, OR

Shipmates and Turner Joy families, we are nearing the time when we all need to plan for our next reunion. Rick Haight has been working since the end of our last gathering to see that we will enjoy and remember this one. Since many of us have reached the age of "shortened memories", I have and we have again chosen Classic Imaging to record our Memorial Service

and Banquet in pictures...lest we forget! Of the responses I received regarding our last book, except for the length of time to print, most were favorable. Therefore, we would like to repeat. Chad James and I will again do our best to create a format that covers this reunion and any past memories that you shipmates and/or family members would like to share with us all. There is plenty of time to dig through your seabags for those long forgotten photos. There is limited space for candid, and I do appreciate 'all' of the many pictures that were submitted for the last book. Unfortunately, I could not use all of them, but please consider singling out two or three for this issue. We will do our best. Prices have yet to be nailed down, but I have spoken to Classic and I feel that they will be as before. If there are questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. More information will follow in the next newsletter. Thank you. We hope to see many of you in Norfolk. Tod Hale.. hiwaysailor951@yahoo.com

TAPS

Dave Maass, 73-74, SK1, Harrisburg, PA

We just received word that Dave Maass passed away on December 11, 2015. Dave served on board TJ as SK1 during the period 1973-74 and resided in Harrisburg, PA. His wife Donna sends her thanks to all of Dave's shipmates.

Charles T. Shorey, 68-71, GMG1, Rison, AR

Word was received that Shipmate Shorey recently passed away-date unknown.

Jim Porter (Honorary Shipmate) 91-04 CWO, Bremerton, WA

On 15 January more than one hundred of us, military and civilian, joined on board TURNER JOY for a memorial service to honor our first honorary shipmate, CWO Jim Porter who had passed on the week before. Many tears were shed in our remembrance of this greatly respected man. Jim had served for thirteen years as our officer in charge of TURNER JOY. He had done so with distinction - maintenance, planning, volunteers, work parties, tour guides and far beyond. Jim and I talked frequently regarding the ship's work and its problems, needs. Whatever, Jim got it done. He was Mr. Dependable.

During the memorial service many attendees spoke in glowing terms of his professionalism, his values. One lady touched our hearts as she described having lived next door to Jim. She was a single mother at the time with a very young son and she had a night job. Jim would set his alarm for 0200 each night, then sit at his window until she returned from work, entered her house and locked the front door. This tells us so much about Jim Porter, the man. I am proud to say that I was a shipmate of Jim Porter.

Robert B. McClinton

Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)

I, too was impressed with what she had to say on behalf of Jim Porter and her appearance and that of her two children. All were impeccably dressed out of respect for Jim and the occasion.

Richard E. Asche, LCDR (SC) USN (Ret.), President, USS Turner Joy Reunion Group.

Brian and Peggy Slavin, 63-66, STG3, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Brian passed away on June 28, 2010. I am paying his dues in his memory. He loved the TJ and his time on board and all those that he served with. We attended all the reunions starting in 1990 and I learned first-hand why he loved the TJ.

USS TURNER JOY ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2016

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/turnerjoy2016 (3.5% will be added to credit card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 19, 2016. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
 Completed _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag _____

ATTN: USS TURNER JOY

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/19/16	Price Per	# of People	Tota
TOURS			
FRIDAY, 9/23: NAVY BASE / NAUTICUS / MEMORIAL SERVICE	\$65		\$
SATURDAY, 9/24: LUNCH CRUISE / MacARTHUR MEMORIAL	\$84		\$
HOTEL EVENTS			
THURSDAY, 9/22: ICEBREAKER RECEPTION (included in registration)	\$0		\$0
SATURDAY, 9/24: BANQUET BUFFET	\$45		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Includes Hospitality Room, Welcome Reception and administrative expenses.	\$40		\$
Total Amount Payable to: Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____
 LAST _____

YEARS ON BOARD 19____ - 19____ RATE/RANK _____
 TJ Plankowner Yes No

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER
(____)____-_____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING?
DRIVING? RV?

By submitting this form you will be enrolled in our monthly newsletter subscription. To opt out of this service, please check the box.

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays)**. Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

2016 Reunion Details

The biannual reunion of the USS Turner Joy, DD-951 will take place 22-25 September, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Convention Center. The hotel is located at 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462. Phone: 757-499-4400, (www.hivabeachnorfolk.com). Attendees need to make their own lodging arrangements with the hotel. Be sure to tell them you are there for the Turner Joy reunion in order to get the special rate of \$109.00 per night. The rate is good three days before, and three days after the event. You should also specify at the time of reservation any special room requirements, e.g., accessible room. A daily buffet breakfast is included in the price of the room.

The airport serving Norfolk is Norfolk International (ORF) and is serviced by American, Delta, Southwest and United. The airport is 7.4 miles from the hotel; 15 minutes, depending upon traffic and runs about \$21.00 by taxi. The Holiday Inn will also run a shuttle and pick you up providing you let them know that you have arrived. There is a direct courtesy phone in the baggage area. All major rental car companies are represented at ORF. A check of the Internet reveals that a compact size rental car for 22-25 September would cost around \$100.00 for the whole period.

Norfolk is on Amtrak's Northeast Regional route which runs from NYC through and Washington, DC from the north and from Tampa/Miami, Orlando, Jacksonville, Savannah and Charleston from the south.

The hotel/convention center is located away from the Norfolk waterfront which is accessible by rental car, taxi or the Norfolk light rail system called "The Tide" (www.gohrt.com), the closest station to the hotel is an easy 10-15 minute walk and the fare runs about \$1.75 (half price for seniors over 65) for the trains, which run every 15-30 minutes depending upon the time of day. The Holiday Inn shuttle will also drop you at the train platform upon request. Instructions and schedules will be available in the hospitality room.

2016--2017__ TURNER JOY MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ TELE (HOME) _____

E-MAIL _____ TELE. (WORK/CELL) _____

SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME _____ # OF CHILDREN _____

YOUR STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATES SERVED ON BOARD _____ RANK/RATING ON TJ _____

YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY _____ RETIRED? _____ RETIRED RANK/RATING _____

PRESENT OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER _____

COMMENTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN NEWSLETTER? (YES/NO) _____

- Donations to the 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 "For" line: TJ Sailors. As our Lady is about to enter dry dock, your donation to this fund is highly encouraged.

Annual dues are \$20.00 per year (Jan-Dec.'16). Membership dues (Jan-Dec.) may be paid in advance at the rate of \$20.00 per year. Your dues subsidize all reunion activities. Additional amounts paid (in \$20.00 increments) will be credited to future year membership dues. Thus, a \$100.00 payment for instance, will pay your annual dues through 2020. The year that your dues are "paid to" is indicated next to your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. No date next to your name indicates that your dues have not been paid. If your dues are paid up and if you so desire, please return this form for change of address or for your comments for future newsletters.

Please send this application with your check payable to:

**USS TURNER JOY REUNION GROUP
2599 EAST ALASKA AVE., PORT ORCHARD, WA 98366**

Children of the 30s & 40s “The Last Ones” A Short Memoir

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the “last ones.”

We are the last, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the war itself with fathers and uncles going off.

We are the last to remember ration books for everything from sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans.

We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. My mother delivered milk in a horse drawn cart.

We are the last to hear Roosevelt's radio assurances and to see gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors.

We can also remember the parades on August 15, 1945; VJ Day.

We saw the 'boys' home from the war build their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

We are the last who spent childhood without television; instead imagining what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood “playing outside until the street lights came on.”

We did play outside and we did play on our own. There was no little league. The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.

Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults.

We are the last who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. In the late 40s and early 50's the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class.

Our parents understandably became absorbed with their own new lives. They were free from the confines of the depression and the war. They threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves ‘until the street lights came on.’

They were busy discovering the post war world.

Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and went to find out.

We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed. Based on our naïve belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience. Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still acrippler. The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks. China became Red China. Eisenhower sent the first ‘advisors’ to Vietnam. Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last to experience an interlude when there were no existential threats to our homeland. We came of age in the late 40s and early 50s.

The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, climate change, technological upheaval and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only we can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We experienced both.

We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better not worse.

We are the 'last ones.'..... Author unknown

How to Write Good

1. Avoid alliteration. Always
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid clichés like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as clichés
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalize.
- Seven: Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use words more than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
10. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
11. Never write one word sentences. Period.
12. Think long and hard about writing anything that could be misconstrued as sexual innuendo.
13. Never put things in parenthesis (under any circumstances).
14. Above all else, be terse. Don't carry on and on. No one likes to keep reading and reading and not go anywhere with it. Make sure that your reader understands what you are trying to convey in as few words as possible.