



## Welcome to the February 2016 Internet Edition

This is the website version of the *Hubbard Herald*, the twice-yearly publication of the USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) Reunion Association. The unusual masthead design with the lightning bolts is copied from the WWII shipboard newspaper. This version is formatted in one column for easy reading on a computer. Our mailing address is USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) Reunion Association, P. O. Box 918, St. Petersburg FL 33731-0918. The editor of the Herald is Richard E. (Dick) Oliver, same address, or [dd748@mac.com](mailto:dd748@mac.com), cell phone (727) 363-3059. Our website is managed by Al Eisenbraun, [Alvin.eisenbraun@comcast.net](mailto:Alvin.eisenbraun@comcast.net) or home phone (360) 572-0075. Information below is for the 2016 reunion. Inquiries about the 2017 reunion in Oklahoma City should be directed to Steve Gann, [opposed2it@cox.net](mailto:opposed2it@cox.net) or cell phone (405) 840-0941. For ship store merchandise refer to our excellent display on this website [www.dd748.org](http://www.dd748.org). Thanks to the following for donations to this newsletter: GM3 Bill Denham (55-57), LT James H. Graham (HM1, 60-61), PC3 Jim Nordin (SN, 65-66), IC1 Sandy Reid (50-51), ... *Dick Oliver*

## Make Plans to Attend 2016 Reunion in San Diego April 27 – May 1 2016

Shipmates,

The following arrangements have been made for our San Diego reunion. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Bayside, which is at the intersection of Harbor and Nimitz Drives between what used to be the Naval Training Center and the ASW School. The rooms are at a discounted rate of \$124.00 per night for the nights of Apr 27 – 30. The rate will also apply for three days before and after for those coming early or staying late. Make your reservations at (800) 662-8899 and be sure to mention the USS HARRY E. HUBBARD Reunion to receive the discounted rate. We have 30 rooms at this rate, but if they fill early, we should be able to get more. Besides a terrific location, the hotel offers a putting green, shuffle board, pool, Jacuzzi, loaner bicycles, free Wi-Fi, fitness center, and table tennis. For more hotel information, see: <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/san-diego/sanby/hoteldetail>. Our hospitality room is noteworthy in that it is on the fifth floor with expansive views of the harbor through multiple sliding glass doors leading to small balconies. Most of the guest rooms have similar balconies. Don't let the five floors discourage you; there are two elevators proximate to the room.

If you have lost or never had a HUBBARD nametag, we can have one made for you. See the registration form.

Our schedule of events is:

### Wednesday, April 27

1200 – 2000 For those guests arriving by air or ship, the hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to/from both Lindbergh Field and the cruise ship piers for registered guests. After you have your baggage, call (619) 224-3621 to arrange your ride.

Check into the hotel and then the hospitality room to receive your packets.

### Thursday, April 28

0930 – 1430 City tour via full size motor coach. The tour will include Coronado, with expansive views from the Coronado Bridge, Balboa Park, the Gaslamp District with its renovated late 1800s

buildings, plus a stop at Seaport Village with an opportunity to browse for an hour and shop and/or enjoy the scenic view of the harbor. Back on the bus, we'll proceed to the famous Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island, for lunch, including dessert and coffee or iced tea. The view is scenic and will bring back memories of the Happy Harry steaming past this very restaurant, established in 1953. It was renovated a few years ago, and offers one of San Diego's best restaurant views. After lunch we will proceed a short distance to Cabrillo National Monument, for a view of San Diego and the Pacific from 610 feet above sea level, seeing a similar view to that of those who watched us enter and depart San Diego Harbor.

### **Friday, April 29**

0930 – 1430 La Jolla Tour, including Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial with Memorial Service, lunch, and the former NTC via full size motor coach. We will first visit Mount Soledad, a one of a kind Veteran's Memorial, located 900 feet above sea level with a 360 degree view. We will hold our Memorial Service there. We will have a wreath with the name of the ship on it. Live *Taps* will finish the service. There will be time to view this site up close and take pictures. We will then travel to the Stephen Birch Aquarium, one of the best aquariums on the West Coast. Lunch will be at Tom Ham's Lighthouse located on Harbor Island, the island which many of us watched being built as the harbor channel was dredged during refresher training before the 1967 and 1968 deployments. Lunch includes dessert and coffee or iced tea. After lunch, the bus will drive through the former NTC where many shipmates went through Boot Camp, with a photo op stop at USS RECRUIT, which has recently undergone a significant exterior refurbishment.

### **Saturday, April 30**

0930 – 1515 USS MIDWAY CV-41 and Two-Hour Narrated Harbor Excursion. The MIDWAY is handicap accessible, with elevators and park benches. Each visitor receives a complimentary headset that provides information about all of the exhibits on the ship. The tickets are pre-ordered, so there are no lines, everyone boards together. At noon, once we ensure everyone is back, we again board the motor coach and proceed to the harbor excursion for a two-hour narrated tour. While enjoying the harbor tour, we'll also enjoy box lunches that include dessert and beverage. The excursion passes by five military installations (Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, Submarine Base (Ballast Point), North Island Naval Air Station, Amphibious Base, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street), and just before mooring, the tour passes by the bow of the MIDWAY, for another special photo opportunity.

1600 – 1700 Annual Business Meeting

1800 – 2300 Annual Banquet. The menu choices are: Teriyaki Chicken, Grilled Salmon with lemon-butter sauce, or Beef Bourguignon. Dinner includes salad, rolls and butter, desert, and Kona coffee, brewed decaf coffee, or hot tea. A full cash bar will also be available.

### **Sunday, May 1**

0800-1100 Check-out and head for home or the next adventure. The hotel shuttle will again be available to take you to the airport or cruise ship terminal, if needed.

Questions: [jimkelly@earthlink.net](mailto:jimkelly@earthlink.net)

**The registration form to complete is on the following page.**

USS HARRY E. HUBBARD DD-748 REUNION

San Diego CA, April 27 – May 1 2016

Registration:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE OR GUEST(S) NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday's San Diego bus tour \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$70 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday's La Jolla bus tour \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$70 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday's harbor tour \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$70 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday's banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ Teriyaki Chicken at \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon at \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Bourguignon at \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Nametags (Engraved plastic with magnetic attachment) at \$6 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you would like it on nametag \_\_\_\_\_

Years on board \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/guest on nametag \_\_\_\_\_

Add additional names for nametags, if any, on back

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Jim Kelly, with HUBBARD Reunion on the memo line

Send this filled-out page and your check to:

Jim Kelly  
1225 N. Avenue 63  
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Responses needed by April 1 for nametags and April 20 for inclusion on tours and the banquet

## Welcome Aboard

IC3 Victor Frolich 1956-8 Yuma AZ; MM3 Thomas Doyle Manahan 1967-9 Ashland OR; GMM3 Rodney J. Meaux 1968-9 Picayune MS; DK3 Daniel M. Valle 1968-9 League City TX.

## Taps

BM3 Donald Lee Barborak 1966-8 Lisbon OH 2/9/14; GM2 Hubert R. Barrow 1955-6 Hazel KY 10/17/14; FT3 Carl Edward Butler 1953-7 Garden Grove CA 11/11/15; TM1 Lindsey C. Colbert (TM2) 1966-7 Beaumont TX 1/10/15; IC2 Henry B. Fishel 1957-60 Modesto CA February 2015; MM1 Don Fussell 1963-8 Folsom LA 7/27/15; DC3 Charles G. Heywang 1951-53 Hollywood FL 12/22/15; RMSN Billy D. Hines 1950-2 Albany GA 12/1/15; EM3 William Lee (Bill) Holloway 1961-4 Sun City CA 5/21/15; SOG 2 Gene R. Hyde 1957-9 Yantis TX 10/27/16; FP2 William (Bill) Kanipe 1955-7 Calabash NC 11/7/15; LT William A. Magie III 1953-5 Villa Rica GA 9/2/15; EM3 Samuel R. McCulloch 1957-8 Fort Worth TX 5/24/15; MM3 Gary D. Mullin 1963-7 Wichita KS 9/3/15; MMFN Donald A. Myers 1950-4 Arcata CA 2/8/12; BT3 Bradley D. Quast 1950-4 Battleground WA 11/28/14; LT John Shoe, Jr. 1957-8 Rocklin CA 8/17/15; LCDR Gary Smith 1967-9 Santa Clara CA 7/3/15; RM2 John T. Strain 1951-2 Chicago IL 2/25/04; Plankowner FC3 Albert A. Villastrigo 1944-5 San Antonio TX 2/15/13; MM1 Gilbert L. Weaver 1967-8 York PA 12/23/13; RM2 Robert D. Wood 1952-4 Climax Springs MO date unknown year 2015.

## Lost Contact, Return Mail

IC2 Joseph Rey Ling 1962-5 Johnstown PA; MM1 Lewis C. Moulton 1958-61 Tucson AZ.

## Keeping up with the Shipmates

We have received word that Mary Bush, widow of Cdr. Philip R. Bush, died in Walnut Creek in August 2015.

Captain Bush was CO 7/26/65 to 10/13/67 . . .

Plankowner Seaman First Class Frederick Ritter and his wife Anna have relocated to Monroe Township NJ. He was aboard 1944-46. Plankowner YN1

Robert Scigliano has relocated from Maine to Exeter, NH. He plans to attend the San Diego reunion. . .

Picture to the right is of shipmates RD1 Charles Shook (1954-7) (on left) and MM3 George Young ((1962-6) at the Charleston reunion. Additional pictures are on our website. . . The obituary of

Captain Robert J. Norman mentions his assignment as Commander, Destroyer Division 132, and that the division consisted in 1966 of USS Waddell DDG-24, USS Brinkley Bass DD-887 and USS Samuel N. Moore DD-747 in addition to our ship. He advanced from a sailor aboard a battleship at Pearl Harbor to warrant bosun to command of several ships and promotion to Captain. Commodore Norman received a Bronze Star with combat V for a SAR incident off the coast of North Vietnam Feb. 3, 1966. WO1 Harry Dillon (DCFN 1959-61) believes it may have involved rescue of a SEAL team, a rescue in which Hubbard may have participated. The New Zealand ship HMNZS Taranaki may have been involved. Harry

served with the PTF boats after his HEH service and knows more about such things than he can tell you or anyone else. However, if you know of any HEH involvement in this incident, tell me anything you know that is



not classified and I will put it in the newsletter. . .Lastly, we have been asked to let shipmates know about an informative website relating to mesothelioma, a disease caused by exposure to asbestos. The website is: [MesotheliomaVeterans.org](http://MesotheliomaVeterans.org) . . . Hope to see you in San Diego. *Dick*

### USS Harry E. Hubbard Softball Team 1968

This is a photo of the award-winning Hubbard softball team 1968. Team Captain LTjg Quentin Reynolds is presenting the trophy to Commanding Officer, Cdr. Roy E. McCoy. First Row (left to right, kneeling): STG2 Ken Baxter (SS), STG3 Glen Schnoor (CF), RM3 Alfonso Rodriquez, SN (later DK3) Daniel Valle, SN (later GMG3) Allan Collier (1B). Second Row: (l to r) FN Kenneth Bost (OF), MM3 Tom Manahan (3B), MM2 Doug Leland (C), FTG3 Stuart Morrison, SM1 Ron Petrie (3B), YNC David Alchin (P), LTjg Quentin Reynolds (1B). Ken Baxter, Alan Collier, Doug Leland, Tom Manahan, Stuart Morrison, Ron Petrie, Glen Schnoor and Daniel Valle are on our active roster. David Alchin and Kenneth Bost are deceased.

Ken Baxter, David Alchin and Quentin Reynolds organized the team. Ken recalls one game, as he wrote it in the ship newspaper: "The mighty Hubbard struck down her sister ship USS Samuel N. Moore by a score of 8-1 in a hotly contested softball game. The Hubbard "Blue Crew" scored early and often and cruised to an easy victory behind the pitching of YNC Alchin. The game featured home runs by STG2 Baxter and LTjg Reynolds and superb defensive play by FN Manahan." Ken says the season was 8 games. He recalls hitting some balls onto the roof the EM Club behind the left field fence. Allan Collier recalls breaking an ankle in one of the games. Made it hard to get up and down ladders on board ship. Ron Petrie recalls getting the trophy as shown in the picture and also getting one for winning a horseshoe tournament after transferring to the Mullaney.





## Personnel Transfers November 3, 1968

The picture below was provided by **ETR2 James C. Hensley** 1966-8. It was taken by ETN2 Rupert W. Vinson (66-68, deceased) and mailed to Jim later. It shows eight of the twelve men transferred off the ship November 3, 1968 while the ship was at anchor in Buckner Bay, Okinawa. They are in a Mike Boat alongside Hubbard. Some are holding their orders. Jim is in the lower right front and next to him are two radarmen, RD3 Clifford E. Hughes (June-November 1968) and RD3 Thomas Allen (65-68 on our roster). Others who were transferred that day and may be in the photo are: GMG3 Terry H. Barton (67-68, active roster), GMG3 Robert A. Wilson (65-68), SN James C. Ketelsen (67-68, active roster), STG3 Spyros J. Vamvas II (June-November 1968), MM3 Steven Worley (66-68), BT2 Donald R. Austin (66-68), BT3 James F. Carpenter (66-68) and SN Gregory L. Graham (May-November 1968). Since the cruisebook photos were taken later, none of these guys have pictures in the book.



Here is Jim Hensley's recollection of the transfer event:

I don't recall what I did the evening before we arrived at Buckner Bay, but I do recall the landing craft coming alongside. I think the ride from the ship to the shore was uneventful. I know that when we got off the boat, there was an Air Force bus in a parking lot near where we landed. The bus took us to Kadena Air Force Base where we were to be assigned a flight back to the states. We arrived on the afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and we discussed how long it might take for us to get a flight. We were all skeptical and speculated about how long we would spend there in a transit barracks. I checked in at the desk where we were directed and was told that I would be flying out on a military aircraft that evening, as I recall, around 1900 hours. I was later

called to the desk and told that I would not be flying out on that aircraft. I was either told or somehow got the idea that it was also carrying bodies of those killed in action in Vietnam and that it was full and no room left for passengers. Later I was told that I had been assigned to another flight that was to leave at about 2000 hours. I was pleasantly surprised that this plane was a Northwest Orient chartered Boeing 707. I was assigned a center seat near the tail of the aircraft: normally not a desirable seat for a seventeen hour flight, but I thought it was great. After we were airborne we were offered fresh fruit and milk and I'm certain we had a meal. We arrived in Honolulu in the afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup> because we had crossed the International Date Line heading east. After a brief stop in Honolulu, our flight continued to Travis Air Force Base. Because I had requested to be separated in Long Beach, I rode a bus from Travis to Treasure Island where we dropped off some who would be separated at that location then I with some of the others rode the bus to San Francisco International Airport. I bought a ticket to Los Angeles and arrived there late in the evening on Sunday. I had tried to call my wife when we landed in Honolulu, but she was at church. There was no way to leave a voice mail or let her know of my call. When I got to Travis and again at the San Francisco airport, I tried to call again without success. When I landed at LAX, it was raining and I felt that it would not be safe for my wife to drive on the freeways to pick me up at the airport, but I finally reached her and told her I would ride the bus to Long Beach and get a cab to get home to our apartment. She called our friends that she had been with on Sunday evening and they began calling airlines to determine where I was. Our friends wanted to pick up my wife and bring her to the airport to meet me. The calling took some time because I was at Western Airlines, but they had me paged so that I wouldn't take the bus. Soon they arrived and we had a great reunion. I stood watches in a restricted barracks at Long Beach Naval Station on duty days until I was separated on 15 November 1968.

### **Yes, Hubbard Had a Golf Team**





**STG2 Jay A. Schlieper** (1964-6) sent in this photo from a newspaper clipping. “Winners of the 1966 11th Naval District Golf Tournament played at Lakewood Country Club on August 24th. The USS Harry E. Hubbard DD748 team (the smallest ship to enter the tournament) was L-R, Ltjg T. Griepentrog, Ens. J. Robbins, Ltjg E. Blanchard, J. Schlieper, Stg3, Lt. J. Melissari. “ This is the caption as provided by the newspaper. It is in error in that LT Melissari was not a member of the team but instead on the 11<sup>th</sup> Naval District staff, where he was possibly the organizer of the tournament. Jay says that Hubbard defeated USS Isle Royale AD-29 by the score of 20-15.

### Full Speed Run

This photo sent in by **LT W. W. (Bill) Marshall** (Ens, 58-59) shows a full speed run by the ship. The wake from the ship stretches the width of the photo and masks most of the horizon. (If you are reading the black and white version printed and mailed to most shipmates, you are missing a lot. Go to the website for the full scope of the picture.) The individual on the starboard side of the fantail is wearing a shirt with G. A. Long stenciled on the back. SN George A. Long was aboard 7/24/58 to 7/14/59 but is not on our active roster. The sailor with headphones in the scuttle to after steering had not been identified at the time this was published.



### Main Battery Plot, October 1953

We circulated a couple of pictures of fire control technicians from around 1951-54 and asked for help in identification. One of the men has come forward and identified himself. FT3 Chuck Behr (1952-54) is the one in dark blue on the left. Chuck is on our roster. Next to him, leaning on the fire control plotter is FT3 John C. Wilson (1951-54). He has not been located. The man holding the envelope, his transfer papers, is FT3 John L. Vollmer (1952-53). He was to be highlined to another ship for transfer back to the U.S. for discharge. He was transferred October 24, 1953. He has not been located. Next to him is an unknown sailor. If you know





who he is let us know. The man front right in the picture is FT2 Henry Trotman (1951-54). His name is on his shirt. He was electrocuted later in civilian life just before he was to host the Mobile USS Hubbard reunion, August 12 1999.

### **Association Financial Report**

Balance 6/5/15 (Last newsletter)	\$3590.99
Donations to newsletter	\$145.00
Postage August 2015 newsletter	-\$343.00
Printing August 2015 newsletter	-\$341.69
Envelopes	-\$7.83
TCS Locator Service	-\$36.00
Balance as of 12/16/15	\$3007.47