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### The Editor's Notebook

Mailing address for the newsletter is USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) Reunion Association, PO 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 (Eastern Time Zone). Our website [www.dd748.org](http://www.dd748.org) is managed by Al Eisenbraun, email [DD748@msn.com](mailto:DD748@msn.com) or home phone (360) 572-0075 (Pacific Time Zone) . . . Thanks to GM3 Julian Dove 51-55 and EM3 Jesse Crim 66-69 for donating to the newsletter. . . Thanks for donations by Jenifer Shook and SN Peter Foley as start-up costs for the challenge coin you see elsewhere in the newsletter, as well as others who contributed extra in their coin orders. . . The start-up costs for the Hubbard drinking glasses were donated by MM2 Doug Leland 66-69. More on this subject at a later date. . . In this printed edition the information on the Newport RI reunion appears as a separate four page enclosure. Contact Ron and Patty Petrie directly for questions about the reunion.

*Dick Oliver*

### Welcome Aboard

SN Elmer George Morgan 62-64 Weatherford TX

### Taps

GM3 Louis Adams 52-54 Arlee MT 4/25/16; RM3 Frederic H. (Fred) Albridge 59-61 Cleveland OH 8/15/17; FT3 Charles H. (Chuck) Behr 52-54 Modesto CA 3/6/17; YNCM Wilbur L. Brotton 59-60 (YN1) Mesa AZ 6/12/15; SH1 James L. Chesley 56-58 Wakonda SD 12/20/03; EMFN Robert E. Collins 63-65 San Bernardino CA 12/31/17; FP2 Norm Eldridge 53-55 Santa Cruz CA 12/9/17; BT2 Welferd Fuller 59-63 Fulda MN 10/12/16; FN Lance Edward Hadsell 65-67 Antioch CA 10/30/95; TM1

Information on the 2018 annual USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) in Newport Rhode Island 24 to 28 October is found in a four-page section included with the mailed newsletter or posted separately on the website (See "2018 Reunion.")

Loran R. Harrison 1949 Sherman Oaks CA 3/25/94; BT1 Gordon B. Heal 50-51 Ephrata PA 1/15/15; BT2 Clyde Hicks, Jr. 1961 Ottumwa IA 11/20/09; YN2 Philip R. Hargiss, Sr. 58-59 Weaubleau MO 12/19/16; Capt. Theodore R. Johnson, Jr., XO 3/22/61 to 5/10/62 as LCDR Costa Mesa CA 3/20/17; BT3 Phillip E. Kearney 54-57 Grosse Isle MI 2/18/17; RM3 Hal C. Knight 65-67 Des Moines IA 1/23/11; LTjg Will E. (Ed) Lassiter 52-54 Zellwood FL 2/23/17; RMC Garrett (Ed) Meadows 61-64 (RM1) Kerrville TX 10/17/17; FN Wilford S. Mitchell 1961-65 Muskegon MI 8/22/15; MM1 Lewis C. Moulton 58-61 Tucson AZ 8/12/16; EN2 Bill Orton 66-67 Topeka KS 4/22/17; GM3 Clark N. Picklesimer 51-54 Highland NC 4/20/17; BTCS Bennett (Pete) Pilgrim 64-67 Cedar Rapids IA 8/9/17; MMC James L. (Jim) Purington (MM3) 58-61 Anderson CA 4/7/16; GM2 Jack L. Shaffer 51-54 Kansas City MO 4/26/17; QMSN Lavonne Ray Simmons 1960-61 Greenville TX 12/17/14; SN Mayron G. Teltow 52-55 Clarksville AR 5/16/13; FN Norman A. Walesch, Sr. 55-57 Olmsted Falls OH 11/25/17; RM2 Boyd William Wood 63-64 Lenore ID 5/15/17

### Lost Contact, Return Mail

MMC Benigno C. (Ben) Ecija (MM3) 64-67 Oceanside CA; EMP1 Frank V. (Vic) Miller 50-52 Carmichael CA; FTGM Bill Skutvik (FT2) 1960 Volcano CA

### Executive Committee Update

At the membership meeting held during the reunion, shipmates by a voice vote approved the formation of the Executive Committee and the six members (five regular and one alternate). The committee met separately and selected EN2 Don Dedon (66-68) as Chairman and MM1 Doug Leland (66-69) as Vice-Chairman. After adopting the By-

Laws printed below, the Committee deferred decision on term duration to the October 2018 business meeting of the association. You can reach Don at [ddedon1@cox.net](mailto:ddedon1@cox.net) 225 665-5711 or Doug at [ddleland45@yahoo.com](mailto:ddleland45@yahoo.com) 417 859-2202. Other members are ME3 Vern D. Fairchild (55-57) (alternate member), Cdr. Jim Kelly (66-68), LTjRuss Miller (65-67) and BT3 Wayne Sundberg (61-62). Vern can be reached at (402) 477-1374 and [oldfox13@windstream.net](mailto:oldfox13@windstream.net).

## **Executive Committee By-Laws**

Article I: Name The name of the Organization shall be the "U.S.S. HARRY E. HUBBARD (DD-748) Reunion Organization"

Article II: Purpose A. Form an Executive Committee, in order to conduct HEH business at and between annual reunion/business meetings. B. Continue efforts to locate as many crew members as possible. C. Obtain as appropriate, and publish information related to deceased crew members. D. Continue to foster the Goodwill and Comradeship of all crew members. E. Conduct annual reunions F. Do all possible to carry on the memory and tradition of the Harry E. Hubbard and the crew members who served aboard.

Article III: Executive Committee A. Form a volunteer Executive Committee, of five shipmates and one alternate. NOTE: Alternate member will be copied on all correspondence, and fill in for members who are temporarily unable to fulfill their duties. B. The Executive Committee will realize no compensation or financial gain for services rendered the HEH Organization. Attending annual reunion/business meeting does not constitute an event to be compensated. C. Compensation will only occur for business directly related to and for the sole purpose of HEH business. Business or trips should be pre-approved by Executive Committee Members. A review, which includes receipts for any and all business related, activities in support of the HEH Organization, will be reviewed and approved, prior to any reimbursement. D. The number of shipmates serving as Executive Committee members may be modified by majority vote of all shipmates attending the next, or any subsequent annual business meeting. E. The Executive Committee will be responsible for business decisions relative to the HEH Organization. F. Before any definitive votes by the Executive Committee occur a minimum of three members must be present. The alternate may serve as one of the voting members. G. HEH business, between annual business meetings, should decisions be required. The Executive Committee through phone, SKYPE, chat, or other social media as agreed to by The Executive Committee will occur in order to conduct said business. Results of those decisions will be published as soon as possible. Through the newsletter, mailings and or e-mails

etc. H. Length of terms for the Executive Committee will be voted on by all shipmates present at the October, 2017 business meeting. NOTE: Recommendation, is that length of terms be staggered. i.e. 5, 3 and 2 years respectively. Shipmates may serve consecutive terms. I. The Executive Committee officers, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, will be determined by vote at the October 2017 business meeting. Results will be part the minutes of October 2017 meeting.

Article IV: Banking and Finances A. The two shipmates currently overseeing the finances and check writing for the HEH Organization will continue as is until such time as either individual no longer wishes to carry on the HEH activities. B. When one or both of the shipmates, desire to no longer carry out banking and financial activities, the Executive Committee will appoint a Treasurer and or Assistant Treasurer, or consider any shipmate who may volunteer for the duties. NOTE: Banking and Financial oversight may be filled at the appropriate time by any shipmate willing and able to conduct the HEH financial and banking business and need not be an Executive Committee member. C. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer roles will serve to control and direct all financial transactions related the HEH Organization and business. D. Any special expenditures shall be pre-approved by the Executive Committee. E. Upon completion of services by the current Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer all records, funds and properties belonging to the HEH Organization shall be turned over to their successor.

Article V: Removal of an Executive Committee Member A. If it should be necessary for the removal of an acting Executive Committee shipmate for actions deemed to be detrimental of the non-profit HEH Organization, The following process will occur. A-1. The Executive Committee shipmates, including the alternate, will review all evidence relative to the detrimental activity. A-2. The accused member will have the opportunity to present their case relative to the accusation. A-3. The Executive Committee will then privately determine the validity of all information provided. A vote will be required, (By the Executive Committee) with the majority determining the final result of and future participation as a member of the Executive Committee.

Article VI: Amendment of By-Laws. A. HEH By-laws may be Amended, Altered or Repealed by a Quorum of the Executive Committee or by a majority of shipmates, present at the next, or any subsequent business meeting. B. Information to be considered for amending, alteration or repeal should be provided to the Executive Committee a minimum of two weeks prior to the vote..

Article VII: Dissolution of the Executive Committee. A. The Executive Committee may be dissolved by a vote off all shipmates, present at the next, or any subsequent scheduled business meeting.

## Remembering Departed Shipmates

**Louis Adams:** Last April we received a note from Norm Eldridge (FP2, 52-55) asking why we did not have the death of Louis Adams (GM3, 52-54) listed in the newsletter. It had been widely reported in newspapers in Montana but the association did not know about it because mail was still going to the Adams address in Arlee, Montana and not being returned by the postal service. Louis died April 25, 2016 of a heart attack en route to a hospital in Missoula. He was 82. Norm spent part of each year in Montana, his native state, and was in the same class in elementary school with Louis. Norm said Louis was on the quarterdeck watch when he reported aboard Jan. 22, 1953 in San Diego. Then we had a note from Robert Gilbreath (FT3, 63-67) saying that he had no idea that Louis lived just 30 miles down the road and that he might have seen him at the Salish-Kootnai PowWows held every summer in Arlee. Louis had been an important figure in the Salish community of Native Americans, an elder and tribal historian. He retired in 2002 after 42 years as a forester. He received an honorary degree from the University of Montana for his presentations on tribal history. The Salish were removed from the Bitterroot Valley in 1891 and relocated north of Missoula. **Norm Eldridge:** Just prior to publication of this newsletter we received word that Norm too had died. He had attended this past reunion but was not feeling well and returned early to California. Norm and his wife Sally had attended many reunions and there was never a more likable and friendly shipmate. Reading his obituary I learned that he had taken his plumbing trade learned in the Navy into civilian life and was a plumber and a plumbing contractor.



**Captain Theodore R. Johnson, Jr., Executive Officer** of USS Harry E. Hubbard from March 22 1961 to May 10 1962, died March 20 2017 in Costa Mesa California. From Hubbard he went on to command two other destroyers, USS Floyd D. Parks (DD-884) and USS Ernest G. Small (DDR-838). Prior to Hubbard he had commanded USS Des Plaines River (LFR-412) and USS Persistent (MSO-491). A native of Sioux Falls South Dakota, he was a graduate of Yale University 1944 with a BA in

English and of the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1947 with a B.S. in Marine Engineering. He was a special warfare qualified Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) officer and scuba diver. He received the Legion of Merit with Combat V, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and numerous other awards. He completed marathons into his 60's and also competed in swimming. At age 70 he won the National Title for his age group for the five mile rough water swim in San Pedro. At age 82 he won a national title in the 10K long distance swim. He was married for 54 years to Frances Floriano Johnson, who was a LT in the Navy Nurse Corps when they married. Services were conducted at Fort Meyer, Va. prior to internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Association Financial Report

Balance 4/1/17 April 2017 Herald	\$3740.55
Stamps	-\$100.00
Proceeds OK City reunion	\$1593.04
Post Office Box one year	-\$132.00
Donations to newsletter	\$125.00
Balance	\$5226.59

## Ship Store Financial Report

Balance from 4/1/17 April 2017 Herald	\$358.83
Sales by mail	\$622.50
Sales at reunion	\$450.00
Merchandise purchase	-\$731.00
Purchase of supplies	-\$29.71
Shipping costs	-\$222.43
Balance 11/6/17	\$448.19

## Oklahoma City Reunion attendees

There were many family members and other guests. For the sake of space this list is shipmates only. (Ranks and rates are from time on board and do not reflect subsequent advancement). GMG3 Terry Barton 67-68, LTjg Ed Blanchard 64-67, FT2 Otto Brock 56-57, SFP3 Robert Chavez 66-69, EM3 Jesse Crim 66-69, MM1 Tom Cunningham 52-55, SFP3 Jerry de Flores, 66-68, EN3 Don Dedon 66-68, IC2 Dennis Ditsch 68-69, SH3 Al Eisenbraun 63-67, FP2 Norm Eldridge 53-55, GMM3 Bob Fabianski 50-51, MEG3 Vern Fairchild 55-57, EM3 Felix Fox 64-67, SN John Fried 59-61, FT3 Steve Gann 54-56, GMG3 Joe

Griffie 66-69, FTG3 John Grimmke 65-67, TN Ed Jose 67-69, LTjg Jim Kelly 66-68, QM1 Bill Kelly 68-69, SN John Kraft 66-67, MM2 Doug Leland 66-69, SN Jim Mangold 61-63, LTjg Russ Miller 65-67, ETN2 Jim Minard 66-68, SN Elmer George Morgan 62-64, BM2 Warren Neuerburg 62-65, Ens Dick Oliver 68-69, MM3 Tom Ornazian 68-69, SM1 Ron Petrie 67-69, IC2 Sandy Reid 50-51, MM2 Victor (Hank) Schleider 67-69, EM2 Jim Sharits 64-68, RD1 Charles Shook 54-57, EM3 Donald W. Smith 54-57, MM3 James Stromberg 66-69, TM3 Robert Trisler 67-68, MM2 Richard Twardzik 66-69, EM2 Kent Ward 63-67 and MM3 George Young 62-66.

**RD2 Henry Luna 63-66** wrote to ask about a 2nd Class Boats in '63 who had a portable sewing machine and would do basic alterations and sew on patches. **SH3 Al Eisenbraun 63-67** identifies him as BM2 Warren Neuerburg 62-65 of Newkirk OK. Warren drove over and spent part of the day at the Oklahoma reunion this year. There was also Jay Pacey, who came aboard November 1962 as a Gunners Mate Second. He had a little compartment up by the 3 inch guns with a sewing machine and would do all our sewing for us. He left as a GM1 in 1966. I tried locating him but found out he passed away in November 1994. After he left we had to take our uniforms to town and have the sewing done. Jay spoiled us, only charging about a dollar to sew the Hubbard patch on, or our rating patches. He charged more to bell bottom the trousers. I think I have a picture of him with his little sewing machine but haven't located it yet. **GMG3 James Doss 66-69** notes that after Jay left it was GMG1 Jimmie Rogers that did it. **WO1 Harry Dillon (DCFN) 59-60** When I was aboard there was a QM1 [Senio] Martinez that had a sewing machine but he would only do sewing for his friends. I tried to have him sew something for me, even offering to pay but he always found a reason not to do so. **FTG1 Larry P. Davis (FTG3) 68-69:** During the 68-69 cruise I picked up a Brothers sewing machine for my wife in Japan. I got some thread and other sewing items at that time for personal use. I had been sewing since I was in grade school — being one of seven kids you learned to do things for yourself. I learned to sew on an old Singer sewing machine my mom did not use anymore. I sewed on all of my Boy Scout patches and even sewed together a canvas tent, which I still have. Word got out on ship and soon I was in the sewing business after working hours. I was making short sleeve dungaree shirts out of long sleeve ones and I hemmed pants. Crows and ship patches came later. I think I even did a couple of khaki shirts for chiefs/officers. By the end of the cruise I had paid for the sewing machine. The picture in the cruise book on page 69 of me and FTG3 Gary Wayne Ely in the GFCS 56 radar room shows the sewing machine. I'm the good looking

skinny guy in glasses. When we returned to Long Beach the sewing machine went ashore to my wife, who used that old Brothers sewing machine for many years. She gave it to our oldest daughter, who sold it a few years ago.

## Hubbard Ship Store

Shown is the Hubbard window decal, 5 1/2 inches square, in WWII, Korea, Cold War or Vietnam versions for \$8

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## The Hubbard Challenge Coin

SN Peter Foley 69 contacted Al Eisenbraun after the San Diego reunion wanting to know if we could have a challenge coin made for the ship. Al contacted a couple of companies. The cost would be \$300 to set up the dies to cast the coins plus a guarantee to purchase 100 of the coins at \$6.50 each. The \$950 seemed too big a hurdle but Jenifer Shook, daughter of RD1 Charles Shook, volunteered the funds to make it happen, as a surprise to her father. Al subsequently got a better price - dies plus 200 coins



for a total of \$939. The Executive Committee gave it the go-ahead and approved a sales price of \$10 per coin plus \$3.50 for shipping (up to 5 in one envelope). Availability was announced on the yahoo circuit and

Facebook and the initial order quickly sold out. Al has ordered additional supplies anticipating a lot of business when this newsletter hits the shipmate mailboxes. Order direct from Al:

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