

# U.S.S. JOUETT (DLG/CG-29) ASSOCIATION



U.S.S. Jouett (DLG29)  
Commissioning Day

## NEWSLETTER

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### Hello Shipmates!

USS JOUETT DLG/CG 29 will be having the next reunion this August 2012. It is being hosted by Ray Fair, Terry Smith & Bob Terhune. We are trying at this reunion to gather as many shipmates as we can with their families. We know that holding the reunion in September, as we have in the past, created some hardships for those families with school aged children. That's why we decided to hold it August 15-19 2012, before the youngsters start their new school year. Reservations are now being accepted at the RED LION HOTEL ON THE RIVER, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217-8118. They can be reached by land line 503-283-4466 or [www.redlionontheriver.com](http://www.redlionontheriver.com). Please call them direct to receive the "Jouett" rate. If you want to come early & stay later than the reunion dates, the Red Lion is offering the same rates for 3 nights before & 3 nights after the reunion itself.

Now is the time to make plans with the family and spend your vacation enjoying the hospitality of The Red Lion, fellow Jouett crewmembers and the city of Portland Oregon. It is not too late to register.

### REMEMBER

*USS Jouett Association dues were due in December.  
It is not too late to send in your dues payment of \$20. to  
John Hutchinson  
PO Box 309  
Scottsmoor, FL. 32775*

## From the Quarterdeck:

We are fast approaching our 7th reunion (Portland OR.) and it's starting to look like we will have a great turnout. Some familiar names and some new attendees are on the list.

It's always great to see new faces and reconnect with "older" ones. I'm using the "older" term as a term of appreciation, not the aging metaphor (although some of us are getting older).

Ray & Colleen Fair, Bob & Shirley Terhune and Terry & Maureen Smith have been doing a great job of lining up tours, hotels etc.

In May of this year, 5 couples (Rick & Penny Smith, Jim & Gail Jordan, Wayne & Dru Semenkow, Ken & Nancy Rutter and Marsha & I) got together at the Rutters household in Portsmouth RI and spent 3 days together. We made a day trip to Boston and went aboard the USS CONSTITUTION and visited history aboard the oldest commissioned ship in the US Navy. Ken Rutter had served aboard "Old Ironsides" during his naval career and gave us some interesting facts about the ship. I don't think he was a plank owner, but I may be mistaken. We usually have a mini-reunion twice a year and get together someplace different each time. We always have a good time. If there are shipmates near to you, try to get together with them. You will be amazed what a good time you can have.

Recently as I was scanning the internet, I saw where the USS ENTERPRISE was deploying for her last cruise. She was headed for the middle east and when she returns she will be decommissioned. Plans are she will be scrapped because the government has determined that there are enough museum ships around. Many of us can remember her when we were operating off the coast of Vietnam and some may remember the Jouett "bird dogging" the "Big E" up the west coast from San Diego to Alameda. We had lost a race with the USS TRUXTON and we had the privilege of escorting her up the coast. Lost an extra day of liberty but had the fun of following in her wake.

I'm sure that there will be more to write about after the reunion and both my wife & I are looking forward to seeing "all ya'll (Herman Touchet's influence) when the association docks in Portland.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Terry E. George, STG3, Plank owner

President USS Jouett DLG/CG29 Association

# SHIPS STORE ORDER FORM

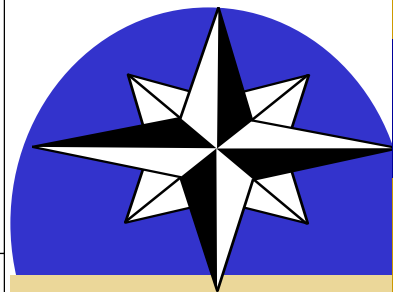
**Please fill out this form and mail to:  
Peggy Leslie  
608 Sunrise Ave.  
Alamogordo, NM 88310**

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIPPING & HANDLING S & H Cost**

merchandise sub-total	S&H price
Up to \$30.00 -----	\$ 5.95
\$30.01 - \$55.00 -----	\$ 7.95
\$55.01 - \$75.00 -----	\$ 9.95
\$75.01 - \$100.00 ----	\$ 11.95
\$100.01 - \$140.00 --	\$ 14.95
\$140.01 plus -----	\$ 17.95



## Commanding Officers U. S. S. Jouett (DLG/CG 29)

**Captain Robert S. Hayes**  
3 Dec 1966–28 Nov 1968

**Captain R. C. Barnhart**  
28 Nov 1968–22 May 1970

**Captain Samuel L. Gravelly, Jr.**  
22 May 1970–2 Jun 1971

**Captain Edward S. Briggs**  
2 Jun 1971–25 Jul 1972

**Captain Ralph E. Wilson, Jr.**  
25 Jul 1972–12 Feb 1974

**Captain R. Frederick Stalder, Jr.**  
12 Feb 1974–23 Jan 1976

**Captain William E. Poling**  
23 Jan 1976–31 Jan 1978

**Captain Donald Martin**  
31 Jan 1978–17 May 1980

**Captain Gerald A. Fulk**  
17 May 1980–22 May 1982

**Captain R. Scott McCartney**  
22 May 1982–10 Mar 1984

**Captain James P. Cormack**  
10 Mar 1984–26 Apr 1986

**Captain Michael E. Mays**  
26 Apr 1986– 19 Aug 1988

**Captain Jerrold J. Neglin**  
19 Aug 1988–11 Jan 1991

**Captain Floydston A. Weeks**  
11 Jan 1991–24 Apr 1993

**Commander Thomas J. Gregory**  
24 Apr 1993–28 Jan 1994

DECEASED

**Jouett Ball Caps:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**USS Jouett Polo Shirts:**  
     **Small** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
     **Medium** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
     **Large** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
     **X-Large** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
     **XX-Large** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 23.75 = \_\_\_\_\_  
     **XXX-Large** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



**NEW ITEMS**

**Koozies** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**USS Jouett Coffee Mug** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**USS Jouett Coin:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**USS Jouett Shoulder Patches** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**USS Jouett Prints:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



Prints of the original painting that was in the Officer's Ward Room when the Jouett was Commissioned. Prints are 17" x 22" total. Price does not include frame.



**USS Jouett Reunion Lapel Pins:**

2008 Florida \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 2006 San Diego \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited 2004 Louisiana \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited 2002 Rhode Island \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited 2000 Washington \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Merchandise Sub-Total \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING & HANDLING \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jouett Website! [ussjouett.com](http://ussjouett.com)**

## *Reunion Information*

*AUGUST 15-19, 2012*

### *Red Lion Hotel on the River*

*909 North Hayden Island Drive*

*Portland, OR 97217-8118*

*503-283-4466*

*<http://www.redlionontheriver.com>*

*Reservations are now being accepted for the USS Jouett price break good for 3 days before & after the reunion dates.*

*To download the registration page for the reunion, please go to [www.USSJouett.com](http://www.USSJouett.com) and click on the reunion icon. Please fill out and return, with payment, to John Hutchinson*

Life is short,  
SMILE while you still have teeth!

## TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2012 REUNION

- #10 MICROBREWERIES in Portland's Pearl District (Microbrew got your attention didn't it?) There are also Oregon wineries and wine tours.
- #9 MOUNT ST. HELENS—see how the Volcano erupted on May 18, 1980 & how it looks now.
- #8 USS BLUEBACK, one of the last non-nuclear US Navy submarines. It is berthed in Portland at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) on Swan Island.
- #7 WORLD WAR II PT Boats at Portland's Navy & Marine corps Reserve Readiness Center on Swan Island.
- #6 The "SPRUCE GOOSE", Howard Hughes giant wooden seaplane at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, outside Portland, in McMinnville, Oregon .
- #5 Ride Portland's Light Rail System to get around the area or just get on and go for a light rail sightseeing adventure.
- #4 Take a paddlewheel riverboat day—cruise on the Columbia River.
- #3 See Crater Lake in Central Oregon—it was formed by the eruption of a volcano and is now a major recreation destination.
- #2 The COLUMBIA GORGE—the mighty Columbia River cuts thru the Cascade Mountain Range and "The Gorge" is the natural wonder which is the result.
- #1 And the #1 reason to come to the 2012 USS JOUETT Reunion in Portland.....
  - To see your shipmates: friends, old & new
  - Sea Stories & Fairy Tales, old & new
  - Boudreaux Jokes, old & new with Herman & Milton
  - Just a great way to get together and have fun with friends

Why August? 1. We hope to see more families and folks with vacation time before school starts.

2. Portland weather is usually nicer in August, before the rainy season starts in the Fall.

Come a few days early and see some of the "Top 10 Reasons" on your own.

### Editors Note

As Memorial Day is now history for 2012, how many of us paused to reflect on why we observe Memorial Day? I and my wife spent it in Washington DC for the 25th anniversary "Rolling Thunder" protest ride. For those of you that do not know, Rolling Thunder is made up of a group of people whose aim is to keep alive the actions & memories of those Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA) in all present & previous wars & conflicts. It is made up of veterans & non-veterans, males & females and motorcyclists & non motorcyclists.

This past May 27th, there were approximately 950,000 motorcyclists (according to the Washington Times) in attendance for the protest ride through the streets of Washington DC. If you haven't seen the u-tube video of SSGT Tim Chambers USMC, saluting the riders as they pass him by you need to watch it. This past Memorial day Sgt Chambers held his salute for almost 6 Hours in the hot sun. I had a chance to meet Tim when he was invited to NH as a guest of Rolling Thunder NH1 Chapter during Bike Week. Bike week in NH is an annual event that is centered in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. There are races at New Hampshire International Speedway but the main focus is in Laconia on Lake Winnepesaukee at Weirs Beach where hundreds of bikes gather on a daily basis. Thursday night, June 14, 2012, Rolling Thunder held their own police escorted protest ride from Gilford to Laconia where SSGT Chambers saluted us as we entered the Weirs beach area. Our ride took us past the Weirs and on to Meredith where the longest weekly vigil has been held in NH in memory of those POW/MIA.

Along our "protest" route were families of locals and tourists, bikers & non-bikers, veterans & non-veterans. We were cheered, applauded and saluted by vets standing and those unable to stand. Our lead bike was carrying a large American flag as most other bikes were carrying a smaller version, mine included. But it made me think about those unable to do what I was doing because of the freedom that I enjoy. That freedom was paid for by veterans of all previous wars & conflicts. I thank God everyday for the men & women who serve our country in the Armed Forces for protecting those rights & freedoms for me and those of my fellow Americans.

Memorial Day is a day to reflect on why we celebrate that day and not just another holiday or day off from work. We, as veterans, should take time to reflect on those that have gone on before us, who helped give us what we have and remember those that are currently serving, protecting the things that we love. Don't let happen to them what happened to us when we returned home.

To all veterans, Past & present, THANK YOU from one very grateful American & his family!

### HELP KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UP TO DATE

Since one of the most important assets of the Jouett Association is our list of shipmates, it is very important that the roster be correct and up to date. Please check the website to ensure your entry is up to date, or when you receive your copy please check that ALL of your information is up to date. All corrections should be sent to our Vice President, Jim Jordan, [jjathl@ptd.net](mailto:jjathl@ptd.net) or 29 Dogwood Lane, Nesquehoning, PA. 18240.

#### U.S.S. Jouett (DLG/CG 29) Association MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rating while serving on Jouett \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank/Rating Held in US Navy \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date of Jouett Service \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date of Jouett Service \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Significant Others Name \_\_\_\_\_ \* Optional

## FYI

**WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM** IS NOT THE OFFICIAL USS JOUETT SHIPSTORE!

Our USS JOUETT DLG29 shipstore can be viewed through the official USS JOUETT web page.

We, as an association, do not receive anything from the sale of merchandise through the CAFEPRESS website. In other words, they are an unauthorized USS JOUETT DLG29 merchandise sales outlet.

**ALWAYS NEEDED**

**We need stories, information, navy jokes, photos (from the past or present) for the newsletter.**

Please forward any of these to Rick Smith (rwsmith@metrocast.net) or send via snail mail to 98 Hall Rd., Barrington, NH 03825

*Any Jouett sailors get together with other Jouett sailors on a regular basis? Send me the info and I'll publish it.*

### HELPFUL INFORMATION ON TRAVEL AND BENEFITS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS AND RETIREES

In our research on vacations and benefits, we have found numerous organizations, newsletters and webpages that you may be interested in.

1. **Armed Forces Vacation Club**—See [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) A great place to find discounted (and I do mean discounted) vacation stays for active and retired members along with foreign exchange service members, civilian employees of DOD, American Red Cross personnel, DOD Dependant school teachers or adult dependant and Disabled American Veterans (100%). They have week long stays in some of the most interesting places domestically and internationally. You can rent them for your friends or family OR have one of the above rent them for you. And if you can put them together with Space Available travel you can have a vacation that goes from normal to exotic for a great price. Even if you cannot or do not desire to use Space A, the vacation stay is still a bargain and in so many interesting and exotic locations.
2. **Military Living Publication**—See [www.militaryliving.com](http://www.militaryliving.com) or at your local exchange Books, maps, newsletters and etc. dedicated to military travel.
  - R & R Travel News**—A newsletter put out every other month about travel domestically and internationally, mostly by Space A. It has stories of the travels of military people written by them with all the good and bad about locations, Space A, customs and etc.
  - Temporary Military Lodging Around the World**
  - Space-A Air Travel Guide**
  - Military RV, Camping & Outdoor Recreation**
  - Military Travel Guide U.S.A**
3. **Military.com**—See [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) Military news on all branches and of all kinds.
4. **Navy Insider**—See [www.navyinsider.com/navy\\_veteran.html](http://www.navyinsider.com/navy_veteran.html) From pay to the GI Bill, from VA home loans to health benefits whether you are on active duty, a veteran or retiree; all the information needed to make using these benefits easier.

**If you know of other information that may be helpful to members please forward for the next newsletter.**



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