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



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#### Hello Shipmates!

NEWSLETTER

It's interesting to read comments from different people regarding past events. I'm talking about Jouett's last reunion in Portland OR. Jouett's "Royal Baby", from her first WESTPAC tour, showed up with his wife for their first Jouett reunion. They are planning on being in MD next year. I'm not saying they had fun but we couldn't keep Jake quiet at the banquet table. Leo Boyd was there and for the first time ever, I heard a Bos'n admit that he didn't know everything. My, how the years have changed some people! We know it's difficult to attend reunions when school is going on and sometimes it's difficult to hold them during the Summer months. We try to accommodate all but as we all know, "You can't please all the people all the time". Help us by giving your input. Send them to Terry George

This newsletter, I hope, will give our shipmates a chance to plan and organize enough time to make plans to attend the next reunion in MD. The hosts there will be Wayne & Dru Semenkow and Jim & Gail Jordan. From what I understand, Wayne has some awful <u>big</u> shoes to fill setting up the reunion. Good thing he has Jim to sort things out.

I've asked before & I'm gonna ask again. Send me some stuff to put in the newsletter. I have taken some quotes from the message page and will incorporate them in the newsletter. ed.

#### REMEMBER

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

Scottsmoor, FL. 32775

## From the Quarterdeck:

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone having a great New Year. What a great time we had at the 7th Jouett reunion in Portland OR. Ray & Colleen Fair, Terry & Maureen Smith and Bob & Shirley Terhune did a fantastic job in arranging the tours and setting up for the hospitality rooms and the banquet. BRAVO ZULU to all.

Terry Smith came up with an idea of casting a wreath into the Columbia River in memory of those shipmates that have gone on before us. The ships company formed up on the pier and Bos'n Mate Fair called ships company to attention. I took my place among the ranks and Bos'n Fair called for a hand salute. What an emotional event it was. Terry Smith and Peggy Leslie did the honors of placing the wreath into the water as the ships company rendered honors with a hand salute. I believe there were many that were as emotional as I, although I think I had something in my eye as it was "watering" a lot.

What great shipmates and wives we have. Gary and Margie McIntyre arrived and needed some help with medical issues. In a matter of minutes Colleen Fair had found a place for them to go an receive the help they needed. Later Gary needed a wheelchair and someone to provide the power to propel said chair. A call was made to the hospitality room and response was immediate. One of our shipmates "escorted" Gary & Margie to the banquet in his wheelchair. Thanks to all that helped.

From the time that we arrived at the hotel for the reunion until the time we left, it felt like we were among family. I was told by a couple of shipmates, that have attended other reunions, that we seem to be doing things right. They thoroughly enjoyed the gathering.

It is always hard to leave after visiting with each other for a few days but we always look forward to the next reunion. Wayne & Dru Semenkow along with Jim & Gail Jordan have already started making plans for September 2-6, 2014 in Annapolis MD. Can't wait to see what they have planned for us!

It was with heavy hearts when we were informed that Captain Robert C.Barnhart, Jouetts 2nd Commanding Officer, had passed away on December 15, 2012. I never served under Capt. Barnhart but have heard from many that did, and they had nothing but "Good" to say about him. He now takes his place alongside Captain Hayes, Captain Stalder and Admiral Gravely on the "Ghost of the 29". Captain Barnhart we give you a "Well Done".

At his banquet, Rick Smith read the names of those listed on the memorial page on the website. It was an emotional time for many because we knew these men, we sailed with them, we went on liberty with them and we were shipmates with them. Yes, we come from many different backgrounds and many different areas of the country but we have become something that others cannot understand. We became sailors and became a family that only those that have walked the same path can understand.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Terry E. George

President USS Jouett DLG/CG 29 Association

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Small	@ \$ 20.00 =
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Large	@ \$ 20.00 =
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XX-Large	@ \$ 23.75 =

XXX-Large\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 =







Koozies

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.

@\$4.00 =

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\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 1.00 = \_\_\_

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USS Jouett Coin: USS Jouett Shoulder

Patches

USS Jouett Prints: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 45.00 =

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### 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. Gravely, 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. Negin 19 Aug 1988—11 Jan 1991 Captain Floyston A. Weeks 11 Jan 1991-24 Apr 1993 Commander Thomas J. Gregory

24 Apr 1993-28 Jan 1994

#### A LITTLE NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

I want to take this time to remind everyone that your dues were due in December 2012. Thank you to all that remembered and paid . If you are in doubt as to when your dues expired, please contact me at :shadow1148@aol.com. and I will reply back to you ASAP. If you have recently changed your address because of E-911 or changed your e-mail, please submit the information to me so that the roster may be updated. Put "Jouett Dues" on the subject line so it won't go into spam.

Sincerely,

**Bill Girard** 

Plankowner 66-69

#### A BIGGER NOTE FROM THE WEBMASTER

There are a lot of options available for USS Jouett crewmembers to get their pictures on the website for everyone to enjoy. We have listed the options below to show how easy it can be.

- Mail your pictures to the webmaster and he will scan them & return them to you.
- Scan your pictures into your computer, create a CD and mail it to the webmaster.
- E-mail your scanned pictures to the webmaster.
- Use the internet to upload your scanned pictures to the webmaster. This can be done through a file protocol (FTP) client.

Once I have your pictures I use Photoshop to clean them up as best Ican by removing dust & scratches. I also adjust the color & contrast to make them look as good as they can. They are then resized and the resolution set so they can look good on the website and can be viewed by other people.

Life may not be the party we hoped for,

but while we are here,

we might as well dance.

### My 1st Day Aboard the USS JOUETT

MCPO John Bunn

USN Ret

In January 1969, I made Chief and in August of that same year I received orders for the USS JOUETT DLG 29, which was now on station in the Gulf of Tonkin. I moved my family from Great Lakes to San Diego and then headed for the Jouett. I flew to Travis AFB and was put on a MAC flight to Clark AFB in the Philippines. It has to be one of the longest flights that there is. The plane arrived at Clark around 2100 and a small group of us waited 'till 2300 to get a navy van and by 0200 we were at the Subic transit barracks. Jouett was at the fuel pier and I had to be there at 0600. I hadn't slept since getting on the MAC flight and I was exhausted!

I had left Travis wearing blues and when I got up early the next morning I switched to khakis. I had to dress in the dark and that was a challenge. (It would turn out I didn't completely succeed in accomplishing the switch to khakis). I got transported to the Jouett and the OOD had the messenger take me down to the CPO mess. It was empty as everybody was involved in getting underway. About five minutes after sitting down in the mess, the Messenger from the Quarterdeck came and said I was to report back to the Quarterdeck. I asked why him why and he said very dramatically, "You need to go now." When I got to the Quarterdeck the OOD and another officer asked for my ID and they questioned me for five minutes. When they were satisfied with my answers, I asked what this was all about. The OOD said one of my collar insignias was on upside down and they thought I was a "plant" by port security to test the Jouett's security. Feeling pretty stupid, I went back to the CPO mess.

A few minutes later the mess door opened, there was a brief pause and then a white combination cap with scramble eggs came flying through the air and landed on the deck. A voice asked "Can I get a cup of coffee?" All this happened in about 5 seconds and I didn't know whether I was to salute the hat or get the cup of coffee. I decided to take the safe way and said "Yes sir". In came COMDESRON1 Captain Albert L. Stickles. We exchanged a few words of small talk, he got his coffee and was on his way. I sat back down and wondered what was next. Fortunately nothing more unusual occurred. When a couple of Chiefs came in I told them about the Captain's visit. They said he often does that as he likes the coffee and likes visiting with the Chiefs. The ship got underway and after the quirky first day I started a great tour of duty on the Jouett. You may have served in Combat or in non-combat. You may have retired out or you may have served for a short time. You may have been a draftee or a volunteer. You may have served in the Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or the Merchant Marines, BUT YOU SERVED. You didn't run off to Canada or England, etc. You did your job honorably and for that I am proud to call you my brother/sister.

You may have served in Korea, WWII., Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Irag or Afganistan but you served and did not run. You have a DD214 with those words "HONORABLY DIS-CHARGED" the two most noble words in the world. Again I am proud to know each and everyone of you. Brother/Sister, life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't, just because you can. Believe every-thing happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands and know this, if it changes your life, let it. Take a few moments to think before you act when angry. Forgive quickly. God never said life would be easy, he just promised it would be worth it.

To the cool men that have touched my life: here's to you! I was never a hero, but I am thankful to have served among them .

"A real brother walks with you when the rest of the world walks on you!"

#### 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, <u>jjatlh@ptd.net</u> or 29 Dogwood Lane, Nesquehoning, PA. 18240.

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MEMBER INFORMATION FORM				
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We need stories, information, good 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 MILI-TARY 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 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 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.

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## JUST FOR LAUGHS

I recently discovered the newsletter on the Jouett webpage and saw the story you wrote about our trip on the train
heading to boot camp. I remember it so well. I have shared that episode of our adventure with my wife a number
of times and we still chuckle after all those years. What a lasting memory we had at the start of our Navy career.
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"You Bastard" I didn't think anyone remembered that part of the train ride. I'm glad you didn't mention my name!
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My Last Trip to Wal –Mart
Yesterday I was at my local WALMART buying a large bag of dog food for my Boston Terrier "Harley", my retirement gift from my children. I was in the checkout line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog (here's your sign). What the hell! Did she think I had an elephant? Sobecause I'm retired and have little to do, and on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the dog food diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 35 pounds before I awakened in the ICU with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms. I told her that was essentially a perfect diet and the way it works is to load your pants pocket with the nuggets and simply eat 1 or 2 every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.
Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to smell a poodle's ass & was hit by a car. I tho't the guy behind her was gonna shit his pants he was laughing so hard. WALMART won't let me shop there anymore.
The moral of this story: Better watch what you ask us retired people. We have way to much time on our hands to think up all this crazy shit.
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Any body know if Terry bought a 20 GA yet?
I hear Ken still has saddle sores after his IRON butt ride to and from Oregon on his HD 1200 SPORTSTER last August for the Jouett reunion.
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If you are able to read this, thank a teacher.
If you can read this in English, Thank a VETERAN !

## Thank You

My first Jouett reunion and I had a great time seeing **old** friends and new: and a whole lot of belly kissers. I didn't realize how popular my belly was. Thank you Ray & Colleen Fair, Terry & Maureen Smith and Bob & Shirley Terhune for putting together an outstanding reunion. Those that didn't come missed a lot of fun. I also want to thank Wayne Bailey for bringing his coffee cup, which brought back some fine memories. It sure was great seeing the Oleson's again and remembering old stories of Bremerton with them. Terry George, those songs brought tears to my eyes as I'm sure it did to everyone at the banquet. The Cajun from Louisiana kept us all laughing. Herman, thanks for taking all those pictures. To everyone else to numerous to mention, thanks for making my first reunion an enjoyable and entertaining one. Joyce said she didn't realize how much fun a Jouett bunch of sailors were and she saw true friendship among everyone. She said no way were we going to miss the 2014 reunion in Maryland. To those who missed the Port-

land reunion, don't miss the next one. And last but not least, to my **little** buddy from Maryland, if I can't find a camp ground, I'm parking the camper in your driveway.

Jake Jacobs (Royal Baby)

The loss of a friend is like that of a limb; Time may heal the anguish of the wound, But the loss cannot be repaired.

JJ

LIFE is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body. But rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming,

"Wow, what a ride!!!"

## **USS Jouett Reunion**

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