

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



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

## NEWSLETTER

C/O Rick Smith  
98 Hall Rd  
Barrington NH 03825

### Hello Shipmates!

Time is once again here and that is for our Jouett reunion. It is scheduled for September 20 - September 23 2023. We are staying at the Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 S. Wildwood Dr., Branson MO 65616. 417-690-4026. It is hosted by Terry & Marsha George.

For more information, please go to Jouett's web page and reservation info is there. Just a reminder that we are responsible for making our own reservations.

#### OFFICERS

- President—Richard Abraham
- Vice President— Terry George
- Treasurer—John Hutchinson
- Yeoman—Richard Abraham
  - Webmaster—Tim Kane
- Historian— Terry George
- Director—Larry Blaisdell
- Director—Rodney Beard
  - Director—Terry Smith
- Chaplain—Gary Huesman
- Storekeeper—Rodney Beard
- Newsletter Editor—Rick Smith

### REMEMBER

*USS Jouett Association dues were due in December.  
It is not to late to send in your dues payment of \$20. for  
2023.*

## From the Quarterdeck:

Hello fellow Shipmates,

It is almost time for the 2023 Ship's reunion. Time to meet with fellow shipmates, share stories (mostly true), reminisce about the times spent on-board, and reconnect with past friendships.

All of you helped in the defense of our great Nation, and you should be proud of your accomplishments during your time on board the U.S.S Jouett. All of your hard work and endeavors helped in making the U.S.S. Jouett the great ship she was.

We choose to remember the good times, light hearted moments and the friendships made. These are the memories that we share. Some of my proudest moments in my Naval Career was while I served on board the U.S.S. Jouett. I was always amazed at what Jouett crewmembers could do during any kind of situation large and small.

I would ask that we take a few moments to raise a glass and remember those fellow shipmates that we have lost over the years. I would also like to have everyone take a few moments to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our great nation.

Susan and I hope to see each and every one of you in Branson at the 2023 U.S.S. Jouett reunion.

*Richard Abraham*

President USS Jouett Association

Please fill out this form and mail to:

Rodney Beard  
67 Wolf Run Rd.  
Wellsboro PA 16901

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)

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

- 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. Posing  
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 Floydton A. Weeks  
11 Jan 1991-24 Apr 1993
- Commander Thomas J. Gregory  
24 Apr 1993-28 Jan 1994

2010 2012 2014 2016 pins available at the reunion \$5.00

DECEASED

*Reunion Information  
October 14 - October 17 2021*

*Radisson Hotel Branson  
120 S. Wildwood Dr.  
Branson MO  
417-690-4026*



For more information please go to [USS Jouett .com](http://USSJouett.com) & scroll down to reunion and click.

## Out of the Mouths of Babes

My 8 year old grandson is now becoming interested about my past, especially my time in the navy. My daughter and the kids are in FLA & me in SC. So this never came up before. I directed my daughter, Laura, to the Jouett website. After much exploring the various links regarding the ship itself and old photos of me, I was asked where the Jouett is now. I explained that Naval vessels have a given life span, when they are no longer needed or too obsolete to be useful, the navy has various choices. They can be scrapped, sold to other friendly nations or taken to very deep parts of the ocean and sunk. The next question of course was , where is it now?" I explained that she was sunk in August 2007 by our navy in some very deep water as part of a ship exercise in the Pacific Ocean.

From the mouths of babes, who are now taught about ecology and ways to preserve our planet came the reply, " that's littering". That will stay with me for some time!

Sent to me by Richard Parker November 2018.

Birth Certificate shows that we were born.  
Death certificate shows that we died.  
Pictures show that we lived.

I believe ...

That we don't have to change friends if  
We understand that friends change.

I believe..

That you can do something in an instant  
That will give you heartache for like.

I believe...

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words.  
It may be the last time you see them.

I believe...

That sometimes when I'm angry, I have the right to be angry,  
But that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe...

That my best friend and I, can do anything,  
Or nothing and have the best time.

I believe...

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything,  
They just make the most of everything.

Forwarded by HermanTouchet

## Are All Jobs Equal?

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiac surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hand on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work. The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic....."Try doing that with the engine running."

### 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 Webmaster Tim Kane @ [tim.kane@comcast.net](mailto:tim.kane@comcast.net)

#### 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, 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 MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS AND RETIREES

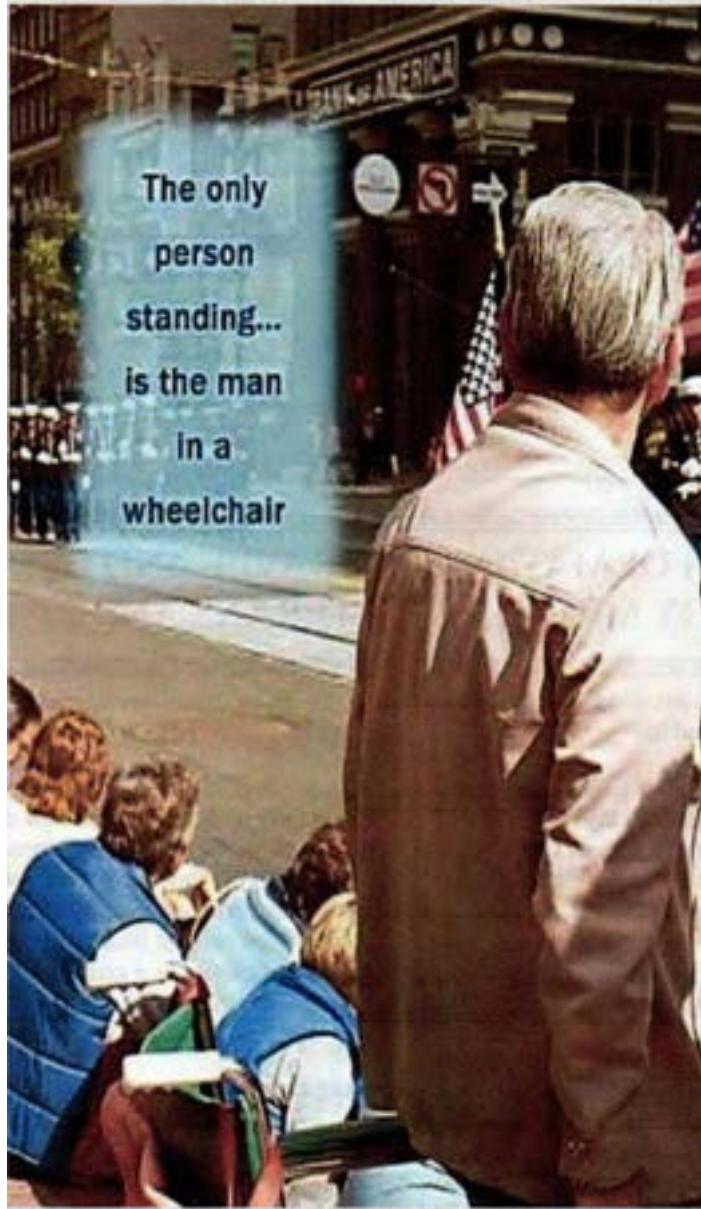
In our research on vacations and benefits, we have found numerous organizations, newsletters and webpages that you may be interested in.

- 1. Armed Forces Vacation Club—See [www.afvelub.com](http://www.afvelub.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.**



The only  
person  
standing...  
is the man  
in a  
wheelchair