

Tribute to ROBERT S. HAYES, Captain (Retired), U.S.N.

At the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.
August 21, 2009.

We are gathered here this morning to witness the final stage in a very full and productive life of Captain Robert S. Hayes. We are also gathered to say *Thanks* to a good husband, father and shipmate. *Thanks* for his many contributions, which in their own unique way have made our Navy a stronger and more capable force in our never-ending fight for peace in this sometimes troubled world. *Thanks* for his many dedicated hours and personal initiative that have helped to make the Navy community the proud professional organization that it is today. *Thanks* for being the type of leader that has ensured the next generation of sailors are ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Just as this is the end of one phase of his life, it is the beginning of another. I know Betty, Ron, Stephen and Elizabeth, more than any of us, are vividly aware of the sacrifices that he has made in the service to our country and I speak for the entire Jouett Association when I say how pleased we are to have known Bob.

Captain Hayes helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical time in our history with a devotion to duty and spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud traditions of the United States Navy. The members of the USS Jouett Association join a grateful nation in expressing sincere appreciation and gratitude for his leadership, sacrifices and dedication given to guard our country's freedom. You have steadfastly stood the watch, standing the fragile ground between your friends, family and fellow citizens, and those that would do them harm. Your shipmates owe you a tremendous debt for your unselfish leadership and unflinching loyalty.

Time does not always give us the freedom to do things from the past..... But we still have to "stop all engines", "lay about smartly" and "drop anchor" to pay homage to one of our shipmates going ashore. To honor the years served, the guidance, the leadership, the friendship and the expertise that this shipmate has freely given these past many years.

*FOR MANY YEARS, THIS SAILOR HAS STOOD THE WATCH,
WHILE SOME OF US WERE IN OUR BUNKS AT NIGHT, THIS SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH,
WHILE SOME OF US WERE IN SCHOOL, LEARNING OUR TRADE, THIS SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH.
YES, EVEN BEFORE SOME OF US WERE BORN INTO THIS WORLD, THIS SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH,
IN THOSE YEARS WHEN THE STORM CLOUDS OF WAR WERE SEEN BREWING ON THE HORIZON OF HIS-
TORY, THIS SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH,
MANY TIMES HE WOULD CAST AN EYE ASHORE AND SEE HIS FAMILY STANDING THERE, ..NEEDING HIS
GUIDANCE AND HELP, NEEDING THAT HAND TO HOLD DURING THOSE HARD TIMES, HE STILL STOOD
THE WATCH.
HE STOOD THE WATCH SO THAT WE, OUR FAMILIES AND HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, COULD SLEEP
SOUNDLY IN SAFETY EACH NIGHT
KNOWING THAT A SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH, TODAY WE ARE HERE TO SAY
"SHIPMATE—THE WATCH STAND RELIEVED
RELIEVED BY THOSE THAT YOU LED, GUIDED AND TRAINED"*

Written by Richard Smith (QM3 and Plank owner) Past President of the USS Jouett Association
Read by Wayne Semenkow (STG3) Chaplain of the USS Jouett Association

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR

The mission of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is to collect and preserve the stories of Purple Heart recipients from all branches of service and across generations to insure that all recipients are represented.

There have been recent advertisements requesting that any recipient, or family member of a deceased recipient, that is not listed on the web site's Honor Roll should enroll.



The web site is:
www.thepurpleheart.com

374 Temple Hill Road
Town of New Windsor, NY
(845) 561-1765

This past year has been exciting, rewarding and sad. Exciting because I have officially joined the KMA club and am counting the days till my retirement in July of 2010 from my government service of the last 26 years, & not having to wake up at 0400 to go to work. Repairing submarines has been a rewarding experience. Where else can you keep the nations first line of defense in operational capacity, be by the ocean and interact with today's modern navy. I would never have guessed in my navy days that we would come so far in both stealth and electronics. And, I got paid for doing that. I have a wood working shop to play in when my wife of 36 years tells me to "get out from being under foot", or when I wake up at 0400 & can't go back to sleep from years of getting up that early.

The most rewarding is that I will now get to spend more time with my wife (until she sends me to my workshop). My wife wants to treat me to a month long "vacation" in San Diego when I retire. I'm kinda looking forward to that. Balboa Park and free organ concerts on Sunday afternoon, the beaches, sun, surf & sights. Of course, one can't rule out the incredible weather. Beats the hell out of snow & ice storms. I have been to San Diego on numerous business trips prior to our reunion in 2006. A government sponsored all expense paid trip to sunny Calif. and living at the beach, LaJolla, Mission Valley or downtown in the Gas Lamp district is nothing to thumb ones nose up at for 12 - 16 weeks at a time.

As Terry George said in his posting to the Jouett's website, it was a sad day recently when Jouett's first commanding officer, Captain Robert S. Hayes, passed away. Terry George, Wayne Semenkow and I represented the association when we went to Hanover, PA for the Cap'n's wake. A flag shadow box was presented to Mrs. Hayes, her 2 sons and daughter on behalf of the association with "Bobs" name engraved on a brass plate.

We have all heard the expression that life is short. Let us all try to lengthen life by living it to the fullest. I have travelled to western PA, MD, RI, Idaho and eastern PA to visit shipmates. Some on a moments notice and some planned in advance. I have not regretted a single trip. Although I was put to work haying a field once when I visited a Jouett sailor in PA for his retirement. Washington, DC is a short train ride from Joppa, MD, the home of another Jouett sailor visited recently. Train rides are fun and relaxing. Especially when your spouse wants to drive from her side of the vehicle. Crossing the Mount Hope Bridge, just before you enter Bristol, RI offers a breath taking view of the harbor and a quaint little lighthouse on an island just big enuff to hold it.

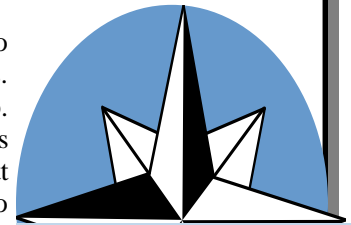
When my daughter was attending college at Roger Williams University, during our second reunion in Newport, I had more of a chance to visit with an old mustang Boson's mate. He came to my help saving a 3 hour trip down (3 hours back home) from my house in NH to build a set of shelves for my daughters' dorm room. Trust me, I've paid for it ever since. November of this year, I'm heading to a little place in eastern PA that reminds me of Dogpatch, USA. Yea, it's the home of another Jouett sailor. Don't know what's in store and believe me when I say I don't care either. Just getting together with friends and shipmates helps lengthen life.

Maybe when I retire and spend my month on the west coast, I can talk Penny into traveling up to the San Francisco area to visit with a fellow QM. Maybe even further north to some hick town in Oregon to visit a crusty ole bos'n and his remarkable wife. Words of wisdom that were given to me by a friend are "Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end, the faster it goes". I sure as hell don't want it to pass me by so I think I'll enjoy the rest of my life, do what I want & spend my children's inheritance.

To all of my shipmates, I wish you all a year of happiness & joy and a chance to meet you again at the next reunion in St Louis.

It is said that in life, there are 2 things one must never do! Delay the end of a meeting or the beginning of Happy Hour.

Rick Smith (QM2)
Plank owner



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 Stadler, 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

Reunion



Information from Gary McIntyre on things that he is working on for the reunion. Many of these are free.

- Boeing Aircraft Co. Museum—History from Mc Donnell Aircraft to Boeing
- Tour of Anheuser Bush Brewery
- St. Louis Zoo
- St. Louis Arch and Museum
- Missouri's First State Capital
- Lewis and Clark Museum
- Amistrar Casino

There is also shopping and great eats. Gary feels he will have things finalized with prices and schedules by 1 March 2010. Check on the website around that time.

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 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 (_____) _____

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 Name _____

New gallery to the NATIONAL MUSEUM of the Pacific War dedicated on Dec 7, 2009, at Fredericksburg, Texas.

Robin and I recently attended the dedication ceremony of the expansion of the George H. W. Bush Gallery to the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. President Bush (41), First Lady Barbara Bush, and Texas Governor Rick Perry all spoke on the need to continue to educate future generations on the sacrifices “the greatest generation” made during WWII. This museum is the only one in the country that is dedicated to the war in the Pacific during WWII.

Fredericksburg is the home town of Fleet Admiral Nimitz and the museum began in the old family hotel on Main Street. It is now a large modern museum with artifacts, equipment, movies, and interactive displays along with full size U.S. Navy and Marine aircraft as well as Japanese aircraft.

There were a few old military aircraft which flew in to the airport, including WWII, Vietnam era and newer, for the dedication. There was supposed to be a B25 which would take people on a short flight (for a fee of course), but the weather was so cold and overcast that it had to cancel out.

The city is one of the most patriotic places I have ever been. If you wear a military cap, no matter your age, you will be stopped by more than one person on the street, in the shops or restaurants to talk about your service. Several times a year the museum has a WWII reenactment of a beach landing in the South Pacific, along with several small tanks, a half-track, a flame thrower that really works and sets fire to bunkers. Lots of explosions and firing of BARS, M1s, Japanese rifles and etc. Blanks of course.

If you are ever in the central Texas area, about an hour west of San Antonio, do not miss this small city of 9,000. Your wives will love it too, it was settled by German immigrants in the mid 1800s and the German heritage is still alive and well. It is one of the premier tourist destinations in the area with shopping, shopping, shopping, along with nice restaurants and there is something going on there nearly every weekend, such as car shows, Christmas fairs, and more than I can tell you.

Robin and I have been going to this city for over 20 years and are likely to end up there for our new retirement home.

Ted Merritt, Plank owner
Past President

U.S.S. Jouett (DLG/CG-29)

Commissloned

3 December 1966

De-Commissloned

28 January 1994

Sunk

10 August 2007

At

11:16:00N-143:53:00E



From the Quarterdeck:

They were called Deck Apes, Snipes, Skivvy Wavers, Scope Dopes, Ping Jockeys, Twidgets and numerous other handles. But as Tim Kane expressed it so very well after the 1st reunion in Bremerton, "I call them all shipmate, I call them all friend". Each division, each job, each rate, each MOS or whatever you want to call it had unique names. These names were in no way derogatory. No matter what you were, or were called then, now it's great to reminisce at the reunions with people that walked the same passageways, climbed the same ladders, stood the same watches and eventually departed the same ship. In departing the ship we all left a little bit of ourselves "On Board" and took a big part of her with us.

The IMC is energized, the shrill trill of the boson's pipe sounds and immediately ears perk up. Whether it's "Sweepers, sweepers man your brooms" or "This is not a drill" or "Now dinner for the crew" or "Now set the special sea and anchor detail" it immediately sets into motion a series of events that enable the ship to carry out its mission. It takes cooperation, coordination and dedication to make things work. Just as they are called many different names, they come from all walks of life but when their time to leave comes around they are different than when they came aboard. They walk a little different, they talk a little different and they definitely think a little different.

I was honored to be asked to be a Veteran Presenter at one of the local elementary schools for Veterans Day 2008. There were Marines, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard and Navy veterans present. Each of us was given a classroom and we had a 1/2 hour segment with each of the 1st thru 6th grades. I talked about Boot Camp, what the training was like, about shipboard life, ports that were visited and showed some of my memorabilia that I have kept. Some of the sessions ran longer than the allotted 1/2 hour. At the end of the day there was an assembly in the gymnasium and it was a very moving ceremony. The kids gave the veterans a standing ovation and I can honestly say that among the veterans, there was more than one person that seemed to have something in his or her eye. I believe there were about 50 veterans present and there were some active duty Army personnel also present. The "actives" brought along a couple of Humvees. The kids had a great time looking them over, sitting in the drivers seat and generally just seeing what a military Humvee is all about.

The brotherhood that exists among those that have served in the armed forces cannot be duplicated anywhere else. I recently attended a ceremony where a local soldier (21 years old) received the Purple Heart for wounds that he received in Afghanistan. He has lost 85% of the right side of his brain and was burned over 23% of his body. He now has a vocabulary of about 35 words and will require a lot of care for the rest of his life. As I sat in the audience and watched him mount the stairs to the stage without help (other than a cane walker) I had tears in my eyes. You could have heard a pin drop on the grass of the football field. Here was a young man that will never be the same. He has sacrificed so much. When he finally spoke into the microphone the word "THANKS", in a monotone that is indicative of a head injury, the applause was the loudest that I have ever heard and the standing ovation went on for a solid 10 minutes. Even though he is Army and we are Navy he is a Brother. I would dare anyone to slander him or make fun of his inability to walk or speak.

I recently read something that made me stop and think about what it is that makes those that serve so special and what creates the brotherhood. It goes like this:

"For those that fight for it, freedom has a SPECIAL FLAVOR the protected will never taste" (from an unknown defender of Khe Sahn, Vietnam). How very true this is.

Well, enough has been said by me for this issue of the Jouett newsletter. I sincerely hope that everyone had a Joyous Christmas and that all of you have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Let's get together in St. Louis in October and rekindle old friendships and bring back some of the memories of being "Aboard". **Fair winds and Following Seas shipmates**

Terry E. George, Plank owner DLG-29
President, USS Jouett DLG/CG 29 Association

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

Please forward any of these to Ted Merritt either by email (tedandrobinsmail@yahoo.com) or by regular U.S. mail, 210 Rainbow Drive PMB 11054, Livingston, TX, 77399. There will be a deadline of Dec. 1 for the Jan. issue, and June 1 for the July issue.





Ships Store Order Form

Please Fill This Form Out and Mail to:

Peggy Leslie /Ship Store 608 Sunrise Ave. Alamogordo, NM 88310

Check out the web-page to see larger photos of these items

CUSTOMER INFORMATION:	SHIPPING & HANDLING S & H Cost	
NAME: _____	merchandise sub-total	S&H price
ADDRESS: _____	Up to \$30.00 -----	\$ 5.95
CITY: _____	\$30.01 - \$55.00 -----	\$ 7.95
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____	\$55.01 - \$75.00 -----	\$ 9.95
PHONE #: _____	\$75.01 - \$100.00 ----	\$ 11.95
	\$100.01 - \$140.00 --	\$ 14.95

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 = _____	
		
		
		
USS Jouett Reunion Lapel Pins:		
2008 Florida _____	@ \$ 5.00 = _____	
2006 San Diego _____	@ \$ 5.00 = _____	
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.		
Limited _____	2004 Louisiana _____ @ \$ 3.00 = _____	
Limited _____	2002 Rhode Island _____ @ \$ 3.00 = _____	
Limited _____	2000 Washington _____ @ \$ 3.00 = _____	
Merchandise Sub-Total		

Jouett Website! ussjouett.com

USS JOUETT NEWSLETTER

U.S.S. Jouett (DLG/CG-29) Association

C/o Ted Merritt
210 Rainbow Drive #11054
Livingston, TX 77399



Page 8

Answers to last Jouett crossword puzzle

As I am sure some of you noticed, some of the numbers "down" were off. We will have to re-run this puzzle again, so no answers in this issue.



President George H. W. Bush (41) and Marine Corp Commandant cutting ribbon on new gallery at the National Museum of the Pacific War - See page 3

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

January 2010

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



U.S.S. Jouett (DLG29)

Reunion

The 6th USS Jouett reunion will be held from Wednesday October 13th through Saturday October 16th in St. Louis, Missouri. **The Hotel is ready to take Reservations.**

Quality Inn & Suites in Historic St. Charles
1425 South Fifth Street
St. Charles, MO 63301
Phone (636) 946-6936
Fax (636) 946-9640

The hotel does not have the ability to take reservations through the web or through their 800 number and still give us the discounted rate of \$79/night plus the standard room tax rate of approximately 15% (\$12). The normal room rate is \$90+ plus the tax rate which is what would be applied if making reservations through the web or by the 800 number.

To get the discounted room rate:

Members must call the hotel direct at 636.946.6936 and inform the front desk clerk they are making reservations for the USS JOUETT REUNION in October 2010. The hotel has also agreed to give association members the Association's room rate for Tuesday night (10/12/2010) and Sunday night (10/17/2010).

OR

If people want to make reservations and **pay the normal room rate** then they may certainly do so by making their reservations through the web at www.choicehotels.com and/or by calling the 800.4CHOICE (800.424.6423) phone number.

See the hotel accommodations by visiting the web site www.qualityinnstl.com

RV Reservations - "SUNDERMEIER RV PARK"

The nearest RV Park is located about 4 miles north of the hotel. It is a really nice park and a great advantage is that the "free" St. Charles Trolley that serves our hotel also makes stops at the RV Park.

Reservations can be made by calling 800.929.0832 or through the web site at:

www.sundermeierrvpark.com



MORE INFORMATION ON
REUNION
SEE PAGE 6

Ships Store Items
Available—See page 7