

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



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



January 2009

U S S J O U E T T N E W S L E T T E R
U . S . S . J O U E T T (D L G / C G - 2 9)
A S S O C I A T I O N

OFFICERS

- President—Terry George
- Vice President— Jim Jordan
- Treasurer—Herman Touchet
- Yeoman—Sean Marshall
- Webmaster—Tim Kane
- Historian— Gary McIntyre
- Director—Ed Dowling
- Director—Ray Fair
- Director—Larry Blaisdell
- Chaplain—Wayne Semenkov
- Storekeeper—Peggy Leslie
- Newsletter Editor—Ted Merritt
- Director Emeritus—Rick Smith

The 2008 Orlando reunion was a great success!

Special thanks to Sean Marshall, John Hutchinson and everyone who put in hard work and long hours to make it a good time for all!

Many shipmates arrived early and helped set up the two rooms we used, one for the ship's store, the history tables, and room for the great raffle prizes and another for a hospitality room. As the others began to arrive, there was handshakes, lots of laughs, and visiting, visiting, visiting. Some enjoyed the beautiful pool and gardens (not to mention the bar).

Many shipmates trekked to NASA the next day and saw from some distance two space shuttles on the launch pad, the assembly building with the largest painted flag in the country with stars 6 ft. across. We also had lunch with an astronaut and saw many of the different rockets used to put men into space along with a moon rover and other artifacts of the space program.

Next was a trip to either Disney World where every one enjoyed the whole place with Mickey and Minny, Goofy and all the rest. Some of us are getting too old (or think we are) to go on rides, but others believed they could do it , and did.

At the business meeting new officers were elected and old and new business was taken care of. While minutes of this meeting are not available at present, hopefully they will be ready for the next newsletter. Same with photographs from the reunion although some may be seen on the web page.

As usual the banquet on the last night brought additional shipmates that had not been able to attend the rest of the reunion. Various awards were presented to members and the meal was great. A remembrance of POWs and MIAs was very sobering. Fun was had by all.

Early the next morning, small groups of shipmates could be found in several nearby restaurants near the hotel as members began to slip away to the airport. Several small groups were even found at the airport enjoying thoughts of the next reunion in St. Louis MO.

Ships Store Items Available—See page 3

Jouett Website! ussjouett.com

From the Quarterdeck:

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

**Commissioned
3 December 1966**

**De-Commissioned
28 January 1994**

**Sunk
10 August 2007
At
11:16:00N–143:53:00E**

I am extremely honored to be elected the President of the Jouett Association.

When I joined the Navy in October 1965 I never dreamed that I would someday be associated with so many great people. The experience of seeing parts of the world that I had studied in History and World Geography was one that I could have only dreamed about. By joining the Navy some of those dreams came true. After leaving the Navy I kept in touch with some of my fellow shipmates and visited a few of them. The year 2000 changed that. I don't know what possessed me to find the information about the first reunion in Bremerton but I am certainly glad that I did. When my wife and I were going to the hospitality room in Bremerton I told her not to be surprised if we didn't know anyone because the few that we had kept in touch with were not going to be there.

When we walked into the hospitality room Bob Terhune and Rick Smith introduced themselves and it felt like I had returned home after a long deployment. It has only gotten better as time went by.

Through the determination of Ted Merritt, Ed Springer, Bob Terhune and Mrs. Theresa Robb the first reunion was a success. Ken and Nancy Rutter picked up the ball and carried it to Newport. Herman and Mary Touchet, Milt and Marie Vicknar kept it going in Lafayette and then Dick Wright, Jim Masingil and Don Dockery took us to San Diego. What a great time we have had at all of the places that we have been. Orlando was really great and we always have some new faces and some old (not in years – just in attendance) faces that we never get tired of seeing. Sean and Anna Marshal and John and Teri Hutchison did an outstanding job.

Yes, we tell the same stories, laugh at the same jokes and embellish some of the things that happened, but what an organization we have. It seems that someone always steps up to the plate when someone has to step down for one reason or another.

I recently called and talked to Captain Hayes (the 1st Commanding Officer) and he said that the Jouett was a very good ship. I know from the way he talks and his display of memorabilia that he was, and is proud of the Jouett. I truly believe that he set the standard. His leadership and the leadership of his Officer staff gave us a pride that lasted as long as the ship was in commission and still goes on.

Even when she was used as a target and sunk she was a proud ship. The description of the sinking made us proud that she went down holding her head up high and saying "I'll go when I'm ready".

Some of our shipmates have passed on. And it's sad that we won't be able to see them again, or will we. Mike Clark sent a message on the website message board that he was on his final deployment. I talked to Mike shortly before he passed away and his final words to me were "I'll be waiting on the after gun mount". Well Mike, you sure are gathering a great crew. Just look at the Memorial Page and you can see that some of the best that we had are now conning the ship. Fair winds and following seas shipmates. Those of us that are left behind salute you and think of you often with fond memories.

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

“Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy.’”

-John F. Kennedy- on Veterans Day

NEEDED

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 June 1 for the July issue, and December 1 for the January 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:

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

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:

Limited 2008 Florida _____ @ \$ 5.00 = _____
Limited 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 _____

DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IS \$20.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE ON DEC. 3rd FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE DATE IS IN HONOR OF THE JOUETT'S COMMISSIONING DATE.

THEY MAY BE PAID BY PAY PAL ON THE JOUETT WEBSITE, OR BY CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO U.S.S. JOUETT ASSOCIATION, AND RETURNED TO:

**Herman Touchett
616 Rue Novembre
Scott, LA 70583**

HELP KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UP TO DATE

In the July edition of this newsletter we will be including a new hardcopy roster. 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. When you receive your copy please check that ALL of your information is up to date. All corrections should be sent to our Yeoman, Sean Marshall—uss_jouett_cg29@yahoo.com or 9590 SE 170th Lane, Summerfield, FL, 34491.

**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 _____

If you do not need this form to update information or pay dues, how about mailing it to any Jouett shipmate you have kept in touch with that has yet to join our association

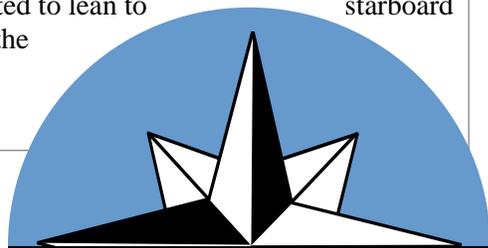
The U.S.S. Jouett
She is gone
0300Z on the 10th Of August 2007
as part of Valiant Shield 2007
11:16:00N 143:53:00E
4100 fathoms of water
24,600 feet of water
4.659 miles deep

Jouett took HARM,HARPOON,MAVERICK and GBU like they were mosquitoes.

A B2 dropped two laser guided 5000 lb JDAMs on her starboard side.

The explosion looked nuclear. Total screen whiteout, shockwave rolling across the water, mushroom cloud. When the smoke started to clear, she was heeled way over to port away from the blast. She hung there on the precipice, considering whether to turn turtle or not.

She didn't, she rolled back to even keel and settled in by the bow. She started to lean to starboard where the water was pouring in from the JDAM hits, When she finally lost the righting moment, she went over fast and sank like a stone.



The 6 th Jouett reunion will be held in St. Louis, MO in 2010.

The presentation at the business meeting made by our hosts to be, Gary and Margie McIntyre, this sound like a wonderful place for our “central U.S.” location two years from now.

Watch the web page and newsletter for information.

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

NEW AND IMPORTANT
 INFORMATION FROM BUSINESS MEETING ON MEMBERSHIP DUES

Paying dues now required for access to portions of web page

One of the items discussed at the business meeting in Orlando was regarding three areas of the web page. The roster, newsletter and multimedia sections will now require a password. Only dues paying members will receive this password. So, another benefit of becoming a dues paying member is the ability to view these areas.

USS JOUETT NEWSLETTER

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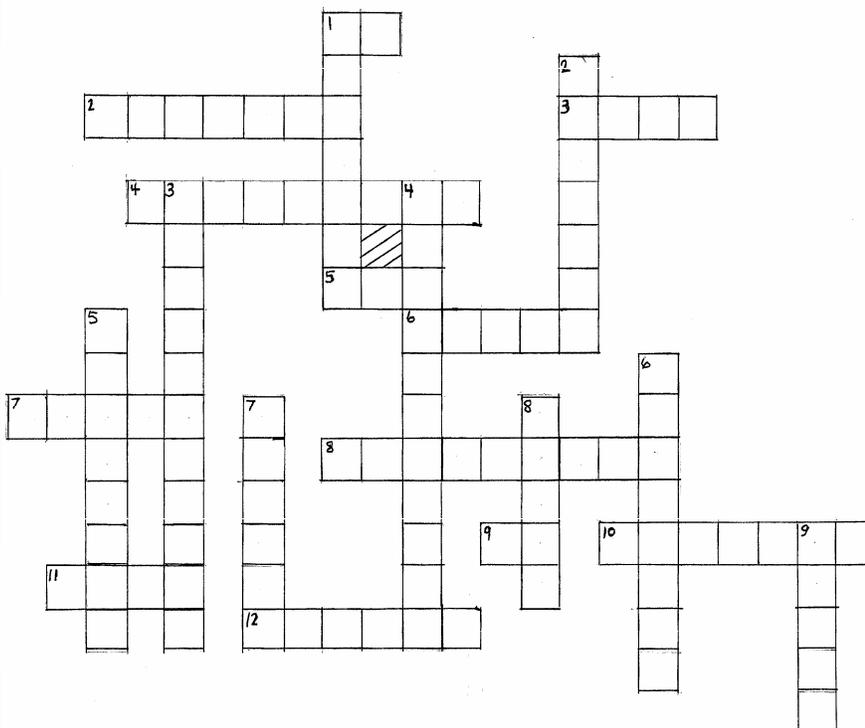
C/o Ted Merritt
210 Rainbow Drive #11054
Livingston, TX 77399



NEWSLETTER RETURNS

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The hard copy newsletter will return on a twice annual basis for dues paying members. This first one will be sent to all members that had paid dues in 2008. Thereafter it will only go to members with up to date dues. Should you prefer getting the newsletter off the internet web page, let Ted Merritt know and he will not mail you one.



ACROSS

- 1 Rating that uses semaphore
- 2 Back deck of a ship
- 3 Where sailors sleep
- 4 Our ship
- 5 A formal greeting to a male
- 6 Used to search for ships and planes
- 7 "Tween the _____ and the deep blue sea"
- 8 Location of DLG commissioning
- 9 Takes care of internal communications
- 10 Navy meal in the middle of the night
- 11 A Nautical measurement of speed
- 12 A "_____ fist"

DOWN

- 1 Location of next reunion
- 2 Jouett's second designation
- 3 Ship's water fountain
- 4 President of our association
- 5 Radio call sign of DLG29
- 6 Home port of DLG 29
- 7 Nautical measurement of water depth
- 8 "Heave out and _____ up"
- 9 "Helmsman, make _____ for X knots"