

## From the Quarterdeck: contd.

The year 1999 found me knocking on a door in St. Petersburg, FL. This was the home of Captain Robert Hayes, my commanding officer. As I walked into the apartment I was treated, by Captain and Mrs. (Betty) Hayes, like a long lost friend. I spent the next 3 hours visiting with them and when I left I knew that I had made more friends. I visited them numerous times when they moved back to Pennsylvania.

### Fast Forward to May 22, 2009.

I, along with Shipmates Rick Smith and Wayne Semenkow, attended a Memorial Service for Captain Hayes. Captain Hayes, Jouett's 1st Commanding Officer, passed away on May 13, 2009. Captain Hayes' family graciously allowed me to speak at the Memorial Service. I was attending not only as the President of the Jouett Association but also as a friend that will miss the sporadic phone calls that I made to talk to Captain Hayes. Captain Hayes was very proud of the Jouett and his family knows that it was a very Special Ship to the Captain.

When the Pastor, who is a former Marine and good friend of Captain Hayes, brought the Memorial service to a close he said "Farewell Bob, may you have Fair Winds and Following Seas". Then he closed with "I can imagine St. Peter sounding the Bos'n pipe and saying JOUETT Arriving".

As I said in the last newsletter, Captain Hayes, along with his Officer Staff, set the standard by which the ship carried herself. Captain Hayes now takes his place along with other shipmates that have passed on. He now stands on the bridge along with Admiral Gravely commanding the ship until the entire crew arrives.

WELL DONE Captain Hayes. Thank You from the entire crew.

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

### **Robert S. Hayes, contd.**

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on July 5, 1922, he was a son of the late Earl R. and Arlene Wise Hayes. Bob received his early education in the public schools of New Kensington. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in August 1941. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy in June 1944. During World War II his first sea service was on the U.S.S. Santa Fe (CL-60) where he served in gunnery and later as a Communications Officer. He participated in the amphibious invasion of Iwo Jima, aircraft carrier air strikes against the Philippines, Okinawa and Tokyo, and finally the occupation of Japan. During the initial carrier strikes on the Japanese homeland, the Santa Fe came to the rescue of the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Franklin, which suffered severe damage from Japanese aircraft. Over eight hundred crew members were taken aboard the Santa Fe. For his heroic service, as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Santa Fe, Bob was awarded the Navy Unit Citation. After the war, Bob returned home to marry his fiancée, Betty Jean Redfern. The couple were married on June 8, 1946 in Tarentum. His Naval career continued for a total of 30 years and he was the Commanding Officer of three ships, the U.S.S. Hemminger (DE-746), U.S.S. Power (DD-839) and the U.S.S. Jouett (DLG-29). The Jouett's initial mission was search and rescue in the Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam. In the first 6 weeks his ship rescued eight aviators downed by enemy fire. For his exemplary leadership he received the Bronze Star. Bob, in addition to his Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy, was a graduate of the Advanced Communications Course of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School; the Command and Staff Course of the U.S. Naval War College, and the Intensive French Language Course of the Defense Language Institute. He earned a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. In addition he served in the Pentagon as a senior analyst on the staff of the Secretary of the Navy. Because of his wide experience in education, in 1969, he was assigned to the National War College where he was a faculty advisor working closely with Georgetown University. In 1974 Bob retired from 30 years of active naval duty with the rank of Captain to become Assistant to the President at the newly established National Defense University, under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1987, Bob suffered a severe stroke which led to his final retirement from the federal government. After recovery, Bob and Betty relocated to Overland Park, Kan., to be close to their daughter. They again moved to be close to family in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they lived for 10 years before moving to Hanover in 2000. In addition to his wife of nearly 63 years, he is survived by two sons, one daughter, one brother and three sisters along with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Homewood at Plum Creek with interment to be held at the United States Naval Academy Columbarium at a later date. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contribution be made to the HOMEWOOD Benevolence Fund, Homewood at Plum Creek, 425 Westminster Ave., Hanover, PA, 17331.

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Captain Robert S. Hayes

Captain Robert S. Hayes, USN, Retired, 86, loving husband of Betty Redfern Hayes, entered into God's care on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Hanover Hospital.

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## OFFICERS

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## From the Quarterdeck:

Forty-Three years ago when I crossed the gangway and requested permission to come aboard I did not realize that I had just made the acquaintance of a great lady that would become a mistress to me. As I crossed the quarterdeck and breathed a portion of my life into the ship I wasn't aware that she was wrapping her arms around me and that she was a jealous mistress that would never let go. Even when her time was up and she went to her watery grave she kept that hold on me.

October 19, 1968 (Thursday afternoon). As the ship made its way past Point Loma inbound for 32<sup>nd</sup> Street the IMC announced "Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class George lay to the bridge". This was to be a momentous occasion. We were headed back in from sea and this was my last day in the Navy. What did I do now to deserve being called to the bridge?

As I reported to the Bridge "Petty Officer George reporting as ordered sir". Captain Hayes turned to me, handed me a picture of the Jouett with his signature and thanked me for my service to my country and especially to the Jouett. He shook my hand gave me a salute and wished me well. Finally the ship tied up to the pier at 32<sup>nd</sup> street. The gangway was lifted into place by the pier crane and the colors were shifted to the fantail. As I approached the quarterdeck and requested permission to leave the ship the Petty Officer of the Watch energized the IMC, sounded the bosun's pipe and passed the word "George, Petty Officer 2nd Class, Plank owner, Departing". The Officer of the Deck saluted me and granted me permission to leave the ship. I thank God that I didn't have to respond. At that time I had a lump in my throat and I couldn't have answered. It was a long walk from the pier to the front gate where my wife was waiting.

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



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Information from Bob Terhune

U.S.S. Kitty Hawk

On Saturday morning, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) held a Tribute Celebration officially titled "Honoring Our Legacy".

Originally intended to be the date of the ship's Decommissioning, that event has been delayed by higher authority. The principal speaker was Admiral Timothy J. Keating, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, who used a wireless microphone and roamed through the audience of 2,000 on the carrier's Hangar Deck while recounting his memories of serving aboard KITTY HAWK with tales of heroism, dedication and valor. He received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his talk.

KITTY HAWK's Commanding Officer, Captain Todd A. Zecchin, recounted the ship's history, saluted the numerous past crewmembers in attendance, including more than a hundred Plank owners from the ship's April 29, 1961 Commissioning and several hundred Vietnam-era veteran crewmembers in the audience. He noted that as the oldest active Navy ship in Commission, KITTY HAWK was proud to display the 13 stripe "Don't Tread On Me" flag, which hung behind the dignitaries on the stage. He finished by reading an e-mail he had received from one of KITTY HAWK's Chief Petty Officers just the day before, in which the Chief recounted why he was so proud to have served in USS KITTY HAWK. The Captain's presentation also received a spontaneous standing ovation from the audience.

It was a beautiful Pacific Northwest January day with sunshine and almost no breeze off Sinclair Inlet. Shirley and I were proud of our country, proud of our Navy and proud to represent USS JOUETT at this inspirational event.

Bob Terhune  
Aka Roger Ramjet  
Strike Follower for USS KITTY HAWK in Tonkin Gulf Operations off Vietnam, 1968

### *FROM THE QUARTERDECK SPECIAL EDITION*

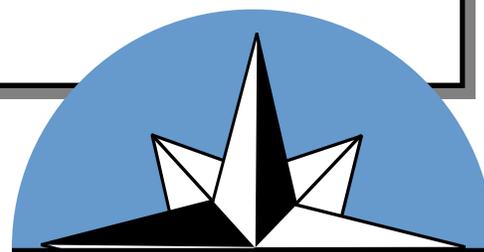
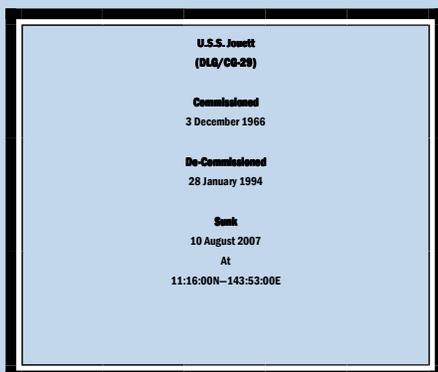
Recently I e-mailed a shipmate, Bob Erck, that I have never met and asked him to visit a **WW 2 veteran, Perry Monroe**, from the DD 396. Perry had been hospitalized and was recuperating at home. Neither one had ever met before. Bob never hesitated, he stepped up and made the visitation. We found out that they lived fairly close by.

Herman Touchet, Association Treasurer, made a clock and also had a hat made, **USS Jouett DD 396**, that he sent to Bob and Bob presented these gifts to Perry. What a great group of shipmates that we have that will take time from their busy lives to visit another shipmate, from another era, that they had never met.

Thanks Bob. Well Done.

Webmaster Tim Kane will be posting photos that Bob took of the visit. You will be able to see them in the photo section of the website.

Terry E. George, Plank owner,  
DLG-29  
President USS Jouett  
DLG/CG 259 Association



### 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

**HELP KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UP TO DATE**

**This edition of this newsletter includes 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**

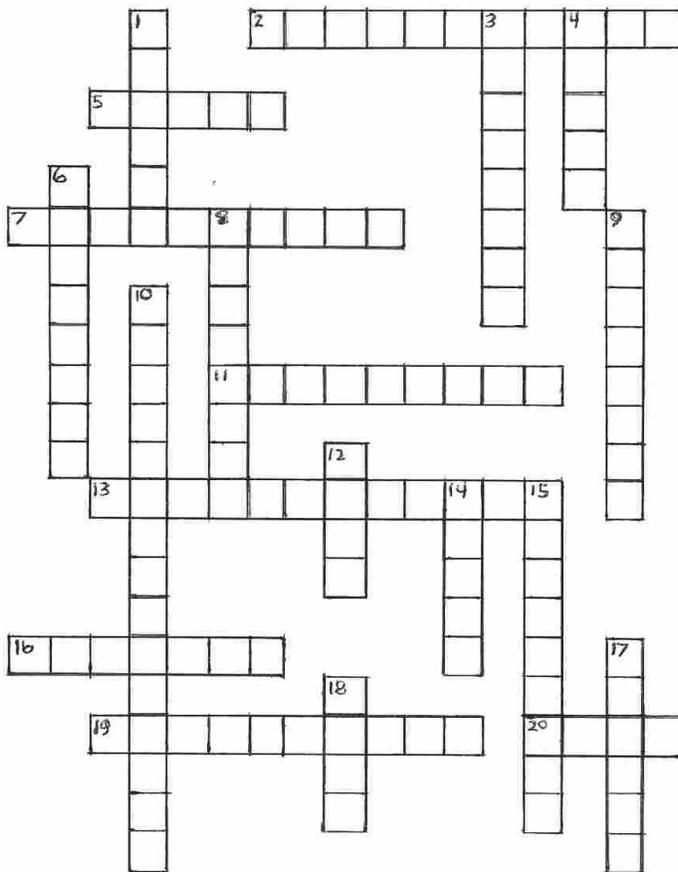
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## ACROSS

- 2 Where weapons are stored, prior to being put "on the rail"
- 5 Comes aboard to aid in transiting in or out of port
- 7 Forward part of the ship
- 11 Right side (green light) of ship
- 13 Port and starboard tubes that house and fire anti-submarine weapons
- 16 After part of ship
- 19 Hallway inside the ship
- 20 Discipline Hearing, "Captain's \_\_\_\_"

## DOWN

- 1 Place where OOD has the Conn, while underway
- 3 San Diego
- 4 Bringing supplies or fuel aboard, at sea
- 6 Sometimes called a "Ping Jockey"
- 7 Station where mail, movies personnel is transferred, at sea
- 8 Sometimes called a "Scope Dope"
- 10 First Commanding Officer of Jouett
- 12 Left side (red light) of ship
- 13 Personnel in charge of topside spaces
- 14 Sometimes called a "Skivvy Waver"
- 16 Lowest ranking commissioned officer
- 18 Steering wheel of a ship