



Now Hear This!

What The Heck Is This?



There are four of these things on the ship. Two each port and starboard on the O-1 and O-3 levels. They had us stumped for a while. But then there's no shortage of things that keep us stumped on Tj.

Our fearless Lead Volunteer, John Kieft, likes to prowl around the ship looking for stuff that he can stump us with. Usually, we figure it out pretty quickly, but this one took awhile.

During last months Bremerton Symphony fundraiser and concert onboard, a bunch of us - volunteers as well as shipmates - were standing around the quarterdeck looking up at one of these things. We all agreed that it was an antenna of some sort, but other than that, we were stumped.

One school of thought was that it was some sort of electronic warfare or radio direction finder antenna. The other school said it was some sort of satellite communications antenna. Greg Baer, our Chief Technology Volunteer, dug around on the Internet and figured it out. It's an AS-2815/SSR-1 satellite communications antenna. We're not sure how he did it, but he came up with a tech manual drawing on the World Wide Web.

Mystery solved. Nice work, Greg.

The USS Turner Joy (DD 951) is a museum ship that pays tribute to the men and women who served, fought, and died during the Vietnam War and beyond. The Officers and Enlisted personnel, who served this ship from 1959 to 1982, left a legacy of honorable service, which is our humble duty to uphold. The ship is a



memorial that preserves the US Navy and maritime heritage in the Pacific Northwest as a place for education, reflection, and fun. A place for local area residents and tourists to enjoy the beautiful downtown Bremerton waterfront.

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Newsletter editor/writer/photographer and general dogsbody (look that up in your Funk and Wagnalls)

Short hours, shorter pay (in fact, no pay).

About two and a half years ago, the volunteers got together and agreed that we needed a newsletter. We all looked around to see if some fool would step up. There were a lot of eyes focused on the tiles on the mess decks.

Finally, after a long, pregnant pause, yours truly piped up and uttered those unforgettable, irretrievable words, "Oh what the hell, I'll do it."

But after two and a half years, it's time for new ideas and a fresh approach. So BHSA is looking for a new newsletter editor.

Qualifications include the ability to spell (or have a good spell checker) and put together a simple declarative sentence. Anyone interested should email Frank at director@USSTurnerJoy.org.

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WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....?

Service life leads to strong bonds and friendships. But we all know that they can be short lived. Friends get transferred or discharged, leave the ship and, in spite of our best intentions, we lose track of each other. It happens to all of us and inevitably, we wonder, “whatever happened to good ole....?”

No doubt, from time to time, Doug Church found himself wondering about his first division officer, ENS Chuck Hall. Unlike most of us, he had a chance to find out when he hosted Chuck and his wife Gina onboard last month for about 4 hours touring the ship and going down memory lane. It was Chuck’s first time aboard in 43 years.



Doug and Chuck in the old stomping grounds. At right is ENS Hall's cruise book photo. Check out that 'stasb! Are they the same guy? Really?

torpedo boat and XO of an ATF) before leaving the Navy in 1978 to take a commission in the US Foreign Service.

I served at the US Embassy in Nairobi, was US Consul in Brazil, staff officer to Secretary of State George Shultz, and country officer for Angola in Washington before leaving the State Department in 1985 to get an MBA.

I worked for JP Morgan & Co in New York, São Paulo and London for 9 years. Gina and I then founded a food manufacturing company in England, which we ran for 11 years. I then ran a small non-profit with operations in sub-Saharan Africa for 5 years, before accepting an appointment from President Obama to be chief operating officer at the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Just before the transition last January, he appointed me acting chairman and president of EXIM Bank, which is where I am now – 8 months into the Trump Administration. I will be displaced if the Senate confirms a new chairman. We'll see if and when that happens!”

Chuck reminisced about his time onboard and brought Doug up to date on his life after the Navy. “No question that all of us aboard TJ on those Westpac deployments grew a lot from the experience. Among other things, combat is a well-known formative experience! I will always carry those memories with me. Thanks to how it turned out for us, they are all positive ones.

As for me, I had two more tours in the USN (exchange officer in a Swedish





CRUISE BOOK ART

What they're saying about us.

We get a lot of comments from our visitors, both online and in the visitor book in the gift shop. Here are a few of the latest reviews from Tripadvisor:

"I have so much fun going to ship museums. This one is a must. You get to explore everywhere. My daughter enjoyed the self tour too. Hard to entertain a teenager. I really enjoyed my time exploring the ship. If you are in to military history, this is a must."

"I took a class of students here for a field trip and they absolutely loved it. I would highly recommend checking this place out, especially if you have kids. They have a blast here!"

"This museum is full of recent history. Make sure you take the time to see the small room and exhibit dedicated to prisoners of war. The Turner Joy will give you pause and fill you with the understanding of the awesome bravery, hard work and dedication this ship and its crew have given to all of us."

Thanks



ENS Hall apparently made an impression on the crew as well as Doug Church. Not everybody is honored with a cartoon appearance in the cruise book. Artwork by QM2 "Crazy" Ginsberg.

STEM CAFE REDUX

For the last two years Turner Joy has hosted STEM Cafes onboard. Teachers come aboard to get tips and tricks for teaching STEM in their schools. Next month we will host our third STEM Cafe onboard.

STEM programs help students develop the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, evaluate what they find and make sense of that information. Things that will send us to Mars or find the cure for cancer.

Turner Joy is proud to host the STEM Cafe for local educators. We divide the teachers into a couple of groups, so while some of

them learn how to make rocks and potatoes float or pilot remotely operated vehicles, the rest get a look at the practical application of those scientific principles with a tour of engineering and other spaces onboard.





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