Now Hear This!

Busy Times!

June and July, this year, saw enormous activity for the USS Turner Joy. Over these two months, we recorded 7,563 visitors. During the same period, we supported two off-site STEM events, three on board STEM classes, two scheduled tours, three overnight live-aboard stays, two reenlistments, two after-hours party events, one memorial service, and Channel Q13 FOX News filming. Quite the schedule! Great job to all of the TJ staff and volunteers.

From the Gift Shop Guest Book for June and July – Many, many visitor comments from virtually everywhere in the U.S. and Canada, Israel, Qatar, United Kingdom, and Japan were recorded. They were only positive! Several former USS Turner Joy crew members returned to visit the ship with their families. Also, there were many visitors from other ships that deployed with and served alongside USS Turner Joy.

One visitor wrote, “I’ve been visiting since I was 13 and now I can share the ship with my kids. Thanks!”

More Painting

The Turner Joy Maintenance Crew is really “turning to” on the preservation and painting project. Even with all of the other things that require maintenance, they have knocked out much of the preservation and painting that has been needed. The Maintenance Manager, Daniel Zerbe, said that the crew has been leveraging the good weather to get it done. Incredible work!

The final results of the Kitsap Great Give from April 24th, 2018 are in! After credit card fees and other expenses, Bremerton Historic Ships Association netted a very respectable, $9,624.69 in donations. The campaign was a great success for the USS Turner Joy.

A huge shout-out and heartfelt THANKS to all who contributed!

Thank you!

Shipmate
Michael Holland, Wife Gemmi and family

Friend
Joseph Cammon

For your generous contributions to the historic ship preservation project

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 aboard 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 U.S. 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.
New Dock

Back on Memorial Day, our dock was hit and damaged by an unfortunate private boat accident; however, the boat owner provided us with a replacement dock. The dock was floated into place with the help of the TJ maintenance crew. It looks great so, all is good now!

Q13 FOX News Visit

I hope you’ve heard! USS Turner Joy was recently visited by Q13 FOX news on May 29th and June 12th. Three commercials and other footage was shot by Q13 FOX aboard TJ that will begin to air during their 0530 to 1000 news shows. When Q13 FOX came aboard for their "tour" and filming, Gunnery Sergeant Hector Esparza (Primary), John Hanson, Charlie Birdsell, John Kieft, Brian Byers, Doug Church and Eric Nelson made themselves available to answer questions from the news crew.

Please check out the following links to preview some of the videos: https://www.facebook.com/Q13FOX/videos/10157622653969478/?t=44
https://www.facebook.com/Q13FOX/videos/10157798460079199/?t=11

Otherwise, keep your eye on Q13 FOX News in the mornings for Turner Joy footage.
The 2nd Annual Bremerton Bridge Blast℠ Event and Fireworks Show Spectacular took over Bremerton on June 30th, 2018.

The Bremerton waterfront and boardwalk, Evergreen Park and Manette came to life with street fairs, food and merchandise vendors, live music, and families from all over the area that came to enjoy the festivities. It was a beautiful day and the crowds were treated to air shows in the afternoon and a truly spectacular fireworks display at the end of the night.

Bridge Blast participants vied for the best places to view the air show and fireworks taking up positions all over the area. As it turned out, there was no better place to see the show than from the decks of our USS Turner Joy. She was all dressed up with bunting, including the new “scallops”.

About 150 event organizers, donors, designated VIPs and USS Turner Joy personnel were treated to a catered dinner, drinks and the perfect venue for viewing all of the shows. “Hurray!” to Boomtown Productions and all of their sponsors for such a GREAT show! All of the ship’s guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the event was considered to be a great success.

Our special thanks to Debbie Gilman Photography (www.debbiegilmanphotography.com) for capturing and allowing us to use some of her wonderful photos of the event.
Oh, my! Fun, fun, fun (and definitely some learning) was had by all at this year’s Camp Create Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs. The USS Turner Joy STEM team supported two sessions at the Poulsbo and Port Orchard Libraries. Over the two days, volunteers included John and Cassie Hanson, Charlie Birdsell, Valerie Zuver, Eric Nelson, Pat Ruppert, Greg Baer, Dr. Jill Claridge, Louis and Jeanne Fatrusso, Kristyn Ali, and Alan Hunter.

Some of the Turner Joy projects for the camp included the Sandbox (Augmented Reality), Balance Birds, Pop Pop Boats, Ozobots (donated by Naval Academy STEM program), and Nitinol wire. Approximately 80 students learned about hydraulic and vacuum chamber principles, liquid density, robotics, shoreline behavior with water rendering and elevation lines, steam-generated propulsion and engineering design.

Camp Create is a week-long summer camp sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Library along with partnership from USS Turner Joy, U.S. Naval Undersea Museum, Puget Sound Navy Museum, PSNS & IMF on the Waterfront, NUWC Keyport, and Western Washington University’s SEA Discovery Center. Students in Grades 5 through 8, participated in games, competitions, engineering challenges, learning tools, guest presenters, and collaborative efforts. They were challenged to build 21st Century skills including, teamwork, creativity, intellectual openness, communication, and problem solving through all of the events.

Just sayin’ - the Kitsap Regional Library staff was Great to work with!
We have some prominent visitors coming to the area later this year in the form of the Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA). The HNSA Annual Conference is scheduled for Bremerton and the Kitsap Peninsula during September 25th - 28th, 2018. This year, the conference will be hosted by the USS Turner Joy (DD-951) and supported by the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum and Puget Sound Naval Museum. The conference provides a venue for lectures, discussions and networking by HNSA members and others dedicated to the success of ship museums and memorials around the world. The event begins on Tuesday with registration at the Kitsap Conference Center and a welcome reception at the Puget Sound Naval Museum. Various lectures and activities will be held throughout the week, including a cruise to and dinner at Kiana Lodge, culminating with a final reception and Banquet Dinner on Friday evening at the Kitsap Conference Center.

HNSA is non-profit, international organization representing 13 countries, consisting of member naval museums and memorials around the world as well as individuals, businesses and organizations that promote the HNSA mission. The Association’s stated objectives are:

• To educate the public on the rich naval maritime heritage of the member ships; the roles the ships have played in their countries’ histories; and the importance of preserving historic naval ships for future generations.
• To foster the exchange of information and experiences among the member ship staffs to enable them to develop and conduct educational programs to spread knowledge of their histories to the public.
• To provide information, assistance and support to the member ship staffs to enable them to manage and operate their facilities in the most efficient manner possible.

You can read more about HNSA on their website at http://www.hnsa.org/.

Bremerton Historic Ships Association Board Member and Volunteer, Jennifer Zuver, is coordinating the event for USS Turner Joy. You can get additional information about the event, including the entire agenda, and register for participation at https://www.hnsa2018.com/.

I’m sure that we can expect some local-area and/or shipboard activities that will need volunteer support. Information and requests for support will be communicated as soon as they are available.
Naval Gun Fire Support

Turner Joy Volunteers were treated to a presentation on Naval Gun Fire Support (NGFS) as part of continuing education for the volunteer program; Bill Moore presented. Some of the highlights from the presentation are included below.

- Turner Joy has three 5-inch/54-caliber MK 42, MOD 10 guns; two aft and one forward. The ship’s guns provided NGFS (along with other missions).

- NGFS is known as shore bombardment and provides artillery support for amphibious assault operations or friendly troops operating within the ship’s range.

- NGFS has been around since at least the 14th century when Edward III of England fired with shipboard cannons on the port of Calais.

- Vice Admiral Turner Joy planned the bombardment and amphibious assault on Inchon and is credited with bringing the North Koreans to the bargaining table.

- NGFS is classified into two types – Direct Support and Indirect Support.

- Direct Support, where you can see the target, is fairly straightforward. Aim, Fire, Correct, Fire!

- Indirect fire is much more complicated since the ship can’t see the target and is taking directions from an observer. The fire control solution now includes a correction for the estimated location (triangulation) and; therefore, vantage point of the observer makes the solution much more complex.

- Direct or indirect, throw in some terrain complications where corrections have to be made with rounds fired with reduced (half) or full charges (read – lob or straight shot; maybe a little more complicated than that but you get the idea). Wind, weather, and target-type complicate it even further!

These are highlights only; there was so much more than this! Very interesting stuff (to me anyway) as I was a Submarine Ballistic Missile Fire Control Technician rather than a “Surface Guns” guy. I hope you find it interesting and educational. One more thing—In the discussion, it sure sounded like there was some playful friction between the Officers and the Operations Specialists. Whose smarter? Hmm?

Help Needed!
Volunteer Bill Moore is working on a project for the Turner Joy Curatorial Committee and could use your help.

He is redoing the display area in the Commanding Officer’s Cabin to include photos of all of the former Commanding Officers. He has most of the photos he needs but is missing the following:

#2 – CDR C. W. Coe, 6/30/1961-7/17/1963
#6 – CDR R. M. Sudduth, 10/29/68-6/10/70
#7 – CDR R. H. Jones, 6/10/1970-12/13/1971

Bill would prefer BUPERS style photos, but any portrait of them in dress uniform will probably do. He also plans on putting the word out at the upcoming TJ reunion. If you have any photos or information on how Bill can obtain them, please contact Bill at blackshoe@wavecable.com.

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