



Now Hear This!

Happy 59th Anniversary!

On Friday, August 3rd, 2018, the USS Turner Joy celebrated the 59th anniversary of her commissioning. She was commissioned at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington on this day in 1959. For the anniversary, she was outfitted with a brand-new National Ensign and First Navy Jack. Looking good!



The visitors, volunteers and crew were treated to cake and cookies for the celebration. By all accounts,

everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Editorial Note: I've heard some questions about why TJ is flying the First Navy Jack versus the Union Jack of the United States. Over the years, there have been various requirements for flying each. For a significant period of time, the ship with the longest period of active service was authorized to display the First Navy Jack until decommissioned or inactive then, the Jack would be transferred to the next ship in line. However, on May 31st, 2002, the Secretary of the Navy, directed all warships and auxiliaries of the U.S. Navy to fly the First Navy Jack as a "temporary substitution" for the Union Jack of the United States "during the Global War on Terrorism". OPNAV Instruction 10520.1A is the current directive. TJ proudly displays the First Navy Jack!

THANK YOU!

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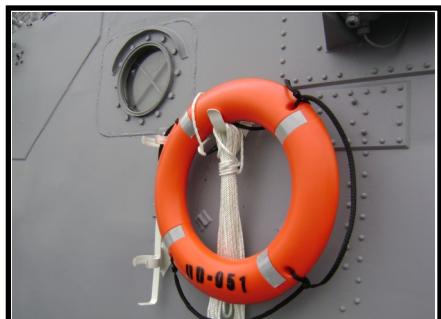
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3,726 guests visited the Turner Joy during August (that doesn't even count the crew and families during the Turner Joy Reunion). WOW!!!



*Did you notice that we have some new Life Rings?
Very Nice!*



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.



Welcome Back, GreenDrinks

For the second year in a row, on August 7th, 2018, Bremerton Historic Ships Association had the pleasure of sponsoring Bremerton GreenDrinks and hosting the event aboard the Turner Joy. Other sponsors included Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA), West Sound Workforce, and Columbia Distributors.



The GreenDrinks event, put on by the Downtown Bremerton Association, is held monthly on almost every second Thursday to provide an informal networking event for people passionate about sustainability. Sustainability of our environment and also of our local economy.



The group of approximately 200 (*some say a record*) business professionals, community leaders, activists, artists, and others interested in making Bremerton a great place to live, was greeted with refreshments and , heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Bremerton's Ambrosia Catering Company. Live entertainment provided by Hippy and the Squids.

The weather was wonderful and the event was considered a huge success.



USS Turner Joy Reunion

The USS Turner Joy Reunion occurred in downtown Bremerton, Washington from August 23rd through the 25th. Over 85 former Turner Joy crew members and many of their family members converged on Bremerton hotels, the Kitsap Conference Center, local establishments and the ship to fellowship with each other, renew friendships, and tell more than a few sea stories. Some of the shipmates had not returned to the ship since they last served some 60 years before. It was incredibly interesting to listen to the stories and watch the shipmates introduce their families and reunite with each other.



Many of the former crew members and their families arrived on Thursday, August 23rd to get settled in and meet each other for the reunion.

On Friday, the crew members came aboard the ship to look around, touch and relive some of their memories. Later in the evening, the shipmates and their families enjoyed refreshments (including a kegged beverage driven-in especially for the occasion from Utah), music by a Bremerton Symphony Quartet, and a fine salmon dinner catered by the Kitsap Conference Center.

A Memorial Service, honoring all of the former crew members who had “rested their oars”, was conducted on Saturday morning. It was a beautiful tribute
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to those who were gone but not forgotten. Several deceased crew members were represented by their families. Speeches were made, names were read, a wreath was thrown from the fantail, a 21-gun salute was fired and "Taps" was played by a bugler. This was a wonderful tribute. Tears were shed but; as is normal, the Pacific Northwest weather didn't cooperate completely so it was difficult to know if the tears were real or rain. *I can attest that mine were real!* Following the Memorial Service, shipmate photos were taken and lunch was served at the Kitsap Conference Center.

The culminating event was the banquet dinner at the Kitsap Conference Center Ballroom. Admiral Bruce Clingan, USN (Retired), provided a heartfelt, keynote address to the shipmates, families and guests. Key to his message was, "Continue to tell your stories!". *I don't think that will be a problem with this group.*



During the evening, crewmember and artist Dale Byhre presented the ship with a special commissioned oil painting depicting the TJ's documented last shot of the Vietnam war. Additionally, a beautiful watercolor rendition of the Turner Joy moored inport during the war was also presented on behalf of deceased shipmate, James E. "Jim" Toups, CAPT, USNR, (Ret.) who served as a junior officer aboard the Turner Joy

before heading off to his career as an attorney. Both of the paintings will be prominently displayed in the ship.

Thank You, donors!



Many of the crewmembers and their families headed out on Sunday. Safe Travels!

We want to especially recognize and give a huge shout out to the Kitsap Conference Center for all of their help (some of it under emergency conditions) to make the weekend a complete success. They are a great partner!



Welcome Aboard Navy Chief Selectees

Congratulations and welcome to the newly selected Chief Petty Officers (CPOs) from commands all over Western Washington. They walk on the brow of the Turner Joy with their white Cracker Jack uniforms and years of preparation and leave with the basic knowledge, skills and confidence for their future leadership role, that of a Navy Chief. They are more recognizable to some of us in their camo fatigues wearing yellow T-shirts performing maintenance aboard the ship and marching and running through and around the waterfront and downtown Bremerton (the ones with



blue T-shirts are already Chiefs and the instructors).

This happens once every year after the CPO Selection Board by the Bureau of Naval Personnel releases their results in August. The training and workup of the new Chiefs culminates in the “pinning” of their anchors on or about September 16th. The CPO Legacy Academy develops leadership knowledge and skills, teamwork, discipline and humility, all attributes that are essential to being an effective Chief Petty Officer. The Academy is intended to promote a smooth transition from technical expert to organizational leader. The training is engineered by Chiefs for Chiefs. The USS Turner Joy serves as the perfect venue for the CPO Legacy Academy. The Chief selectees live and train aboard the ship during the instructional period to complete their training.



According to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, "When I was promoted and went through the initiation process I was humbled, but I wasn't taught how to be 'the chief'. The training we're providing these Sailors is crucial to their success as a Chief".

"The focus of this training is to prepare our new chiefs for the long road ahead," said Navy Career Counselor Chief Mary Harrison. "This is only the beginning. The tough part is still to come."

Editorial Note: As a former Senior Chief and Chief Warrant Officer who went through the “traditional” (back-in-the-day) initiation process, I have always had mixed feelings about the newer “Legacy Academy” format. Although I have never found issue with my old-school initiation, let me say, I am very proud that the Navy overcame any controversy associated with the initiation and moved into the process that we employ nowadays. Under the new format, I have found that Navy Chiefs are no less prepared (maybe more) and are just as capable as during my time. I’m extremely proud of my time, then and now, and to be called a “Chief” but, I am very proud of the new Chiefs and their accomplishments and wish them the very best in their futures.



The CPO Creed

The Navy Chief Petty Officer Creed is read aloud at every CPO pinning. Sometimes plaques with the words are presented but, most importantly, the words are internalized by the new Chiefs. Becoming "The Chief" is a big deal! Every aspect of the Navy Chief is sewn into the fabric of the Navy; and has been since 1893; they provide the senior enlisted leadership that is critical to the well-functioning of a Naval unit.

United States Navy Chief Petty Officer Creed

During the course of this day, you have been caused to humbly accept challenge and face adversity. This you have accomplished with rare good grace. Pointless as some of these challenges may have seemed, there were valid, time-honored reasons behind each pointed barb. It was necessary to meet these hurdles with blind faith in the fellowship of Chief Petty Officers. The goal was to instill in you that trust is inherent with the donning of the uniform of a Chief. It was our intent to impress upon you that challenge is good; a great and necessary reality which cannot mar you — which, in fact, strengthens you. In your future as a Chief Petty Officer, you will be forced to endure adversity far beyond that imposed upon you today. You must face each challenge and adversity with the same dignity and good grace you demonstrated today.

By experience, by performance, and by testing, you have been this day advanced to Chief Petty Officer. In the United States Navy — and only in the United States Navy — the rank of E7 carries with it unique responsibilities and privileges you are now bound to observe and expected to fulfill. Your entire way of life is now changed. More will be expected of you; more will be demanded of you. Not because you are an E7 but because you are now a Chief Petty Officer. You have not merely been promoted one paygrade, you have joined an exclusive fellowship and, as in all fellowships, you have a special responsibility to your comrades, even as they have a special responsibility to you. This is why we in the United States Navy may maintain with pride our feelings of accomplishment once we have attained the position of Chief Petty Officer.

Your new responsibilities and privileges do not appear in print. They have no official standing; they cannot be referred to by name, number, nor file. They have existed for over 100 years, Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility beyond the call of printed assignment. Their actions and their performance demanded the respect of their seniors as well as their juniors. It is now required that you be the fountain of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, the authority in personal relations as well as in technical applications. "Ask the Chief" is a household phrase in and out of the Navy. You are now the Chief.

The exalted position you have now achieved — and the word exalted is used advisedly — exists because of the attitude and performance of the Chiefs before you. It shall exist only as long as you and your fellow Chiefs maintain these standards.

It was our intention that you never forget this day. It was our intention to test you, to try you, and to accept you. Your performance has assured us that you will wear "the hat" with the same pride as your comrades in arms before you.

We take a deep and sincere pleasure in clasping your hand, and accepting you as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy.



Some Extra Stuff!

Still Need Some Help!

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
- #13 – CDR G. C. Flynn, 10/8/1977-5/26/1979.

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.

Bill hasn't received what he needs yet. Please—Anything that you can do to help out with photos of these COs would be gratefully appreciated! Thanks.



I Love this photo taken from our patio but don't exactly know how to caption it.

Coming Soon!

Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA) Conference

September 25th—28th

HNSA is a global institution consisting of fleet members representing twelve nations with 124 organizations and 188 vessels of all types.

HNSA actively works to preserve our Naval heritage internationally.

New versus Old!

Wooden Ships and Iron Men versus Iron Ships and a 5-inch, 54 Caliber gun!

Ramming Speed!

Go Ahead, Make my Day!

A Stitch in Time!

Fair Winds and Following Seas. I believe you Sir!

There are probably many more but, there you go for now! Hmmmm!



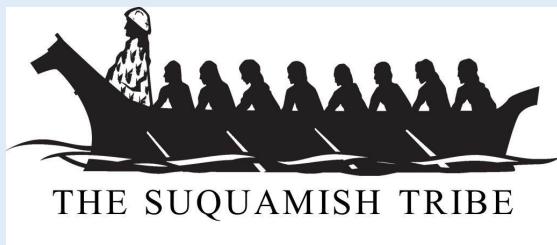
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