



Now Hear This!

Chippin' & Paintin'

Most years Turner Joy is the recipient of a generous grant from The National Association of Destroyer Veterans (<http://www.destroyers.org>), better known as the Tin Can Sailors. An important part of the mission of Tin Can Sailors is supporting the historic fleet.

Since 1992, Tin Can Sailors has provided over \$2M in grants to U.S. destroyer museum ships.

The grants are used for maintaining and preserving the ships. For the past several years, BHSA has used the grants to resurface the non-skid on the main deck. But that project is finished, so this year our Maintenance Manager, Daniel Zerbe decided to get going on the superstructure. It was kind of neglected while the deck work was going on.



The Tin Can Sailors added a new twist this year. They required that all work be done by contractors who could provide an invoice for their records. I guess not all the museum ships were as diligent at reporting what they were doing with the grants as BHSA was. So instead of being able to do it ourselves - or, as in years past, getting it done during the

CPO Legacy Academy - we had to hire a contractor. Happily, the results were just as good and the port side, which was started around the first of August, is now complete. Starboard side down, port side up next.

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.

THANK YOU!

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A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Last September, in recognition of POW/MIA Recognition Day, we heard a mesmerizing talk by Colonel William Reeder, Jr., USA, Ret. about his capture and survival as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

He will be onboard this year on Veterans Day, November 11th at 1:30pm to once again recount his incredible experiences in Vietnam.

Colonel Reeder's 30-year career included two combat tours in Vietnam flying armed OV-1 Mohawk reconnaissance airplanes and AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters.

On May 9, 1972, he was leading a team of AH-1 Cobras supporting two Vietnamese ranger battalions and their American advisors. He was shot down and his co-pilot/gunner was killed. Although Colonel Reeder was severely wounded, he evaded capture for three days, but was ultimately taken prisoner and spent nearly a year as a prisoner of war. He was the last U.S. Army soldier captured in South Vietnam during the War.

If you haven't heard him speak, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. In an age when less than one percent of Americans serve in the military, his frank, first hand account of war will impress and astonish.

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**Saturday,
November 11th
1:30 - 3:30 pm**

**ABOARD
USS TURNER JOY DD-951**

**The US Naval Institute
and the USS Turner Joy
are honored to have
POW and former
U.S. Army Colonel,
William Reeder Jr.
aboard the
USS Turner Joy**

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of the last U.S. Army
soldier taken prisoner
during the Vietnam War.**

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horror of combat,
the fear and anxiety
of captivity,
and stories of
friendships forged
...and friends lost.**



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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



NAVY, we all know in “The World According To Doug Church” it means -Never Again Volunteer Yourself. But, here’s a volunteer opportunity we don’t think you’ll mind since all it involves is telling a sea story or two.

The Hampton Roads Naval Museum - check them out at <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/museums/hrnm.html> - is looking for Navy Vietnam veterans who served in USS Turner Joy during the Gulf of Tonkin incident. The museum is creating a Navy in Vietnam exhibit, told through the experiences of those veterans who served and is recording oral histories as part of this exhibit.

They are especially looking for veterans who live in the Norfolk, Virginia, area, since this is a locally-based exhibit; however, they are interested in speaking with anyone who served aboard the ship during that time. If you're interested in participating, please contact Laura Orr, Director of Education at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, at laura.l.orr@navy.mil or phone her at 757-322-3108.



The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, introduces visitors to over 242 years of U.S. Naval history in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

One of ten officially operated U.S. Navy museums reporting to the Naval History and Heritage Command (<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhnc.html>), the museum houses a rich collection of authentic uniforms, weaponry, underwater artifacts, detailed ship models and artwork.

The museum assists the City of Norfolk and Nauticus with docent training and management of the small artifact collection concerning the battleship USS Wisconsin. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum is located on the second level of Nauticus in beautiful downtown Norfolk, Virginia and, most importantly, is right across the street from some of the best restaurants in Norfolk.



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:

"The USS Turner Joy Museum is not to be missed if you are in the local area and appreciate naval history."

"As visitors from England we found this visit absolutely fascinating. You could go almost everywhere from the engine room deep in the ship to the crews' cramped quarters and captain's spacious cabin. Our grandchildren loved exploring and it was great not to have to say "don't touch"."

"Great museum ship for a self guided tour. The USS Turner Joy was one of the first Destroyer ships that took part in the Vietnam War. They are doing a great job restoring this ship. Great place for anyone interested in military history."

Thanks



Here's some more cruise book art, this time from the 1982 cruise book. The artist wasn't identified in the cruise book, so it anybody knows who culprit is, contact us at: Director@USSTurnerJoy.org

STEM CAFE



Local teachers enjoy Panera catering on the mess decks while John Hanson introduces new Naval Academy STEM experiments.

Last month we hosted our third annual STEM Cafe onboard Turner Joy. 59 local educators and health care professionals attended the October 2nd event. John Hanson introduced our newest Naval Academy STEM curricula and all participants got hands on training and a tour of the ship. Kareen Borders of South Kitsap STEM program organized the event along with Corinne Beach from the PSNS STEM program.



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