



Now Hear This!

Thank You Chief Petty Officers!

Every year, Chief Petty Officer selectees and their mentors come aboard for leadership training, community projects and team building. They fund many of their activities with community fundraisers.

For the fourth year in a row, the newly promoted Reserve Chief Petty Officers have chosen to donate the excess funds generated to pay for the Legacy Academy to the USS Turner Joy in recognition of their close relationship with the ship and its historical significance.



CMDM(SW/AW) Chuck Morrow, at right, presents a check for over \$2,500 to BNSA President John Hanson. Looking on are EMCS(SW/AW) Katee Rainbow, YNC(SW/AW) Wade Benson, ISC(EXW/IW) Lindsey Symons and LSC (SW/AW) Brent Beasley. There was a name for the smirk on John's face back in the day, but this is a family publication, so let's just leave it at smirk.

THANK YOU!

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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 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.



HISTORIC SHIP PRESERVATION PROJECT

Of course everybody knows that Turner Joy completed the Historic Ship Preservation Project last February when it left drydock in Lake Union, right? Well, not really.

On Monday, January 22nd, Lake Union Drydock Company hosted a meeting with BHSA maintenance folks to talk about lessons learned during the drydocking and to start preparing for the next one in 15 years. Yep, we're already getting ready for 2032.

In the last newsletter, we talked about the financial steps that the BHSA board has taken to make the next drydocking happen. This meeting looked at the things that went wrong in February and started the planning for 2032.

LUDC proposed that the sonar dome be removed and the opening welded shut. Although it isn't apparent in the photos of the propellers, the drydocking showed that a couple of feet of the propellers are actually in the mud at low tide, so we're planning to remove them. The plan is to save one for display

(probably somewhere on the pier) and the other to make souvenirs for sale in the gift shop.

That means we'll have to remove the portion of the shafts that are outside the skin of the ship and weld shut the openings. The boats will come off and be refurbished, but making them operational will probably be cost prohibitive.

We'll paint the superstructure and make repairs to the mooring system, coordinating with the Port of Bremerton, which is responsible for it.

One of the problems that was encountered in February was getting the ship back into position when it came back from Lake Union, so next time we'll triangulate the ship before moving her so we can get

her back in the proper position.

Well, getting into the weeds here. The point is that we've identified all - well, hopefully most - of the problems of getting a museum ship into drydock and are starting now to make sure the next one goes smoothly.



Hobie Stebbins, President of Lake Union Drydock Company (left) and LUDC staff discuss lessons learned during USS Turner Joy's recent drydocking with BHSA President, John Hanson, Vice President Walt Shuford, Maintenance Manager Daniel Zerbe and board member Jerry McDonald. Thanks to Lead Volunteer John Kieft for the photo.



MORE 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:

"History You Can Walk Through! Great exhibit of a Vietnam era Navy destroyer. Walk through the engine room and boiler spaces. See how the crew lived. Get a feel of Navy life on a 'small boy'. Great value to see a piece of history."

"We took our 7 & 9 year old grandkids, along with our son and daughter-in-law. All enjoyed the self-guided tour. Any kid will enjoy getting hands on all the hundreds of dials, cranks, etc. There were also some great old salt docents aboard to answer questions. You have virtually total access to all parts of the ship, including the big deck guns. Baby Boomers will appreciate some of the history of the Viet Nam conflict explained in parts of the ship and the explanation of the part this ship played."

Thanks



Turner Joy had some talented sailors working on the cruise books. The cartoon above left is by RD2 Woodard from the 1964 cruise book. The rest are from the 1973 cruise book and are by QM3 Dahle - you've seen his work before in *Now Hear This!*

Any sailor that's gone to sea in a small boy will recognize the humor in the art.



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