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Damn the Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead!

"DAMN THE TORPEDOES! FULL SPEED AHEAD!!"

-Admiral David G. Farragut, USN



WE ARE THE FARRAGUT SHIPS' ASSOCIATION:
One Legendary Admiral and Five Extraordinary Ships!
USS Farragut TB-11; DD-300; DD-348; DLG-6/DDG-37; DDG-99

WE'VE BEEN MAKING THE OLD MAN PROUD SINCE 1898!

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USS Farragut Launching on July 18, 1958

By Joseph Henry Townsend IV, Sandy Springs, GA, USA

So why was chosen to launch *Farragut* in July 1958? Here's what I remember...

I am named after my father Joseph Henry Townsend III born December 31, 1907 in Paterson, New Jersey. After completing H.S. in Clifton, he went to Newark College of Engineering. Upon graduating in 1929 with a degree in Civil Engineering, he went to work for Paterson Bridge Company and then McClintic-Marshall Corporation. In 1931 they merged with Bethlehem Steel. During the 1930's he was involved in bridge building (including the Golden Gate Bridge) where he met and fell in love with my mother, Ruth Schneider. They were married in October 1939 in Gloucester MA.

At the time of their marriage, my father was working at Bethlehem Steel Fore River Shipyard. In early 1942 he was named Hull Superintendent at Hingham Shipyard. And in April 1944 he was appointed Assistant General Superintendent. One year later he was promoted to the position of General Superintendent of the Sparrow's Point, Maryland, Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding facility. While in Hingham, my father was involved in the building of 225 warships for the U.S. and Royal British Navies.

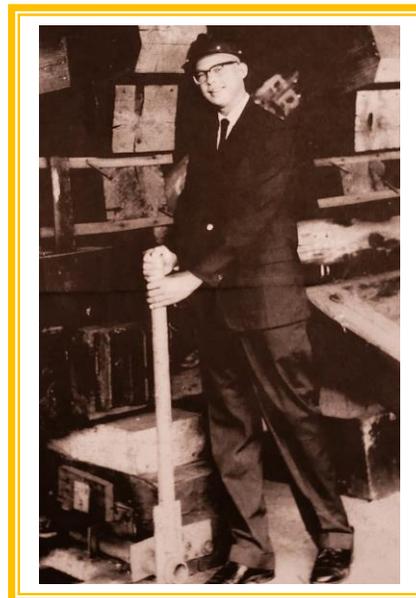
The Hingham Yard received many awards from the War Department for both production and efficiency.

My Father continued to rise in responsibilities at Sparrow's Point. At the time of his death in an automobile accident on June 5, 1956, he was manager of the shipyard and I was 13 years old. His death was front page news in the *Baltimore Sun*.

My father developed many close friends in his work at Bethlehem Steel including at the Fore River Yard. As a tribute to him, I was asked to participate in the launching of *Farragut* on July 18, 1958. I was 15 and I remember little of that day. My photograph shows me under the hull of the ship, smiling and wearing a suit and hard hat. My job was to remove the trigger safety pin at the same time the

ship was Christened, and then push down a lever which would cause the ship to very slowly descend to the water, stern first. After the launching I was invited to attend the reception luncheon.

I am now 65 and still miss my father very much. In the 16 years my parents were married I have no memory of them ever having an argument. In addition to his remarkable leadership and management skills, he developed hobbies in both gardening and painting. Although he never had voice lessons, he had a reason baritone voice, and he was frequently asked to sing at launching receptions. I believe he was truly a renaissance man.



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As President of the Association. I'm Honored and Privileged to represent all my Farragut Shipmates, Past, Present and Future. I have worked on reaching out to many of my shipmates to be part of this fine Organization, we love everything Farragut but nott Trekkies.

Since the reunion we've worked towards our next reunion in Farragut TN 7-11 OCT 2020. Chip, Henry, Tom Randall and myself are trying to make this one different and awesome for all to enjoy.

Friday night Home Football game at Farragut High. A visit from the Mayor and a welcome like no other from the town.

Our membership meeting will be held in the townhall auditorium. Good stuff.

*The museum will be open all day on Saturday, plus a group photo at the Post Office **NOTE** My request is for all that attend to bring a Post Card from their Home State or Town for our collage for the reunion. We will present them to the town. Also Post cards from the town FARRAGUT with official postmark for all who attend.*

I have a lot of People to thank, but will save that for the microphone in October when Collette and I hope to see all of you scallywags in Farragut, TN.

Your humble FSA President

-Zippy Hullinger

MM, DDG 37, 1978-83

FSA President 2018-20

**USS Farragut (DDG-99) is at Sea, 5th Fleet, In Harm's Way**

Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 1 provides Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) for USS Farragut (DDG-99) in the Gulf of Tadjoura, 1NOV2019 US Navy Photo

Our Home Page, <http://www.farragutforever.org>

On the Internet the FSA continues to maintain a homepage www.farragutforever.us and stays current on social media on Facebook. The FSA keeps up with USS Farragut Vets and Friends:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/56685239399/> and there is a FB group for Shipmates of DDG-37: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/127577445802/> For DDG-99 that departed Mayport for deployment to the 5th Fleet, the Navy maintains these pages:

<http://www.navy.mil/local/dg99/> and <http://www.public.navy.mil/surflant/ddg99/Pages/default.aspx>. And, on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/farragutddg99/>

Our Homecoming 2020 Keynote Speaker: Mayor Ron Williams, Farragut, TN

Mayor Ron Williams is a Knoxville native who grew up in Powell and Fountain City and received his education at the Knoxville State Area Vo-Tec, SME and the University of Tennessee.

He spent a number of years in Southern California managing a large manufacturing plant that produced aircraft and race engines parts before returning to East Tennessee to accept a position as a machine tool sales engineer for Sunnen Products. After 28 years and 1.3 million miles of travel with over 800 successful projects, Ron was able to retire from the road in 2015.

Currently he does some part-time consulting from his home office with most of his time spent on the phone. He stays current with today's technology by helping race teams with special projects.

Ron was elected South Ward Alderman in 2016 and Mayor in 2018. He also served 2 terms on the Farragut Board of Zoning Appeals and is a 2015 Introduction to Farragut graduate. A Sugarwood resident for more than 25 years, he has served five separate terms on the Sugarwood Homeowners Association Board and is past president.

In addition, served on the Planning/Architectural Committee for over 15 years and has worked diligently on all the neighborhood's improvement projects.

Ron and his wife, TC, have been married for over 30 year. In his spare time, Ron is in the garage with friends restoring old cars and trucks.



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Visit the Farragut Folklife Museum

From their website: <https://townoffarragut.org/186/Farragut-Museum>
The Farragut Museum is a treasure chest of artifacts and photographs, which tell the history of the Farragut and Concord communities. One of the highlights of the museum is the Admiral David Glasgow Farragut collection. Admiral Farragut was born in this area on July 5, 1801.

Farragut was the first commissioned admiral of

the United States Navy and is best known for his statement, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." This nationally sought after collection houses artifacts that cannot be seen anywhere else such as Farragut's personal china, uniform ornamentation, family photographs, manuscripts, letters of interest, and a large collection of scrimshaw.

The museum also exhibits artifacts

pertaining to the history of local schools, churches, the Farragut and Concord communities, and the Civil War. In addition to the permanent displays, the museum has a gallery dedicated to rotating special exhibits.

Admission to the museum is free. **DON'T FORGET** to bring your hometown postcards with you!



Info for the Farragut, TN OCT 2020 REUNION

To register for your room at the StayBridge Suites, call 865-675-7829 \$94 for suite or double use code: Farragut Ships

Your Reunion Committee has contracted with the Staybridge Suites Knoxville, TN for the dates of 7-11 October 2020. These dates will give us a chance to attend a Farragut High School home game where they plan to recognize all of our Farragut Shipmates at halftime. Rooms are \$94 a night for a suite or

double plus applicable taxes. The Museum will be open Saturday. The Post office will be open for us. Please bring a Post card from your home state, city, town, county or parish. These will go in our collage. There will be a post card for every attendee with the official Farragut post. The townhall auditorium will host

our general meeting. If you have never been to this part of Tennessee there is plenty to do, river boat rides, Gatlinburg and Dollywood are an hour away and plenty other things. McGhee Tyson Airport is the closest to the hotel and Farragut TN.



[Staybridge Suites, 11319 Campbell Lakes Drive Knoxville, TN 37934](https://www.staybridge.com/hotel/11319-campbell-lakes-drive-knoxville-tn-37934)

Finance Report from our Treasurer, ex-DDG-37 MM2 Thomas Randall

Treasurer's Report: Erlandson, Fetters, Kairis, O'Leary, Paulson, Unser).
 At our last meeting, 11OCT2018, our NFCU account had \$2,860.89 in it and those funds were in a General Fund. Upon assuming the duties as I was elected Treasurer at that meeting, I added these funds to our treasury: \$804 to the Ship's Store received as donations in exchange for memorabilia; \$777 to an MWR fund that continues to grow through the generosity of the donations from members (THANK YOU SHIPMATES

Since the reunion, the usual items in our budget were paid for from the General Fund (web page and incorporation fees) that now stands at \$3,192 and the MWR Fund paid for just one funeral arrangement and sent our usual donation to Save our Ships at TCS; and now stands ready to assist at \$942. The Ship's Store stands at \$757.19. 1JAN2020: NFCU account stands at \$4894.16. Reunion report follows.

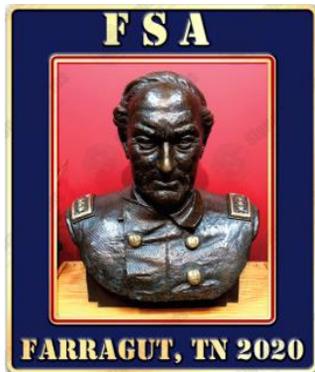
Farragut Ships Association Treasurer's Report 6/18/16 – 10/10/18

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| 6/18/16 – Opening Balance post 2016 Jax Reunion | \$2,455.10 |
| 7/30/16 – 6/28/18 – Dues | +\$810.00 |
| 1/27/17 – Check #100 Farragut Forever Stickers | -\$121.90 |
| 4/4/17 – Automatic Withdrawl: Checks for Account | -\$21.95 |
| 6/11/17 – Check #1000: Tom Randall Incorporation Fees | -\$61.25 |
| 8/26/17 – Check #1001: Tom Randall; DDG-99 CO Plaque | -\$62.95 |
| 12/27/17 – Check # 1002: Tom Randall; Website Fees | -\$231.04 |
| 4/21/18 – Check #1003: Tom Randall; Incorp Fees/Reunion | -\$191.25 |
| 4/21/18 – Check #1004: Jesse Petersen; Reunion Mailings | -\$100.00 |
| 7/9/18 – Withdraw all funds from Xceed FCU; Closed accounts. Open new accounts with Navy Federal. Fees at Xceed were too high and had to have 3 different accounts. | -\$2,680.89 |
| 10/9/18 – Opened new account with Navy Federal | +\$2,680.89 |
| 10/9/18 – Deposit dues received since closing Xceed accounts | +\$180.00 |
| 10/10/18 – Current Balance Pre-2018 Norfolk Reunion fees/expenses not reimbursed yet. | +\$2,860.89 |

Ship's Store Report from the Storekeeper, ex-MM1(SW) Tom Randall

Ship Storekeeper's report is as follows: DLG-6; DDG-37; DDG-99 ballcap sales continue, all are in stock and your \$25 donation ships it to you free. FSA Coins are free to new members and your \$10 donation ships it to you free. 2nd VP Gordon Wright is working on a contract for FSA polo and tee shirts in time for the reunion and once again we contracted with Signature Pins in Orlando for this

handsome Farragut Homecoming pin with the bust of the Old Man from the Farragut Folklife Museum on it.



This is only available if you come to Farragut, TN 7-11OCT2020. Hope to See You Then!



Latest FB Post of Anchor Dedication at Farragut High School in 2014 See these two and the Anchor in October!

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Farragut (DL-6/DLG-6/DDG-37)'s Commanding Officers

DL/DLG-6

10DEC1960 USS Farragut (DLG-6) commissioned, CDR Roger E. Spreen assumes command
21APR1962 CDR Adam A. Herron Jr. relieved CDR Roger Spreen (r. RADM d. 29JAN1988)
9MAY1963 CDR William B. Althoff relieved CDR Adam Herron (ret. & d.3AUG1997)
11JULY1964 CDR Richard B. Jacobs relieved William Althoff (r. CAPT, d.9AUG2009)
23APR1966 CDR William A. Kananui Jr. relieved CDR Richard Jacobs
25NOV1967 CDR William R. Martin relieved CDR William Kananui Jr. (r. CAPT, d.12MAY1984)
1MAY1968 USS Farragut (DLG-6) decommissioned with CDR (r. CAPT) Bill Martin in command

DLG-6

13SEPT1969 CDR William A. Cockell Jr. assumes command of USS Farragut (DLG-6)
1DEC1970 CDR Harry W. Bergbauer Jr. relieved CDR William Cockell (r. RADM, d. 6JUNE2000)
10MAY1972 CDR James F. McNulty relieved CDR (r. CAPT) Harry Bergbauer
10AUG1973 CDR John Frederick Shaw relieved CDR James McNulty (r. RADM, d.14NOV2006)
30JUNE1975 USS Farragut (DLG-6) reclassified (DDG-37) with CDR Jack Shaw in command

DDG-37

1AUG1975 CDR Jeremy M. Boorda relieved CDR Jack Shaw (r. RADM, d.28MAY2009)
1July1977 CDR Sanford N Mock relieved CDR Mike Boorda (ADM/CNO Boorda d.10MAY1996)
28AUG1979 CDR William L. Wunderly relieved CDR (now r.) Sandy Mock
28MAY1981 CDR Stephen Allen Jarecki relieved CDR (now r.) William Wunderly
17JUNE1983 CDR Burton W. Renager relieved CDR (r. CAPT) Stephen Jarecki
14OCT1985 CDR David P. Sargent relieved CDR (r. CAPT) Burton Renager
23OCT1988 CDR David R Shaw relieved CDR (r. RADM) David Sargent
30OCT1989 CDR David Sargent is the Decommissioning Commanding Officer

Shipmate News Since the Last Farragut Homecoming in 2018

- ◆ We send condolences to families and friends of The Departed. Sadly, we lost GMM Bill Alvey, DLG-6 & ret. USN 14JAN19; FTM Jay Meimberg, DDG-37 27MAR19, and SK1 Gary Cindrigh, DDG-37 7JAN2020.
- ◆ If any deaths of our Shipmates are omitted, it is not for lack of trying to keep up with the latest news.

Please send any corrections or additions to:

farragutshipsassociation@gmail.com

- ◆ FSA Member CDR Megan Thomas is PCO, USS Philippine Sea (CG-58), BZ!
- ◆ FSA Member, DDG-99 Plankowner and GSCS (SW) Robert Pffirman 3rd left his last command as Main Propulsion LCPO onboard USS AMERICA

(LHA-6)10 JAN2020 headed for retirement. Bravo Zulu!



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