

My Heart's At Sea Forever

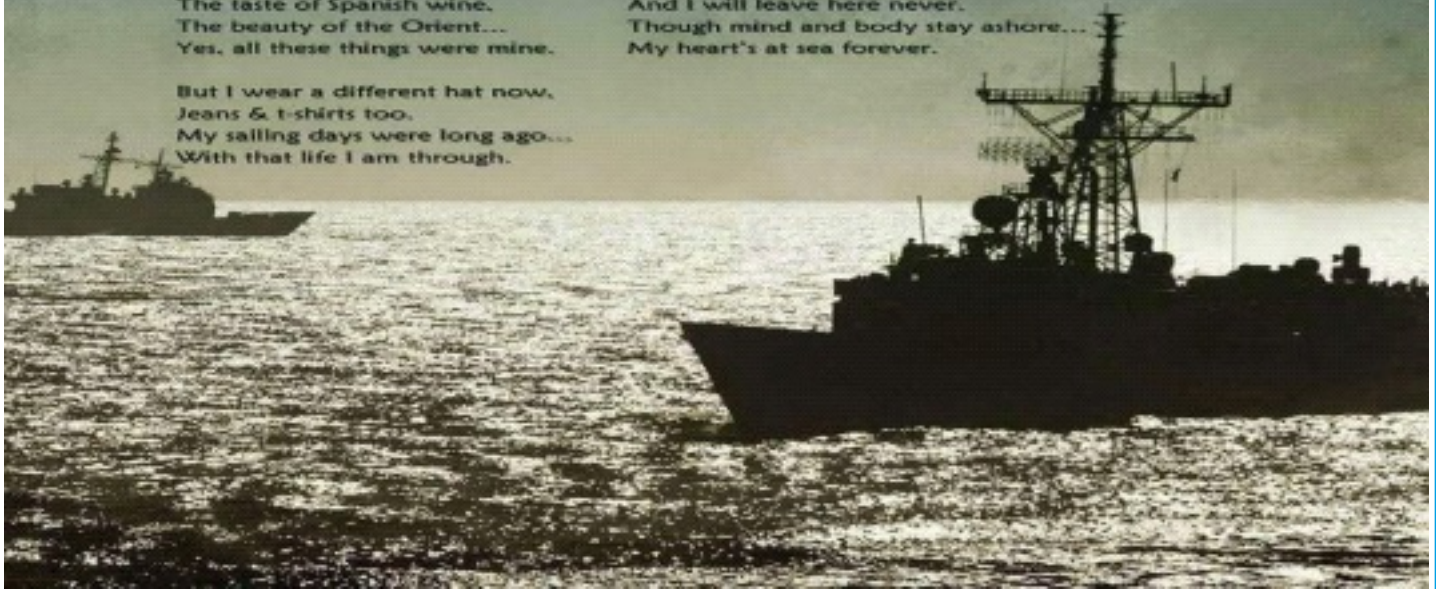
Long ago I was a Sailor,
I sailed the Ocean blue.
I knew the bars in Singapore...
The coastline of Peru

I knew well the sting of salt spray,
The taste of Spanish wine,
The beauty of the Orient...
Yes, all these things were mine.

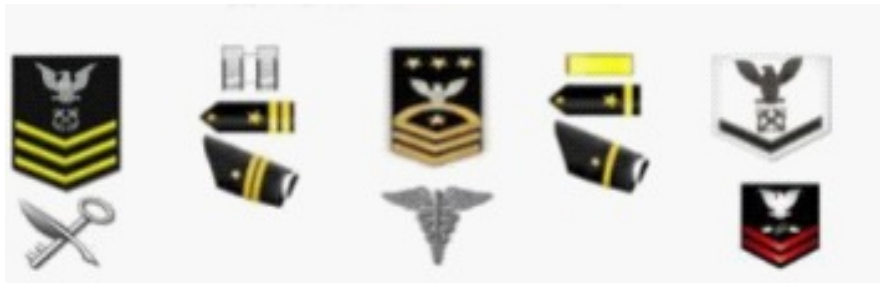
But I wear a different hat now,
Jeans & t-shirts too.
My sailing days were long ago...
With that life I am through.

But somewhere deep inside of me,
The sailor lives there still.
He longs to go to sea again...
But knows he never will.

My love, my life, is here at home,
And I will leave here never,
Though mind and body stay ashore...
My heart's at sea forever.



USS Robert H McCard 2nd Qtr Flag Hoist 2023



OUR MISSION

The Mission of the USS Robert H McCard Alumni Association Officers and Crew is to perpetuate memory, history, and comradery of the men who gave themselves to protect the freedoms we have today. Thirty-four years of service 1945-1980.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB AND FACEBOOK
<https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/162641293885636/>

A Message To Association Members From XO John Hagen,
CS2 70-72

Ahoy Shipmates

As the XO of the McCard Association part of my duties is recruitment. I have received assistance from Bernard Norman in this endeavor. Concentration has been on members who have not renewed their membership in the last couple of years and we have had very productive conversations. The annual renewal fee is \$10, which is the cheapest fee for anything we all join. The fee is used mostly for reunion snacks. Wine, beer, pop, assorted snacks and pizza or sub sandwiches in our hospitality room to keep the crew together in the evenings. Lots of good "bull" is spread around in the evenings. We would love to have all of you back on the association crew list and better yet, at the reunions. Renewals are down so far this year and we need to get it going again. Renewal forms come with the Flag Hoist or on the Facebook web page. Flag Hoist is sent to several members who have not registered for a year or two. We want to keep you informed and hope we can get you to rejoin.

Stay safe!!!

Best Regards

John Hagen

**If you have Please contact Yeoman Clifford Leday,
cleday7k@gmail.com or P.O. Box 862, Kinder, La 70648, 337-309-
5252 for any information update, or to update the New to the Crew,
Last Watch or Binnacle Lists.**

None reported this quarter

THE LONE SAILOR



The Lone Sailor statue was sculpted by Stanley Bleifeld. He served as an enlisted man in the Navy during World War II, being assigned to illustrate Navy training manuals. Bleifeld believed the Lone Sailor should represent Sailors around the world. To achieve this, he did not use a single model – he used multiple models to create the Lone Sailor we know and love today.

Rear Admiral William Thompson, USN (Ret.), was the first president and CEO of the Navy Memorial. He wanted a figure that would stand out “above” the crowd but only slightly larger than life-size. This would allow visitors, including children, to relate to him and take photographs by the side. The Lone Sailor statue now stands proudly at 7 feet tall in different locations around the world.

Artifacts from eight U.S. Navy ships were melted into bronze during the casting process. The statue includes various fragments from the USS Constitution, USS Constellation, USS Maine, USS Biloxi, USS Hancock, USS Seawolf, USS Nautilus, and the steamer Hartford. These ships span the Navy’s history and will forever be a part of the Lone Sailor legacy.

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The Lone Sailor statue was unveiled at the Navy Memorial’s dedication on Oct. 13th, 1987.

Trivia Question:

Did you know that on April 7, 1994, the first commercial transaction took place on the internet. Do you know what someone bought?

Answer: You’ll find it later in the newsletter.

Origin of Navy Terminology

There aren't many "old salts" in today's Navy who haven't been required sometime in their career to heave around on a length of hawser in order to tie up a ship. Hawser used in this backbreaking task is called mooring line and gets its name from a combination of two terms used in the early days of sail. The Middle Dutch word "maren" meant "to tie," and the Middle English words "moren rap" meant "ship's rope." Through the years the terms merged and were Americanized, hence any line used to tie a ship to the pier is called "mooring line."

COXSWAIN), SKIFFSWAIN As required by 17th century law, British ships-of-war carried three smaller boats -- the boat, the cock boat, and the skiff. The boat -- or gig -- was usually used by the captain to go ashore and was the larger of the three. The cock boat was a very small rowboat used as a ship's tender. The skiff was a lightweight all-purpose vessel. The suffix "swain" means keeper, thus the keepers of the boat, cock and skiff were called boatswain, cockswain and skiffswain respectively. Until 1949, a boatswain's mate 3rd class in the Navy was called a cockswain.



A letter to "Mail Call" in the Tin Can Sailor magazine recently is a view on membership and is easily applied to the McCard Association as the comments are germane to the issue of our membership.

Here is excerpts from his letter: "...all things have their time and place. Everything in life has a cycle, whether up or down, and our organization is no different." "...you maybe adjust things somewhat to suit the time and needs. For example, as a member of the USS _____ Alumni, when our last crew member passes on, so too will that particular reunion group. This is simply the way things operate. It is called 'stability', something I see lacking with today's drop of younger adults. From what I'm reading, almost all military veteran groups are having retention issues whether it be from natural attrition or lack of interest, it's hard to say. It's cry much like the active military, but fro obviously different reasons. "

"Back in the 80s when memberships were growing and we had crews from WW II, Korea and Vietnam in all three groups, things looked rosy, and the reunions were well attended. But time passes and so does the older membership. Also, the current climate with younger veterans is a different one that for the older vets-their interest in joining these types of groups is perhaps somewhat subdued, I know it took me awhile after the separation and later discharge to find interest in joining a veteran's organization. This, I believe, is something that comes with age and interest."

Anonymous

Trivia Answer:

A pizza from Pizza Hut.....and it was cut with a Bryan Adams CD.

OK, the CD cutter was the only part that wasn't factual.

USS ROBERT H McCARD DD822 ANNUAL REUNION 2023 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Wednesday-Nov. 8th-Arrive Hotel-Meet& Greet
Hospitality Room

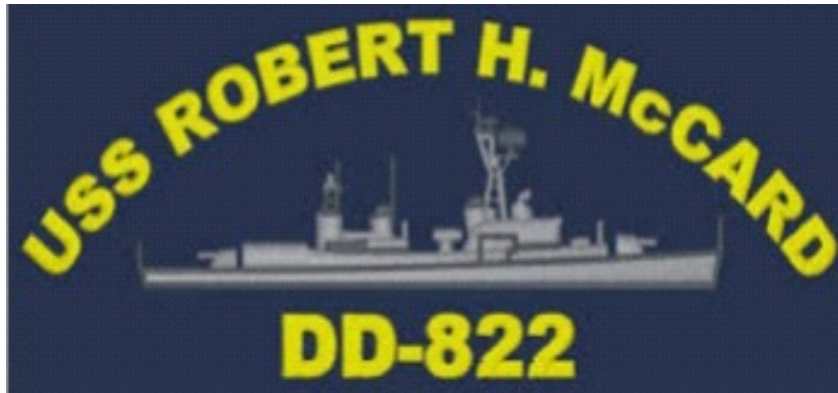
Thursday-Nov. 9th-8:00 AM Depart Hotel Parking
lot-Tour USS Orleck and Mayport Naval Base-
including lunch at Foc'sle Lounge at the CPO Club
and tour of active US Navy Ship
3:00 PM-Depart for Hotel

Friday-Nov. 10th-8:00 AM Depart-St. Augustine
Trolley Tour
3:00 PM-Depart for Hotel

Saturday-Nov. 11th-9:00 AM
VETERAN'S DAY
Business meeting and Auction
Free day
6:00 PM Banquet at Hotel

Sunday-Nov. 12th
Departure and Goodbyes





McCARD 2023 REUNION: HOTEL RESERVATIONS INDIVIDUAL CALL-IN

Check-in Wednesday, November 8, 2023-Checkout Sunday November

HOTEL: Double Tree by Hilton Jacksonville Airport
ADDRESS: 2101 Dixie Clipper Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218

PHONE 904-741-1997

IMPORTANT!!!: Refer to Group:Robert H McCard Military Reunion

ROOM RATE: \$126 standard room per night plus taxes. Suites available at \$146 plus taxes per night

Includes Free Breakfast for 2 persons per room (additional breakfast \$12 per person) & Free Parking

Instructions below;

Reservation link: <https://bit.ly/RobertHMcCard>)

Or Call the DoubleTree reservation line at **904-741-1997**

Note: Reference USS Robert H McCard Military Reunion

NOTE: Any requests is based upon availability at group's discounted room rate. Guests are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible to ensure availability. Please note a credit card will be required to secure the reservation, but will not be charged until you check-in. If you have any trouble booking your reservations, please call: 904-741-1997 & ask for Cedric D. Jones, 11, Event Coordinator

2023 Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse/Guest : _____

Arrival/Check-in Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

First Reunion? YES _____ NO _____

***** Banquet Attendance

(Check All Appropriate)

Any food allergies Please indicate below:

Dinner

Dinner Choice/Shipmate

New York Strip ___ Chicken ___ Grouper Cremolata ___

Dinner Choice/Spouse-Guest

New York Strip ___ Chicken ___ Grouper Cremolata ___

40.00 per entry x Quantity _____ Total Meal \$ _____

Tours

Thursday: USS Orleck and Navy Base \$45.00 per person x _____ = Total \$ _____

Friday: St. Augustine Tour-\$50.00 per person x _____ = Total \$ _____

Total For Banquet and Tours \$ _____

******* Instructions *******

Print form. Complete required information, and mail with check to:
Robert H. McCard Association
% Glenn Anderson
113 Kemar Dr. Butler, Pa 16002

As of this writing, many areas of the country are still in some variation of COVID restrictions. Public vaccination is moving at a pace that we're hopeful we will not be hindered with restrictions at the reunion. Reservations can safely be made at your earliest convenience, and we will establish final booking date criteria for cancellation without penalty.

Death by dentures? John McCain Sr.'s WWII battles with teeth, toilets

By Claire Barrett

John Sidney “Slew” McCain defied the image of the senior naval officer. Bony, wizened, with a hooked nose and sunken cheeks, he turned 60 during World War II and looked at least 10 years older, according to naval historian E.B. Potter. He had a distinctive, herky-jerky gait that was easily identifiable aboard ship.

Despite graduating from the Naval Academy in 1906 at a lackluster class ranking of 79 out of 116 midshipmen, “There were few wiser or more competent officers in the Navy than Slew McCain, but whenever his name came up, somebody had a ridiculous story to tell about him — and many of the stories were true,” said Potter.

Among the ridiculous? The then-vice admiral suffered mightily, as had his forefather George Washington, in the dentistry department.

Throughout his life, McCain had been chronically plagued by ill-fitting dentures. And perhaps even more distinctive than his herky-jerky gait? The frequent whistling that accompanied his speech due to the implants.

But unlike Washington, McCain’s dentures almost cost the vice admiral his life during battle. In 1943, while stationed near Canton Island — 1,660 miles southwest of Hawaii on the supply line to the South Pacific — Adm. Chester Nimitz, McCain and their men came under siege during a Japanese air raid.

According to the U.S. Naval History and Heritage, while hurrying to the bomb shelter Nimitz noticed that McCain was not with him.

An aide was dispatched to find the missing McCain and stumbled upon the vice admiral in a rather jocular scene.

During the attack it appears that McCain had been surprised whilst in the commode and had dropped his false teeth into the toilet. It was there that the aide found him, still trying to fish his dentures out.

Just months prior McCain found himself in another, rather fetid situation — albeit this time not due to his teeth.

During a January 1943 inspection tour of Guadalcanal with Nimitz, South Pacific commander William F. “Bull” Halsey and Navy secretary Frank Knox, McCain once again found himself at the mercy of Japanese bombers. While the island had been secured, Japanese aircraft still lingered in the area making themselves a nuisance to Marines on the island.

According to Potter, “that night, as the visiting dignitaries slept in a hut, they launched a vicious bombing attack. Nimitz, exhausted and afraid of mosquitoes, stayed inside, but the others, half-naked, raced from the shelter and dove for the nearest trench.”

McCain, among those half-naked racing men, leapt into an availing trench only to belatedly realize that it had served as a portable latrine for the Marines only a few hours earlier — many who were suffering from diarrhea and dysentery at that time.

McCain died four days after the Japanese surrender in September 1945, although the stubborn sailor refused to meet his maker until he was in American waters.

According to Robert Timberg, “Halsey’s chief of staff, Rear Admiral Robert Carney, later insisted that McCain had suffered an earlier heart attack while at sea but had somehow managed to hide it so he wouldn’t be forced to relinquish command. ‘He knew his number was up,’ said Carney, ‘but he wouldn’t lie down and die until he got home.’”



Ahh, The Good Old Days

Please contact Yeoman Clifford Leday,
cleday7k@gmail.com or P.O. Box 862, Kinder,
LA 70648, 337-309-5252 to update the "Last
Watch," "Binnacle List" or "New To The Crew."

NONE REPORTED FOR 2nd QUARTER



!!!HELP!!!ATTENTION!!!HELP!!!

**IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO, PLEASE TAKE THE
TIME TO EITHER RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR
BECOME A CREW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION
FOR THOSE WHO ARE VIEWING THE
NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST TIME. ANNUAL FEE
OF \$10.00. THANK YOU ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
BEEN SUPPORTERS ALL THESE YEARS.**



**CREW MEMBER RENEWAL AND APPLICATION Form
USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Association**

Please Print Clearly

Crew Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Years Aboard: From ___ To ___

Final Rank/Rate: _____

Do Not Send Cash...your canceled check is your receipt.

Make checks payable to: *Robert H. McCard (DD-822) Association*
Mail to: Glenn Anderson, 113 Kemar Drive, Butler, PA 16002

Are you a new member? Yes No

\$10.00 Annual Dues Enclosed (one year) January 1st thru December 31st.

Send Flag Hoist (Check One): _____ Via U.S.P.S. (Address Above) OR _____ Via E-mail

Comments/Questions: _____

You may contact Treasurer Glenn Anderson directly @ 724/487-7873; glenn.just4fun@gmail.com

Association holds reunions each year at locations voted upon by the membership. There is a website for members as well as a quarterly Newsletter titled Flag Hoist.



Ship's Ball Cap: High quality caps with the McCard profile (Before Fram and After Fram available). The hats are adjustable "one size fits all." Cost is \$20.00 which includes shipping. **New members** receive one Ship's Ball Cap Free.

Ship's Patch: This official patch measures 3 1/2" x 3 7/8" and is the same high quality as ships patches made for today's Navy. Ideal for sewing on a jacket, sweatshirt, t shirt, etc. Cost is \$3.00 plus mailing.



Ship's Patch and Ball Cap Order Form

Please send me _____ **McCard ship's patch(s)** at \$3.00 each + shipping

1 patch = \$3.00 + 49 cents shipping
2 patches = \$6.00 + 70 cents shipping
3 patches = \$9.00 + 91 cents shipping

Please send me _____ (Before Fram) **McCard Ship's Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.

Please send me _____ (After Fram) **McCard Ship's Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send check Payable to "Robert H. McCard Association" with correct amount to:
Glenn Anderson, 113 Kemar Drive, Butler, PA 16002

