

# FLAG HOIST



USS ROBERT H. McCARD DD822

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025

35TH  
ANNUAL  
REUNION



SEPTEMBER  
10-14  
2025

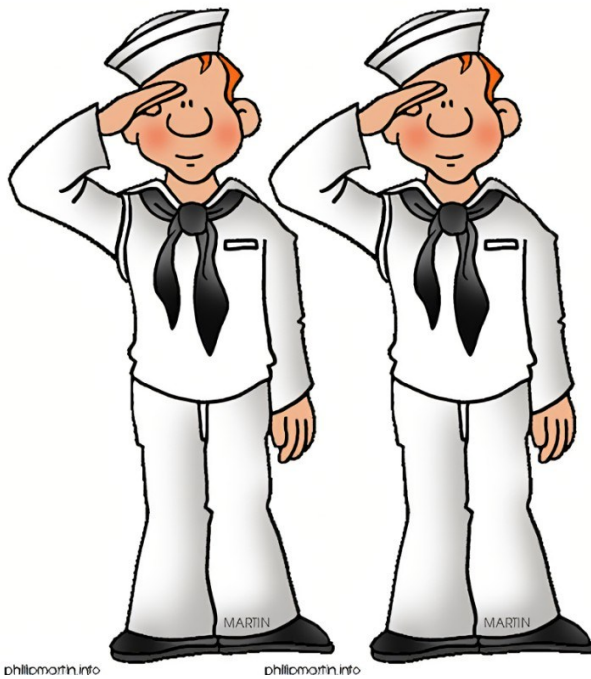
HOTEL INFORMATION AND FULL REGISTRATION FOR ACTIVITIES INSIDE

IT'S TIME TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP

***LAST ISSUE IN 2025 FOR THOSE NOT SUBSCRIBING***

FORM ON PAGE 4 OR AT WEBSITE

<https://www.ussroberthmccardd822.com>



*Annual  
Membership  
Renewal*

### **PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN US NOW**

**The Robert H. McCard DD822 Reunion Association is committed to preserving our history and those unique stories from the men who served aboard her. Some things change throughout history: technology, equipment and assignments. But the mission of destroyers and destroyer sailors remains constant.**

**Consider the Flag Hoist Newsletter and the McCard website. Its purpose is to pass on stories of days gone by aboard the USS Robert H. McCard. We can only do that with your help by continuing to support OUR association with your membership, with your dues and stories of days aboard the ship.**

**Just a few short years ago we had nearly 200 shipmates supporting our association. As of the time of publication we are at around 30 who have renewed or joined. It becomes difficult to remain a group with such small numbers.**

**Your participation helps us preserve our memories of days aboard the McCard and keeps the McCard Association afloat.**

**PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN NOW**

**CREW MEMBER RENEWAL AND APPLICATION**

USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Association

01 January-31 December 2025

Annual Electronic Flag Hoist: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Flag Hoist Printed: \$45 \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)  
Additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Aboard: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Final Rank/Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: *Robert H. McCard (DD-822) Association*

Mail to: Ron Perceful, 27534 Airstrip Rd., Washington, OK 73093

Below space for comments

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Know a shipmate not a member? We'll contact if you provide his name and a way to contact him with either his address, email or phone number

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Your payment helps with the Flag Hoist newsletter, McCard website, sundry reunion expenses.

You may also renew/apply with payment at <https://www.roberthmccardd822.com>

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE USS ROBERT H McCARD DD822 REUNION ASSOCIATION**

**Our Articles of Association and By-Laws call for The term of office of elected officers to be a period of two years to begin at the close of the reunion at which they are elected. It is time once more at our 2025 reunion for new officers. We need new shipmates to put their names forward that have the time to stand for the 4 positions: CO, XO, Paymaster and Yeoman. (The current officers have all served 4 or more years except our current CO. Please give consideration to taking a position if you are attending the reunion.)**

**CO: Represents the Association in business matters and presides over the annual business meeting along with serving as Chairman of the elected officers group.**

**XO: In case of absence of the CO, acts in his stead. He is also the Chair of the Membership Committee responsible for membership renewals and recruiting.**

**Paymaster: Shall be entrusted with the administration and safekeeping of the Associations funds. He shall also maintain suitable records of such funds, disburse funds as directed and approved. An annual Financial Report shall also be his responsibility to be presented at the annual meeting. He maintains a roster of shipmates payments.**

**Yeoman: Maintains a record of the association meetings and prepare, publish and mail either electronically or via USPS the Flag Hoist Newsletter 4 to 6 issues annually.**

**We stress once more to consider standing for a position at the reunion in Grand Rapids.**

### **Current Officers**

**CO: Monny Hanna, 13423 Peregrine St., Jacksonville, FL 32225, 904-228-1028  
mhanna58@gmail.com**

**XO: Bernard Norman, 2302 W Kingsford Ave, Spokane, WA 99208, 509-499-2649  
cesbernie@yahoo.com**

**Paymaster: Ron Perceful, 27534 Airstrip Rd., Washington, OK 73093, 405-326-2337  
revperceful@gmail.com**

**Yeoman: Dennis Replogle, 18400 Geary Ct., South Bend, IN 46637, 574-397-3079  
McCardFlagHoist@yahoo.com**

# TAPS

We regret to announce the Flag Hoist was notified of the following McCard shipmate/s deaths.

The entire crew extends the hand of sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased

## WELL DONE

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lakes, From the hill, From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.



**DENNIS A. BERLIN HM1 (1976-1977)**

*Deceased December 2024*

**SAMUEL L. DOAK Capt. (1966-1969)**

*Deceased December 2024*

**RICHARD JALOWIEC EN3 (1965-1966)**

*Deceased January 2025*

**JOSEPH REIFF BTFN (1962-1965)**

*Deceased February 2025*



### The Oath of Enlistment (for enlisted):

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

### The Oath of Office (for officers):

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ (SSAN), having been appointed an officer in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Military Branch) of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God."

Before you raise your right hand, make sure you understand what you are swearing or attesting to. The military oath of enlistment or oath of office should not be taken lightly. You will be bound by it for the next 4-6 years at a minimum.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS 2025 McCARD REUNION

**DATES:** Check in September 10, 2025; Check out September 14, 2025\*\*

\*\* Pre and Post Days - group room rates available September 8th to September 16 for those coming in early, or staying later.

**HOTEL:** Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel

**ADDRESS:** 5700 28TH St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI

**HOTEL BOOKING LINK:** [Book your group rate for USS Robert H. McCard 2025 Reunion](#)

**PHONE DIRECT:** 866-994-6616

**ROOM RATE:** 1 King with Sofa Bed and Fridge

2 Double Beds with Fridge and 49 inch TV

1 King Mobility Accessible W/roll-in Shower -

\$139.00 per night plus taxes

**SPECIAL NOTES:** 1) Room rate includes a hot breakfast

2) Complimentary Wi-Fi

3) Complimentary 24 hour Airport Shuttle

**\*\*\*\*\*LAST DAY TO BOOK HOTEL: August 10, 2025 to receive special room rate\*\*\*\*\***



## TOUR INFORMATION



[Museum | Gerald R. Ford](#)

The permanent exhibition galleries at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, allow visitors to explore key moments in President Gerald R. Ford and First Lady Betty Ford's lives and careers. Visitors learn about the impact of democratic citizenship through visually captivating displays and models, archival photography, sculptures, clothing, and other exhibits. Visitors can also visit a temporary exhibit gallery, which features a changing array of temporary and traveling exhibits on a wide range of subjects.

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**Not scheduled for a tour but is next to the Ford  
Museum and is free admission.**

GRAND RAPIDS  
PUBLIC MUSEUM | *Be curious.*

For nearly 170 years, the Grand Rapids Public Museum has been a source of inspiration and a place to cultivate curiosity, with a focus on history, science and culture. The Museum, at its core, is a learning intuition dedicated to accessibility and knowledge to all. The Museum has a long history as an educational resource in the community. Founded in 1854 as the Grand Rapids Lyceum of Natural History.

## TOUR INFORMATION



[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g42256-d5000403-Reviews-Robinette\\_s\\_Apple\\_Haus\\_Winery-Grand\\_Rapids\\_Kent\\_County\\_Michigan.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g42256-d5000403-Reviews-Robinette_s_Apple_Haus_Winery-Grand_Rapids_Kent_County_Michigan.html)

Established in 1911, Robinette's has been a West Michigan staple for over 100 years. With our orchards, cider mill, winery, bakery, restaurant and family activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Over the years, Robinette's has become a true family destination. We're open all year, so stop in and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you!

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[Welcome To Meijer Gardens » Meijer Gardens | Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park](#)

Immerse yourself in one of the world's finest horticultural display gardens and sculpture parks in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Proudly ranked among the most-visited art museums worldwide and named the Best Sculpture Park in the United States by readers of USA Today in 2023 & 2024, our collection showcases over 200 captivating sculptures, inviting you to experience the perfect blend of art and nature



USS Robert H McCard 2025 Reunion Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival/Check-in Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reunion? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ FLYING \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVING \_\_\_\_\_

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Banquet Saturday, September 13, 2025

Dinner choices

\*Chicken Marsala, Seasoned Marinated Chicken Breast, Marsala Wine and Mushroom Sauce Potato, and Vegetables ##

\*Seasoned NY Strip Steak, Potatoes, and Vegetables ##

\* Spiced Salmon (gf)-Blackened Salmon, Honey Glazed with Orange Zest, Potatoes and Vegetables ##

Dinners Include: fresh garden salad, warm rolls with butter, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and hot tea, iced tea. ##

Attendee/Guest Dinner Choices:

Yourself: Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice-\$45 (Per Person)

## Dessert will be served in the Hospitality Room after Dinner

Thurs, Sept. 11, 2025: Tour—Fredrik Meijer Sculpture Park & Robinette’s Apple Farm... \$48.00 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_=\$\_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025 Tour: President Gerald R. Ford Museum & GR Museum ..... \$43.00 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment for Banquet & Tours: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Send full payment for tours with this completed form made out to

USS Robert H. McCard Association and mail to: Ron Perceful, 27534 Airstrip Rd. Washington, OK 73093

(Note: in memo add “2024 McCard Reunion”)

Registration may also be completed at website: [www.ussroberthmccardd822.com](http://www.ussroberthmccardd822.com)

Need Name Tags for Shipmate/Guest? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Don’t forget your item for the auction beginning after the business meeting

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_