



FLAG HOIST

USS ROBERT H. McCARD DD822

MARCH-APRIL 2024



Join us in New Orleans, LA- Site of our 34th annual reunion

MEET AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT

WEDNESDAY OCT 2nd - SUNDAY OCT 6th

We are no different than other groups you may belong to when it comes to annual dues. The web version of the Flag Hoist is half the size of the newsletter from what those who have renewed their membership to the association. We encourage you to submit the form to get the full benefit of the USS Robert H. McCard Association. Renew or join either online at the website or using USPS. The form is available on the website. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/162641293885636>

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

DATES: Check-in October 2, 2024; Check-out October 6, 2024

HOTEL: DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans Airport

ADDRESS: 2150 Veterans Blvd. Kenner, LA 70062

HOTEL BOOKING LINK: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/uss-robert-h-mccard2024/>

PHONE DIRECT: (504)-467-3111

IMPORTANT: 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
\$145.00 per night plus taxes.

**** Pre and Post Days - DoubleTree by Hilton will extend our group room rates September 28th to October 9th for those coming in early, or staying later.**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- 1) Room rate includes a hot breakfast-2 per room
- 2) Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 3) Complimentary 24 hour Airport Shuttle
- 4) Free Gated Parking

***** Notice*****

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.



National WWII Museum-New Orleans

Thursday-Oct. 3rd 8:30 A.M.

Offering a compelling blend of sweeping narrative and poignant personal detail, The National WWII Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of *the war that changed the world*. Beyond the galleries, the Museum's online collections, virtual field trips, webinars, educational travel programs, and renowned International Conference on World War II offer patrons new ways to connect to history and honor the generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom. The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world*—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

[Home](#) | [The National WWII Museum](#) | [New Orleans \(nationalww2museum.org\)](#)



New Orleans Steamboat NATCHEZ Jazz Cruise

Friday-Oct. 4th 9:30 A.M.

Journey back in time to when New Orleans was a budding port town that dazzled visitors with its colorful Creole culture. Board the historic riverboat for a float down the mighty Mississippi. Stroll the deck, admire the iconic paddlewheel, enjoy live music, and snap picturesque shots of the beautiful urban shoreline. See the bustling activity of America's second largest port. View the skyline of 'The Crescent City' from the decks or climate-controlled comfort of the riverboat.

What's Included: 2 Hour Paddlewheel Cruise, Live Commentary, Onboard Live Jazz by the Steamboat Stompers, Acoholic Beverages (Available for Purchase) and Gift Shop.

<https://www.steamboatnatchez.com/steamboat-natchez.html>



USS Robert H McCard 2024 Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: ___ Zip: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Guest _____

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

First Reunion? YES _____ NO _____ FLYING _____ DRIVING _____

Banquet Saturday, October 5, 2024

Dinner choices:

*Blackened Gulf Fish with Cajun Creole Sauce

* Sirloin Steak-Medium cook

* Chicken Coq Au Vin-Sauteed Pearl Onions, Mushrooms in a Red Wine Reduction Sauce

* Gluten Free Meal Available

Meal Includes: Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus with Lemon Dill Hollandaise, Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Arugula Salad w/Tomato, Cucumber & Red Onion served with Creole Mustard Vinaigrette. Dessert-Chocolate Mousse Cake. (Dinner includes Fresh Rolls, Butter, Ice Water, Coffee and Ice Tea)

Attendee/Guest Dinner Choices:

Yourself: Chicken ___ Fish ___ Beef ___ Vegan ___ Gluten Free ___

Spouse/Guest: Chicken ___ Fish ___ Beef ___ Vegan ___ Gluten Free ___

\$41.00 per person x ___ = \$ _____.00

Tour Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024: WWII Museum New Orleans..... \$42.00 ea. x ___ = \$ _____ (lunch on your own at choice of 3 restaurants at the museum)

Tour Friday, Oct. 4, 2024: Natchez Jazz Mississippi River Cruise..... \$48.00 ea x ___ = \$ _____ (Lunch included).

Total Payment for Banquet & Tours: \$ _____ Send with this form

Send the completed form with full payment made out to USS Robert H. McCard Association and mail to: Ron Perceful, Airstrip Rd. Washington, OK 73093

(Note: in memo add "2024 New Orleans Reunion")

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

REUNION NEWS

Shipmates you may swap sea stories with at the New Orleans reunion

Glenn Anderson ETR2 (70-74), James Boyd-Robert H. McCard relative, Bobby Brown RD3 (67-70), David Brotsch RM3 (72-74), Michael Chance HM1 (77-80), John Childs RD3 (69-72), Tim Cosma ETCS (77-80), Bob Crans SH3 (67-69), Brad Dahn MM2 (77-80), Thomas Ferrell IC3 (66-68), John Hagen CS2 (70-72), Monny Hanna EMCS (77-80), David Harmon (Unknown Info), Bobby Hargrove MMC (68-70), Keith Hazelwood EM3 (69-70), Robert Hunt BT1 (61-66), Bud Hunton HMC (68-71) David Irwin, David Kernohan EM3 (77-79), Clifford LeDay HT3 (74-75), Terry Long SH3 (66-68), Bernard Norman FTG3 (65-68), Calvin Pepper ATN2 (67-69), Ron Perceful ETN3 (71-72), Dennis Replogle BT3 (65-67), Morgan Robertson CMDR (77-80), Eugene Robinson SK3 (71-73), Brian Smead HNSN (74-76), Gary Spencer MM2 (76-80), Robert Stedje-Larsen MM (?), Virgil Thorstensen EMCS (78-80), David Tomski GMC3 (72-76), Vic Tornero GMC3 (66-68), Leo Whigham FTG3 (64-66)

ITINERARY-2024 Reunion in New Orleans, La October 2nd-6th

2 October, 2024 - Arrive Hotel-Meet & Greet Hospitality Room 4 to 10 PM

3 October - National WWII Museum and Lunch - 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

3 October - Hospitality Room 5-10:30 PM

4 October - Steamboat Natchez Riverboat Tour - Lunch Buffet & Music - 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

4 October - Hospitality Room - 5-10:30 p.m.

5 October - Hospitality Room - Annual Business Meeting & Auction - 9 AM-Noon

5 October - Banquet Hall Hotel - Banquet Dinner - 6-10:30 p.m.

(Opening Ceremony-POW/MIA Remembrance-Taps for Shipmates)

6 October - Depart Hotel - Conclude Reunion - Noon

Hospitality Room open daily

Our annual business meeting is Saturday morning 9:00 A.M. Once business concluded, we begin our Auction to help replenish the Treasury so don't forget to bring your auction item