

# FLAG HOIST



USS ROBERT H. McCARD DD822

July-August 2025

SEPTEMBER  
10—14  
2025



McCARD  
ANNUAL  
REUNION

**LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR THE 2025 McCARD REUNION**

**AUGUST 10th DEADLINE**

**The time is now to get yours in the mail or register at the  
website**

**<https://www.ussroberthmccardd822.com>**

USS Robert H. McCard (DD-822)

## 2025 SHIPMATES REUNION – FINAL CALL!

 **DATES:** September 10–14, 2025

 **LOCATION:** Grand Rapids, Michigan

 **THEME:** Reconnect, Remember, and Honor

 **URGENT!**

Time is running out to register and secure your hotel room!

☒ **Hotel Reservations — Rooms are remaining!**

☒ **Reunion Registration — Deadline approaching fast! August 10, 2025**

 **WHY COME ABOARD?**

- Reconnect with shipmates from across the years
- Enjoy group banquet dinner, tours, auction & ceremonies
- Honor our fallen with the POW/MIA Remembrance
  - Swap sea stories and make new memories!
  - Bring your auction items.

 **Spread the word—call your buddies, tag them, or share this flyer!**  
**Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable reunion.**

 **QUESTIONS?**

**Contact:** Monny Hanna at [Mhanna58@gmail.com](mailto:Mhanna58@gmail.com) or (904) 228-1028  
**Or message us on the McCard Reunion Facebook Group!**

 **Let's make 2025 a great reunion!**

**Full steam ahead to Grand Rapids — we'll see you there, Shipmates!**

## 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:** 1-616-957-1770

***(inform reservation desk it is for the McCard Reunion)***

**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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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



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



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 ..... \$48.00 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_=\$\_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025 Tour: President Gerald R. Ford 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 "2025 McCard Reunion")

Registration may also be completed at website: [www.ussroberthmccard822.com](http://www.ussroberthmccard822.com)

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

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

Don't forget your item for the auction after the business meeting

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

**The McCard is more than just a ship—it lives on through the spirit of her Alumni Association members.**

**Each year, as we gather to honor our time aboard the Rockin' Bobby, we share sea stories and memories that shaped our lives. Every shipmate, regardless of rank or rate, holds a valued place in this brotherhood.**

**With your continued support, we keep the Rockin' Bobby afloat in our hearts and minds. She was more than a duty station—she was a defining chapter in our Navy journey, a legacy we carry proudly. Our bond is also a tribute to GySgt Robert H. McCard, Medal of Honor recipient, whose name our ship bore with honor. Upholding his legacy is at the heart of why this association exists—and why it matters.**

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**The McCard is the Destroyer that still has life for her Alumni Association Members. Each year we gather to relive our past history aboard the Rock-N- Bobby, to tell those great sea stories to fellow shipmates.**

**All shipmates are appreciated, and with your continuing support, we can keep the Rock-N-Bobby afloat in our hearts and minds. We gather to tell the history of the greatest ship of our lives history of which the McCard played a role.**

**What a perfect time to bond together to give GySgt (MOH) Robert H. McCard his legacy, the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Navy. This is why our association was formed and exists today.**

**So, join us for another great reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan, you won't be sorry.**

**Monny Hanna**

## **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.



**BERNARD PLANTE ENCS (1950-1952)**

**Deceased June 2025 (Manchester, NH)**

**GERALD WENNLUND SM2 (1974-1975)**

**Deceased April 2025 (Tampa, FL)**



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## **REUNION AGENDA**

*September 10 2025 - Arrive at Hotel-Meet & Greet Hospitality Room*

*September 11 2025 - Tour Fredrik Meijer Sculpture Park 8:30 am - 2:30 pm*

*September 12 2025 - Tour Gerald R. Ford Museum & Downtown 8:30 am - 3:30 pm*

*September 13 2025 - Business Meeting/Auction 9:00 am - 12:00 pm*

*September 13 2025 - Ceremonies and Banquet 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm*

*September 14 2025 - Hugs & Goodbyes-Reunion 2025 Closes 11 am*

**(Hospitality Room available daily)**