



USS Robert H. McCard DD822

FLAG HOIST

September-October 2024

REUNION 2025



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO

Shipmates,

As the CO of the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Alumni Reunion Association, I want to thank all that attended the 34th annual reunion. I hope all enjoyed themselves as I did, being the host and also the experience of arranging the reunion was pleasurable. I strive to always give the association the best possible reunion value and enjoyment. The experience of reliving our times aboard the McCard with all those attending is an experience which will be remembered for many years. We are so privileged to have been one of those who was able to serve aboard the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 with her active service to the United States of America ☐☐.

All in all it was a great reunion though we all have something we feel could have been better. We try our best to give the best value and experiences and hope for the best. The auction boosted our treasury up to the degree we are able to have a reunion in 2025, so we hope to see everyone in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Good tours at the WWII Museum and the Mississippi River Jazz boat cruise (we didn't let a little rain stop us). Our Saturday evening banquet capped the reunion and a time for all to get together one last time before leaving for home.

Remember our association can't survive without your dues. Fill out and mail the form in this newsletter or if you prefer we can accept payment online at <https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com>. Don't forget to make a few comments in the space provided about your most memorable moment of the reunion or of your membership in the group.

Planning has begun for our next year's reunion so Grand Rapids better be ready for us

You will find contact information for all officers, don't hesitate to contact one of us. If you know of one of your old shipmates who is not a member, send his name, we'll contact him to see if we can't get them to join.

CO-Monny Hanna, Retired EMCS(SW)/E-8

Welcome to Grand Rapids, the second largest city in Michigan. Grand Rapids is located on the Grand Rapids River and is about 25 miles from Lake Michigan. Historically, Grand Rapids was known as "Furniture City," with five of the world's leading office furniture companies still in the area. A newer "moniker" for Grand Rapids is "Beer City USA," based on the numerous micro and craft breweries that have popped up. Some have even gained national reputations (such as Founder's Brewing Company and Bell's Brewery).

Grand Rapids is also the home of ArtPrize (an annual viewer-judged international art exhibition) and Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. Both have added to the luster of Grand Rapids in recent years. In addition, Grand Rapids is the childhood home of President Gerald F. Ford. One of his Presidential museums is located in Grand Rapids and it is the burial site for both the President and his wife, Betty Ford.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Grand Rapids in 2025! Bob and Mary Crans

(Grand Rapids Trivia question: .What famous pop star eloped with her first husband, James LeBarge, in Grand Rapids?) Answer on Page 6



R1-L to R: Terry Long, David Irwin, Vic Tornero, Francis Prisco, Raymon Hernandez, Mike Ruppel

R2-L to R: Michael Chance, Brian Smead, Eugene Robinson, Bob Crans, Morgan Robertson, John Hagen, Dennis Replogle, John Thomson, Clifford Leday, Clarence Smith, James Boyd,

R3-L to R: Ron Perceful, Brad Dahn, David Tomski, Fred Paddock, Monny Hanna, John Childs, Bernard Norman, Thomas Farrell, Gary Spencer, David Kernohan,

Not present for this photo: Cameron Carper, Jerry Hanna, Randy Huey, Brian LeDay, Jeremy LeDay, Nick Leday, Ian Paddock and Cole Robertson



R1- L to R: Marcellia Leday, Mary Crans, Naomi Chance, Susan Long, Harriet Smith, Beverly Boyd

R2- L to R: Deena Ruppel, Peg Tomski, Wendee Perceful, Octavia Kernohan, Virginia Cavella, Sam Tornero, Muriel Thomson, Barbara Childs, Jeanette Phillips, Sally Hernandez

R3- L to R: Launa Norman, Julia Spencer, Vera Hagen, Carol Dahn, Sandra Duff, Vicki Smead, Jaqueline Robinson, Linda Hanna

Not present for photo: Kim Hanna, Amber LeDay and April LeDay

USS Robert H McCard DD822 ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Double Tree by Hilton Airport New Orleans, Kenner, Louisiana

October 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9 A.M. by CO Monny Hanna followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending.

Attendees: Monny Hanna, Bernard Norman, Ron Percefel, Dennis Replogle, Michael Chance, John Childs, Tim Cosma, Bob Crans, Brad Dahn, Thomas Farrell, John Hagen, Ramon Hernandez, David Irwin, David Kernohan, Cliff Leday, Terry Long, Fred Paddock, Francis Prisco, Eugene Robinson, Mike Ruppell, Brian Smead, Clarence Smith, Gary Spencer, John Thomson, David Tomski and Vic Tornero.

Minutes of 2023 business meeting was read by Yeoman Dennis Replogle with no corrections or additions and approved.

Treasurers report: given by Paymaster Ron Perceful with no corrections or additions. Our 2023 starting balance was \$3,769.36. Income to September 28, 2023 with Dues, Merchandise, Reunion tours and meals and Donations bringing the balance to \$12,345.33. Expenses for Administration, Newsletter, Merchandise and Reunion was \$6,266.55 leaving a balance of \$9,848.14. Out of this balance expenses of the reunion hotel meal, tours and transportation still must be paid. Copy of the Income Expense Statement attached.

XO Bernard Norman apologized for the bus snafu after the river cruise. He then discussed recruitment and retention of McCard shipmates and asked those who are willing to help, please contact him. Recruiting is not easy but rewarding. We especially need shipmates from the 1970's to help reach out to get their old buddies to join, even if all they do is attend a reunion. All this helps in perpetuating the association. John Hagen volunteered to assist once more.

Frank Prisco, age 92 was recognized for his attendance at many reunions as well as being the oldest at this year's. His first reunion was in Boston, 1994

CO reminded the group we have a website and Facebook page.

The Paymaster also serves as our Webmaster and reports Cruise books are continually being added to the site. If anyone has one that is not on website, would they loan it to the webmaster? He also explained the new ability to pay for dues, caps, patches tours, etc. using the McCard website. Paying electronically through the web eliminates waiting for a check.

New Business; 2025 Reunion destination: There was not more old business to discuss so the meeting moved to 2025 reunion sites: Ron and Wendee Perceful related their daughter was employed by a travel agency and would do what she could for us at no charge. It was also mentioned that going to west coast would not be good for us. The group cannot afford a reunion planner as they require a minimum of 100 people so we need to pick sites where some shipmate lives nearby who could provide some guidance in reunion site selected. It was also mentioned coastal cities were expensive compared to going somewhat inland. Cities chosen to vote on were Grand Rapids, MI, Harrisburg, PA, New York area, Dubuque, IA, Chicago/Great Lakes, IL and Oklahoma City, OK was mentioned for 2026. Votes were 10 for Grand Rapids, PA was 8, NY 1 Dubuque 1 and Great Lakes 1. After that vote the top 2 were voted on again and Grand Rapids received 11 while Harrisburg 10. Bob and Mary Crans live in Grand Rapids and have been asked to assist in selecting hotels and tours so we have another great reunion. It was also decided to attempt to have it in September if possible after Labor Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Income Expense Statement

Starting Balance		\$3769.36
Income:		
Dues	\$ 3,307.90	
Merchandise	\$ 149.00	
Reunion	\$ 8,518.43	
Donations	\$ 370.00	
TOTAL	\$ 12,345.33	
Expenses:		
Administration	\$ 28.55	
Newsletter	\$ 441.22	
Merchandise	\$ 515.30	
Reunion	\$ 5,281.48	
TOTAL	\$ 6,266.55	
Ending Balance		\$ 9,848.14

There will still be some expenses to be paid for the 2024 reunion.

The 2024 Auction brought in \$2,400.00 (not included in the above figures).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS FAST APPROACHING

The end of 2024 is almost here and time to renew our membership in the association. The renewal form on page 13 can be printed and sent to the Paymaster or if you prefer, use <https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com> to pay online.

We need all of us to keep the Association strong and active while we are still able, so please complete your form while it's still fresh in your mind.

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Shipmates,

Just a few weeks ago we gathered together to celebrate the 78th birthday of the USS Robert H. McCard. I feel it is truly important to recognize and express thanks to originators of this Reunion Group, most of which are no longer with us.

Ben and Nancy Turpen had the vision to bring us together for the first time and we think that we have recognized their efforts of the legacy they left behind seeing as how this was our 34th reunion.

The first reunion was hosted by Ben and Nancy in Dayton, Ohio in September 1990 with a complement of 40 shipmates and guests. What a tremendous amount of expense and time spent to pull it all together being they did not have the use of the internet and computers we have today.

It was so successful that this group decided to do it again, and each year more shipmates attended with well over 100 at the 1996 reunion in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.

In 2024 The McCard Association celebrated it's 34th annual reunion with 55 shipmates and guests in New Orleans, Louisiana. We now have an active roster of 104 active from 1946 (Plank Owner) to 1980 (Decommissioning Crew). In addition, the Association puts out 6 "Flag Hoist" newsletters annually, maintains a web site along with a Facebook page both promoting our group with the purpose of attracting those few sailors left that are still not a part of the McCard association asking them to join and attend reunion/s.

A debt of gratitude is also owed to all of those over the years that kept this thing going by volunteering to be leaders to grow the Association to what it is today with our aging Crew list. Thank you from all of us to all of you for your interest and participation in the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Reunion Association.

(From an article in a Flag Hoist around 15 years ago and revised for 2024)

U. S. Navy History

THE WOMEN'S RESERVE, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

WAVES

The Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve was established on July 30, 1942 by an Act of Congress, thus permitting WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) to fill shore billets and release men for combat duty. The first Wave, and Director of the Women's Reserve until February 1946, was Captain Mildred McAfee Horton, under whose leadership the organization advanced to a peak strength of 86,000 in August 1945.

Training for Waves included a recruit school in New York City and a school for midshipmen in Northampton, Massachusetts. Advanced courses at more than 40 naval activities equipped enlisted Waves for such specialized duties as link trainer instructor, pharmacist's mate, radioman, storekeeper, yeoman, and gunnery instructor. Forty different ratings are open to enlisted women. At advanced schools officers were prepared for duties in aerology, technical and administrative radar, air combat information, Japanese language, communications, supply and link celestial navigation instruction as well as actual navigation officers.

At the time of the Japanese surrender there were 4,000 on duty in Hawaii. On V-J Day Waves were on duty at 900 shore stations in the United States and Hawaii. Nearly 20,000 Waves were serving in the Washington, D. C. area, and in the Navy Department 55 percent of all its military personnel were Waves.

(Reprint from the Blue Jackets Manual 1948 edition)

In 1984, Janet Jackson and James DeBarge filed their marriage license at the Kent County Clerk's Office. This does not come as a surprise since James grew up in Grand Rapids. However, the marriage was short-lived and was annulled in 1985.

Do you have an item of interest, scuttlebutt, sea stories, Ideas, suggestions, something related to McCard shipmates, gripes, concerns? Know someone who is on Binnacle List and needs to hear from shipmates or one who has stood the Last Watch? Send it to Dennis Replogle at McCardFlagHoist@yahoo.com or 18400 Geary Ct., South Bend, IN 46637. We need to also say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the members who continue to pay dues year after year and many contributing a little extra. We've also had many who have stepped up to become an officer of the group and though small can be time consuming at times, a Thank You goes out to all of you.

The TAPS columns in standard in each Flag Hoist whenever a shipmate passes on. Anyone who becomes aware of the passing of a shipmate please notify us so the shipmate can be recognized in the newsletter and his name added to the

“Well Done Honor Roll”

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



GERALD DAVIS BMCM (1967-1969)

Deceased September 2024

RICHARD GROSSTICK BT3 (1950-1954)

Deceased December 2023

ROBERT WHITE (1959-1960)

Deceased September 2024



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



NEW TO THE CREW

John Thomson BT3 77-80