

USS Robert H McCard DD 822

2023 Alumni Reunion Association



Jacksonville, Florida

Nov. 8 - 11, 2023



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Airport

Itinerary:

- * Wed. Nov. 8 Arrive Hospitality Room Meet and Greet
- * Thur. Nov. 9 Depart 8am for USS Orleck tour. Leave USS Orleck for Mayport Naval Station Lunch Tour active ship if available in port. Leave 3pm for hotel.
- * Fri. Nov. 10 Depart 8am for St Augustine Trolley Tour. Leave 3pm for hotel.
- * Sat. Nov. 11 Veterans Day 9am Business Meeting and Auction. Free time after auction.
- * Sat. Nov. 11 6pm USS McCard Banquet Dinner
- * Sun. Nov. 12 Completion of Reunion Safe travels home or to your next destination.



City of Jacksonville, Fl.



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel



City of St. Augustine, Fl.



The officers of the Association would like to invite and encourage all McCard sailors to attend our annual Reunion.

This annual event is meant to share time with all others who have served in the past, and to help continue the legacy of our ships namesake:

GySgt MOH Robert H McCard.



Trolley Tour, St Augustine

FLAG HOIST



USS Robert H McCard

July-August-September 2023

REUNION NOVEMBER 8TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 12TH

GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN SOON

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/>

The Destroyer USS ORLECK the most decorated ship afloat in the United States Navy since WWII



USS ORLECK DD 886, named for Lt. Joseph Orleck has a unique history that spans five decades from WWII, the Cold War Era, Korea, Vietnam, peacetime and then to Turkey where she saw action in “Operation Desert Storm”. After WWII ended she spent a lot of time in the company of Russian Trawlers in the “cat and mouse” games that were perpetually going on and many are interested in that time. Not only that, she was a peacetime vessel and a Turkish vessel and her history covers five decades.

In Korea she distinguished herself in many ways and in particular was the first destroyer to ever have gotten an enemy train in the mountains. The legendary Captain Yates accomplished the feat, not once but twice in a period of ten days. From this action the ORLECK became the founder of the [“Train Buster’s Club”](#). Many allied ships taking the cue from USS ORLECK began slipping into coves, watching for those sparking tracks high in the mountains of North Korea then just at the right time opened with their 5” guns and took them out. Then in Vietnam she distinguished herself for more awards than any other ship being eligible for 14 battle stars there. From 1964 through 1973 she went into enemy waters 29 different times in 14 of the recognized 17 Vietnam campaigns. She was recognized as [“Top Gun”](#) having expended more than 10,000 rounds of 5” ammunition in one tour of duty. In fact she did this twice. Her actions on the gun line are legendary and many stories are available regarding troops she saved with her accurate gunfire during shore bombardment. The USS ORLECK is a star in her own right. In 1950 she played the part of a Japanese destroyer in [“American Guerilla in the Philippines”](#) starring Tyrone Power. Still young and handsome enough she starred in the ABC mini-series [“Winds of War”](#) with Robert Mitchum.

Lt. Orleck went down with his ship, the [USS NAUSET AT 89](#), during the invasion of Salerno in WWII when struck from high above by German bombs. The story can be told of Pearl Harbor and the invasion of Italy. ORLECK spent a great deal of time in Hawaiian waters so her past covers both theaters of war during different decades with different players.





Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown to become the third largest Fleet Concentration Area in the United States. Mayport's operational composition is unique, with a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and an 8,000-foot runway capable of handling any aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory.

Mayport is proud home of Commander U.S. 4th Fleet (reactivated in 2008 after being deactivated in 1950). The NS Mayport is at the mouth of the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean near the small fishing village of Mayport, Florida, and near Atlantic Beach, Florida.

NS Mayport provides operational and logistical support, facilities and quality of life programs to 77 tenant commands to include 15 home ported ships (13 USN, 1 USCG, 1 MSC), three helicopter squadrons and 9000 service members of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard operating forces. Additionally, NS Mayport is committed to the safety, security, integrity, and continuous improvement in the quality and efficiency of our services while ensuring a superior quality of life for all Sailors, civilians and their families.

Population		As of March 2021			
Active Duty and Reserve	Family members	Civilians	NAF Employees	Contract Employees	Reserve SELRES
8076	21500	826	523	1,504	19





Discover United States Oldest City

Its unique scenery and history set this city apart from any other in the country. This old city has a quaint feel but boasts a big appeal. Visitors can see why when they stroll along the brick-lined streets and delight in the city's European flavor, with centuries-old buildings, horse-drawn carriages, hidden courtyards, and so much more. Saint Augustine has plenty of history to explore — more than 450 years of it!

Explore St. Augustine and see why visitors from all over the world visit this seaside town filled with historical sites, cultural gems, and friendly pirates. There's a wide variety of things to do for all ages from educational attractions to pristine beaches to top notch restaurants. Whether visitors are celebrating a wedding, taking a family vacation, or enjoying the annual Nights of Lights holiday display, there's so much to do in St. Augustine that Southern Living Magazine named it 2023's Best Small Town.

Today, legends meet history at the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park, where thousands of visitors come each year to sample the sulfur-smelling water. Located in the area first explored by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 and settled by Pedro Menendez de Aviles in 1565, a coquina building encompasses a spring that was first recorded in a 17th century Spanish Land Grant. With signed guest books stretching back to 1868, the Fountain of Youth is the oldest attraction in Florida. The spring issues forth directly from the Floridian aquifer, which lies below ground under much of North Florida. The water contains over 30 minerals and many believe that it has healthful properties.



Downtown



Fort Matanzas National Monument

USS ROBERT H McCARD DD822 ANNUAL REUNION 2023 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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

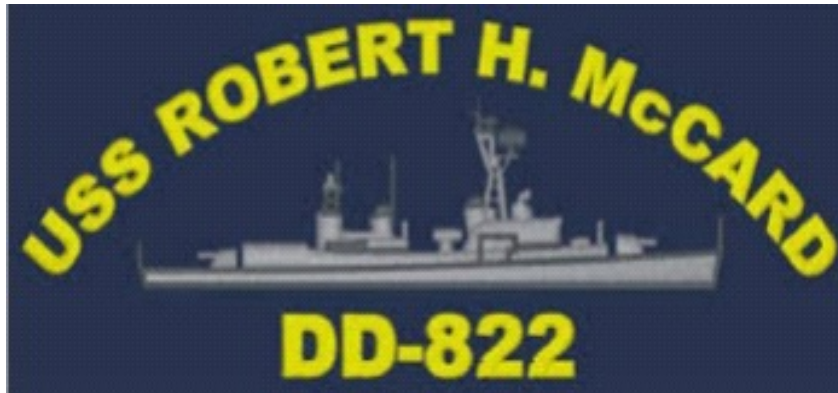
Thursday-Nov. 9th-8:00 AM Depart Hotel Parking
lot-Tour USS Orleck and Mayport Naval Base-
including lunch at Foc'sle Lounge at the CPO Club
and tour of active US Navy Ship
3:00 PM-Depart for Hotel

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.

Please contact Yeoman Clifford Leday, cleday7k@gmail.com
or P.O. Box 862, Kinder, LA 70648, 337-309-5252 to update

"Last Watch," "Binnacle List" or "New To The Crew."

NONE REPORTED FOR 3rd 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.**



VA's national cemeteries to host National Day of Service on 22nd anniversary of 9/11 attacks

VA's national cemeteries will host a National Day of Service on September 11 to honor our nation's service members, police officers, fire fighters and first responders on the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. This day of service will take place at more than 60 national VA cemeteries and include opportunities for volunteers to clean headstones and participate in other beautification activities.

This is a great opportunity for team participation.

On this National Day of Service, all start times at the cemeteries are at 10 a.m. local time on Monday, September 11, except at these locations:

- Houston, North Carolina starts at 8 a.m., Saturday, September 9.
- Alexandria, Culpeper and Quantico in Virginia, as well as Baltimore, Maryland, start at 9 a.m. on September 11.

VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is again partnering with the non-profit Carry The Load to provide a meaningful volunteer opportunity to mark the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. NCA also has some other non-profit organizations joining the event this year.

To learn more and view a list of participating cemeteries and start times, visit and register at Carry The Load's National Day of Service and Remembrance page. Cleaning supplies and other materials will be provided. There is no cost to participate.

NCA also invites family, friends and loved ones to visit its Veterans Legacy Memorial on this day to post photos and tributes on a Veteran's page. This digital platform, run by the National Cemetery Administration, is dedicated to the memory of more than 4.8 million Veterans interred at VA's national cemeteries; VA's grant-funded tribal, state and territory cemeteries; and two U.S. National Park Service cemeteries. The memorial's interactive features allow people to remember Veterans by posting tributes and comments, uploading images and sharing a Veteran's military timeline, achievements, biographical information, historical documents and more.

Read Jim Jewell's Most Current Work Published by him, Piecemeal.

Jim has a different approach to telling stories. He is publishing his latest work as multiple-chapters stories on his website. Just a quick warning these sea stories are not for the faint of heart, the politically correct, or the pious. He is writing it to give his grandson an idea of what life was like at sea and his naval experience.

To read Jim's Sea Stories. click on each part that's arranged chronologically below:

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 1 \(Prelude\)](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 2](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 3](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 4](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 5](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 6](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 7](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 8](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 9](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 10](#)

⌘ [A Tale of the Sea and Me \(for Sam\) - Part 11](#)

(Those of you with the printed edition, you're on your own)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR XO

Ahoy shipmates, it won't be long until our reunion in Jacksonville. We have several new shipmates attending this year and I am looking forward to meeting all of them along with rejoining old friends from years past.

It's been a little discouraging our re-ups haven't been coming in as easily as we all thought they would. It takes much effort to keep our numbers up and it at times doesn't seem to be enough. I'm confident we could be back at the 100+ active shipmates if many I'd spoken to would follow through. We must come up with some type of solution to correct this to keep the association afloat. Come on guys, it's only \$10 a year, less than a dollar a month. You get the quarterly newsletter and full information on reunions and the opportunity to find another shipmate you served with and "went ashore" with. Being sailors on the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 was part of our lives. We should be proud of it.

John Hagen CS2 (1970-1972)

XO McCard Association

From PayMaster Glenn Anderson

Our association, as with most all veteran organizations suffer from loss of membership for several reasons, which is understandable. Ours is down to around 70 paid shipmates for 2023. With these low numbers it will require the Flag Hoist to be electronic only due to the costs of printing and mailing. The number of shipmates not having a computer and using email is a statistic I don't have. If it comes to the point of only electronic copies of the Flag Hoist, this may be helpful information: we understand that not everyone has access to email or the necessary technical skills to read the content online. Therefore, it is possible for relatives or friends accessing the newsletter and since the newsletter is formatted for standard copy paper, print it for the shipmate.

The McCard reunions have a core that usually attend along with those who come for their first time and all have a great time telling and listening to our sea tales and both us and the wives enjoy renewing friendships from past reunions and new ones year after year. It is sad that many do not attend had enjoy the great time we have as a group.

The crew is getting smaller and we just have to accept that we will remain good friends. We will see where the future leads us, maybe with Tin Can Sailors or another group of ships. I don't have the answer on how we move forward but should be a discussion at our annual meeting.

Retention of current shipmates and recruiting new ones has been a goal of our group since it was first formed over 30 years ago. The passing of time, age and health issues have made it almost impossible to add new members and we have lost many over the years from many issues.

Now, I have a final note for this newsletter. I have been Paymaster for 7 years now and it is past time for a replacement. It is with this in mind that I also announce my intent to make this my last few months as Paymaster with the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Association. It is time for someone to step forward and take the position, and it will be a smooth transition.

It has been an honor to have had the support of all my Crew Mates over the years. You won't get rid of me completely as I will still be coming to reunions as long as we have them and I am able.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Glenn Anderson, ETR2 (1970-1974)



John and Glenn's messages are a reminder we should be making some decisions for the McCard group before it is too late.

Our Association grew from just a very few members meeting in one of their hometowns to over 200 dues paying shipmates in the early 2000s. We lose on the average of a dozen annually due to health issues and deaths. With each passing year it becomes more difficult if not downright near impossible to get new members. The past few years the goal has been retention of our current shipmates.

There is now 70 paying the annual dues. With today's rising costs of postage, ink and printing how long will be able to continue printing the Flag Hoist? Will we need to be an electronic newsletter only? Will an increase in dues have much impact? In addition, with our reduced numbers how long before we are unable to have an annual reunion?

We are not unique, all Veterans groups and Ship Associations are having this issue. Even the government can't meet recruitment goals for the United States active military.

It's also been suggested we should get our children, and grandchildren to join the association to keep it strong. Great idea, but will our children and grand children be interested, especially once we are all gone?

Glenn and John's suggestion to discuss these important topics at our business meeting in November is spot on. Wouldn't it be more in our interests to face this now rather than one day finding out no money in the treasury.

Dennis Replogle, BT3 (1965-1967)

Did You Know: The world's largest container ship: MSC Irina

This is currently the largest container ship in the world, with a capacity of 24,346 TEU's. TEU is "Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit", or 20 ft. containers. Her maiden voyage was in April 2023 from Guangzhou Port in China.

MSC Irina is measured to be 1,312 ft in length, 200 ft wide and is the first of six ships that will be built by Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Group. Although similar size to other container ships in operation, the MSC Irina has the capacity to stack up to twenty-six 20-foot shipping containers deep. The ship has a crew of approximately 25. There are approximately 50,000 container ships, of various size "TEU's" sailing the seas, delivering goods.

That's a lot of "stuff".....

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MEMBERSHIP: \$40.00 per calendar year, if you would like to give more it will go towards helping Tin Can Sailors
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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**