



USS Robert H McCard DD822

FLAG HOIST

May-June 2024

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COME JOIN US IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

WEDNESDAY OCT 2 - SUNDAY OCT 6, 2024

34TH ANNUAL USS ROBERT H. McCARD DD822 REUNION

SEPTEMBER 2nd- FINAL DATE TO REGISTER WITH HOTEL/TOURS/BANQUET

You may now Register for the Reunion online at

<https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com>

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
\$145.00 per night plus taxes.

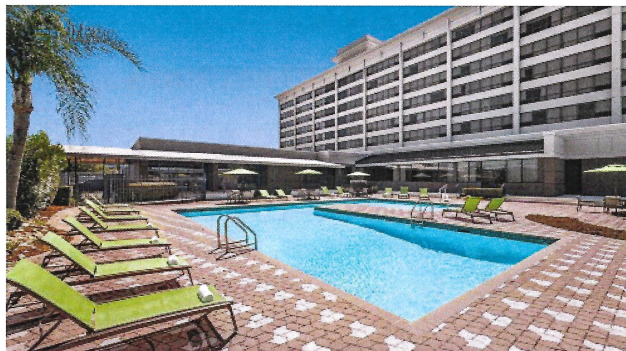
**** Pre and Post Days - DoubleTree by Hilton will extend our group room rates September 28th to October 9th for those who want the additional time to explore all New Orleans has to offer.**

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. At this time we are unaware of any restrictions for travel to New Orleans. Reservations can safely be made at your earliest convenience.

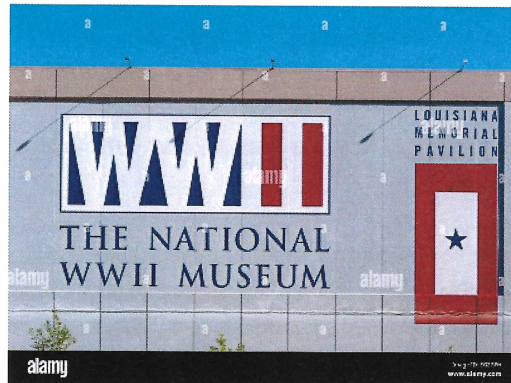


National WWII Museum-New Orleans

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. Lunch on your own at one of the 3 restaurants at the museum.

[Home | The National WWII Museum | New Orleans \(nationalww2museum.org\)](https://www.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. (Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages available for purchase). Gift Shop also available.. Lunch included with Tour.

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



USS Robert H McCard 2024 Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Street 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 _____

Spouse/Guest: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Beef _____ Vegan _____ Gluten _____

\$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, 27534 Airstrip Rd. Washington, OK 73093

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

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

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.



William Cheseldine BMSN (1975-1978)

Fred Harrison BTCM (1967-1969)



Rye Jean Montague, the developer of the U.S. Navy's first computer generated draft for a warship design, passed away October 10 of congestive heart failure. She was 83 years old.

Montague was born in Arkansas in 1935, when overt discrimination was still legal and ubiquitous. She attended segregated schools in Little Rock and graduated in 1952, 12 years before the Civil Rights Act. Montague wanted to attend the University of Arkansas' engineering program, but in that era the school did not take applications from African-American women. She was accepted to the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College, where she graduated in 1956 with a degree in business.

After graduation, Montague still wanted to become an engineer. She moved to Washington and took a job as a computer operator at what is now the Navy's top-end research center, NSWC Carderock. She took night classes on computer programming, acquired the skills she needed to advance, and won a position as a programmer with the Naval Ship Engineering Center.

In the early 1970s, Montague's boss asked her to come up with a computer-generated set of ship specifications for a frigate, something that the Navy had never achieved before. She modified an existing computer program to carry it out in just 18 hours. Her draft evolved into the Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate, one of the Navy's longest-serving (and hardest-to-sink) platforms: 71 hulls were built in the U.S. and abroad, and about two dozen remain active in partner nations' navies today.

Montague went on to serve as program director for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)'s Integrated Design, Manufacturing, and Maintenance Program; division head for the Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) Program; and deputy program manager of the Navy's Information Systems Improvement Program. Along the way, she contributed to the Navy's work on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Tarawa-class amphibians and the Seawolf-class nuclear submarine.

Being an African-American woman in a high-ranking post was not easy, and new colleagues sometimes assumed that Montague was there to bring the coffee, not to lead the project. "She had to keep proving herself over and over, that she was able to do the job," said Trenita Russell, a former colleague, speaking to Good Morning America. "But she took that with a smile too, and she was able to rise above those types of things."

Rye Jean Montague



Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lakes, From the hills, From the sky, All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh. 7

Shipmate Found Though He Wasn't Lost

While scouting out the local garage sales one day a couple weeks ago a gentleman asked the homeowner about old guns and overhearing I got into a conversation with him about our shared interest in old shotguns. We exchanged information and a few days later I was invited to his residence which is just over a mile from me.

The day I went, I was wearing a USS Joseph Kennedy destroyer T-shirt purchased at the Newport reunion and he asked me if I had been in the Navy. When I replied yes, he said 822 and I looked at him and echoes those numbers and said yes and he once more said "822 McCard" which made me ask him how he knew what ship I had been on as I don't recall telling him I had been stationed on the McCard. That's when Richard Lomatsch responded by telling me he had also served aboard the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 from 1955 to 1959 as FT2. We then spent part of the afternoon talking about our days aboard the McCard and old shotguns. Richard had some interesting stories from his time aboard. We'll see if we can coax a few from him for future Flag Hoists.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CO

In just 3 months the USS Robert H. McCard will hold our 34th reunion in New Orleans. The shipmate and guest list is beginning to grow. We have a great agenda lined up with the WW II National Museum leading off our tours. The Museum is noted as the best WWII display in the U.S. and I am sure everyone attending will enjoy and may want to go back as there is so much to see and do there.

Our tour on Friday will be the cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Steamboat Natchez while enjoying a live Jazz band and lunch. Hope you all like Jazz.

Our final day we have our annual meeting followed by the auction (remember your items for the auction) Saturday morning and coming to a close with our program and banquet. The meeting is when we choose our 2025 reunion site as well.

For all shipmates attending, don't forget those sea stories to share in the hospitality room. Both the Flag Hoist and the McCard website has the form to register for the reunion and hotel which must be completed and sent to Ron by September 2nd as the hotel and tour sites must know exact numbers attending and transportation for all is adequate.

And finally we have a new ship's challenge coin we will present for purchase at the reunion. Some have already picked theirs up from early sales through our Facebook site. We'll also have impressive Ball cap/Lapel pins on display and sale prior to adding to our Ships Store.

This is the first year the McCard Association has gone to a newsletter 6 times a year which allows for additional reminders of the reunion and registration. The last edition before the reunion will be August, just in time for the cutoff date of September 2nd.

I also want to ask all of you that have an old shipmate friend that is not part of our group to join us and if they have questions contact us. I am excited to see the names of all those attending this year and hope we have many, many more that plan to attend to make this one reunion to remember.

You can keep up dated with us on Facebook and our internet website at www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com. We are striving to make it more informative for all.

Thank you for your membership in this group and your selection of me to be the CO.

Monny Hanna

Is there anything you want in Mail Call or Scuttlebutt? Know of a shipmate who is ill, injured or in the hospital? A shipmate who has stood his Last Watch? Concerns, stories, suggestions? If so, send it to: Dennis Replogle at dreplogle_McCard@yahoo.com, 18400 Geary Ct. South Bend, IN 46637 or 574-397-3079