



USS Robert H McCard DD822

FLAG HOIST

July-August 2024

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2 MONTHS TO NEW ORLEANS
JOIN YOUR SHIPMATES AT THE
34th ANNUAL USS ROBERT H. McCARD REUNION
REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 2nd



**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FROM THE FLAG HOIST OR REGISTER AT
THE McCARD WEBSITE TODAY**

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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 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 offers 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 \(nationalww2museum.org\)](#)



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 McCard Reunion")

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____ 4

USS ROBERT H. McCARD DD822 REUNION ASSOCIATION'S PAST REUNIONS

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| 1990 – Dayton, Ohio | 2007 – Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (Cruise) |
| 1991 – Mobile, Alabama | 2008 – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania |
| 1992 – Norfolk, Virginia | 2009 – Buffalo, New York |
| 1993 – New Orleans, Louisiana | 2010 – Cocoa Beach, Florida |
| 1994 – Boston, Massachusetts | 2011 – Nashville, Tennessee |
| 1995 – Charleston, South Carolina | 2012 – Chicago, Illinois |
| 1996 – Ft. Myers, Florida | 2013 – Jacksonville, Florida |
| 1997 – Corpus Christi, Texas | 2014 – Branson, Missouri |
| 1998 – Cincinnati, Ohio | 2015 – Virginia Beach, Virginia |
| 1999 – Myrtle Beach, South Carolina | 2016 – Charleston, South Carolina |
| 2000 – Richmond, Virginia | 2017 – San Antonio, Texas |
| 2001 – Savannah, Georgia | 2018 – Tampa Bay, Florida |
| 2002 – Branson, Missouri | 2019 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 2003 – Las Vegas, Nevada | 2020 – Canceled Due to COVID |
| 2004 – Fall River, Massachusetts | 2021 – Newport, Rhode Island |
| 2005 – Arlington, Virginia | 2022 – Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 2006 – Charleston, South Carolina | 2023 – Jacksonville, Florida |
| | 2024 – New Orleans, Louisiana |

Alabama – 1

Florida - 7

Georgia – 1

Illinois – 1

Louisiana – 2

Massachusetts – 2

Missouri – 2

Nevada – 1

New York – 1

Ohio – 3

Pennsylvania – 2

Rhode Island - 1

South Carolina – 4

Tennessee – 1

Texas – 2

Virginia – 4

?? WHERE WILL THE REUNION BE IN 2025 AND BEYOND ??

Suggestions from last year's reunion and others

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dubuque, Iowa

San Diego, California

Seattle, Washington

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Charleston, South Carolina

Kansas City, Missouri

Tampa, Florida

Branson, Missouri

Dauphin Island, Alabama

A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore



LAST WATCH

We regret to announce the Flag Hoist was notified of the following McCard Shipmate's death.

The entire crew extends the hands of sympathy to family and friends.

Day is done, Gone the Sun, From the Lake, From the hills, From the sky, All is well.

Safely rest. God is nigh.



Carl Rickwartz MM2 (1969-1972)



Know a shipmate who is ill, injured or in the hospital? A shipmate who has stood his Last Watch? Concerns, stories, suggestions or anything you would like to see in the Flag Hoist? Something for Mail Call or Scuttlebutt? If so, send it to: Dennis Replogle at McCardFlagHoist@yahoo.com; 18400 Geary Ct., South Bend, IN 46637 or 574-397-3079.