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USS Robert H McCard DD822 2nd Quarter Flag Hoist 2021



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/>

****** CO's Comment ******

Greeting's Shipmates.....

It is the end of the 2nd Qtr and that means we're half way through another year. Alarming to me that the time seems to be flying at warp speed. And, three months until our 2021 McCard Reunion.

Yes..... to answer a few questions that I have seen, the 2021 Reunion is still a GO! The hotel is booked and 30 rooms have been reserved. The tour activities are booked, and the agenda has been set. Below, for your information, is an abbreviated tour schedule:

- *Sept 29 - Reunion starts. Check in; Hospitality Room available 3pm to ??
- *Sept 30 - Battleship Cove tour, Fall River, Mass., with option for the ladies to visit a nearby New England town after lunch. More detail later.
- *Oct 1 - Beavertail State Park; Naval War College; Newport visit, and a drive by of Ocean Drive mansions.
- *Oct 2 - Morning business meeting, elect new officers, auction, free day afterwards, Banquet in evening.
- *Oct 3 - Depart by 11AM
- * Evening dinners on your own except for Banquet.

Covid update:

Rhode Island and Mass. are basically 100% operational. Specifically, the hotel in RI and the tour bus operation in Mass. My recommendation to carry a mask for those isolated circumstances where a business may require masking.

Spouses and Family Members

I would like to extend a special invitation to all 1)SS McCard shipmate family members, who may be without spouse, to come and join us at our reunion. You may or may not have attended previous reunions, it doesn't make a difference. You are a part of the USS McCard family, and we want you to feel welcome and included. Come join us for any or all parts of our reunion days.

Reminder:

- * Don't forget to bring an item for the auction which will be held after the business meeting on Saturday at 9AM.**
- * In the spirit of rotation, it's time to elect officers for the next two years. We will have four positions to fill, XO, CO, Yeoman and Paymaster. Give some thought about stepping in and helping keep the Alumni Reunion Assoc. going.**

Hoping to see you in Rhode Island in September...



Shipmates, let us remember our brother who has passed from us to a greater glory. He is now in the arms of his maker in eternal rest. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

NONE TO REPORT

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



NEW TO THE CREW

NONE TO REPORT

On behalf of the entire USS Robert H. McCard (DD-822) crew, we welcome anyone who served with us. You don't have to raise your hand or swear to anything, either.

BINNACLE LIST

O God, be with the weak and injured, give aid to those who watch and wait, and comfort to all: Mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of any who are in need. Grant to him the help of your power, that his illness may be turned to health and our cares for him to joy, by the strength of Your Holy Name. Amen

NONE TO REPORT

REMEMBER - a card, letter, or email would do wonders to cheer up friends or shipmates.

Please contact Ron Perceful revperceful@gmail.com, 2913 Woodcreek Rd. Midwest City, OK 73110, 405-326-2337 for any information update, or to update the Last Watch or Binnacle Lists.

The Chief's Corner
Michael D. Chance, HCMC (Retired)

Covid-19 Funeral Cost - Call FEMA – NOT VA

VA's National Cemetery Scheduling Office and VA national cemeteries have received many calls from family members and funeral homes asking how they can apply for the Funeral Expense Reimbursement Program that covers funeral expenses when a loved one's death was related to COVID-19. This new program, which began on April 12, 2021, is run entirely by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). VA has no role in creating or tracking claims for this reimbursement program. Visit this FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq> to learn more about the program and how to apply. Before getting started:

Gather the documents FEMA requires before you call FEMA to apply. Family members must provide documentation to establish a claim. You do NOT need any paperwork from VA. The only way to apply is by calling FEMA's toll-free number 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585 M-F 09-2100 EST. There is no way to apply online.

Only the person who covered the funeral expenses can call FEMA's toll-free number, not a third party like a funeral home director or cemetery representative.

FEMA only wants documents showing the costs you incurred. If your loved one was interred in a VA national cemetery, there was no cost to you for those things associated with the cemetery, such as the headstone or marker, the gravesite or columbarium niche, the grave liner, and assorted fees for opening and closing the grave, mounting the headstone, etc. All these items were part of the Veteran's burial benefit with VA. FEMA's program can be used to reimburse a family for funeral-related expenses that VA doesn't cover, such as the cost of the casket or urn, clergy fees and funeral home fees. FEMA's website has more details.

The Veterans Benefits Administration also pays a burial allowance to the families in certain circumstances, whether or not the Veteran is interred in a VA cemetery. To learn more about this VA benefit and who qualifies, click here: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance>. Please be patient with FEMA's call center, as it is currently dealing with a very high volume of calls. If you get a busy signal, try again later. There is no deadline for submitting claims. Finally, be prepared before calling FEMA's toll-free number. FEMA's website provides all of the details on what you need to do: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>.

Beware of Scams

FEMA has issued a "Fraud Alert" on its website, noting reports of scammers contacting mourners and offering to register them for funeral assistance. If you are concerned about fraud, keep these points in mind as you navigate the process:

FEMA will not contact anyone until that individual has reached out to FEMA or applied for assistance. If you're contacted by an individual claiming to be from FEMA and have not reached out, hang up and call the FEMA Helpline (800-621-3362) or the National Center for Fraud Hotline (866-720-5721).

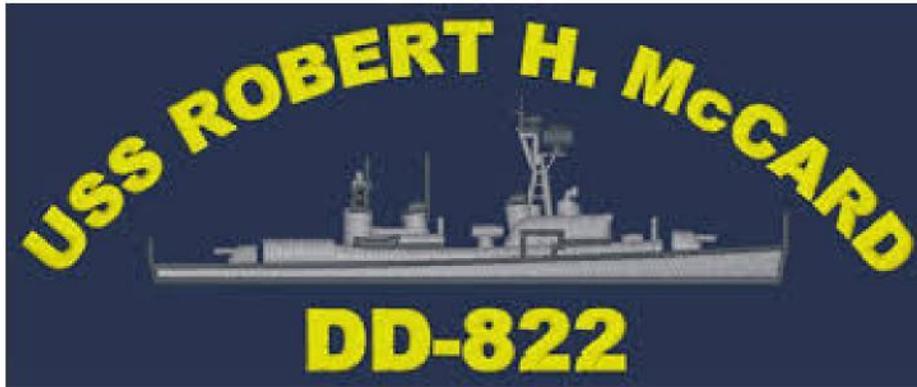
A third party cannot apply for burial assistance on your behalf. You must call FEMA (844-684-6333) between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern on a weekday to begin the application process; do not provide personal information to anyone offering assistance outside of FEMA.

Unlike other benefits programs, you can register for this assistance only via telephone. Beware of emails or online forms requesting your data in exchange for aid. You may be asked to submit documents via an online portal at gov after the initial phone call, but you'll also be able to do so via fax or regular mail.

FEMA received more than 1 million calls shortly after the program's launch, CBS News reported, and warns that high call volume could continue and callers could receive a busy signal. The agency maintains a list of answers to frequently asked questions about the benefit at this link.

[Source: Vantage Point & MOAA Newsletter | Kevin Lilley | April 21 & 27, 2021 ++]

To See More go to: End of Life Documents. Check out the 10 min video at <https://youtu.be/e8Lycb1MFeQ>.



**HOTEL RESERVATIONS
INDIVIDUAL CALL-IN**

DATES: **Check-in** September 29, 2021; **Check-out** October 3, 2021

HOTEL: **Crowne Plaza Hotel / Providence - Warwick (Airport)**

ADDRESS: 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

PHONE: (401)-732-6000 **IMPORTANT!!!: Refer to Group Code: RHM** ON-
LINE RESERVATIONS: www.crownehotelwarwick.com Group Code: RHM

ROOM RATE: \$139.00 per night plus taxes.

** Pre and Post Days - Crowne Plaza Hotel will extend our group room rates for 3 days, pre and post our scheduled reunion dates for anyone coming in early, or staying later.

If you are considering extra days, best advice would be to call in reservation as the computer system may not recognize room availability. Will possibly save you hassle and frustration.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- 1) Room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet to be served in the Hospitality Room.
- 2) All rooms furnished with hair dryers, iron and boards, complimentary Wi-Fi
- 3) Complimentary Airport Shuttle
- 4) Complimentary shuttle to area attractions within 2.5 miles (shopping and food)
- 5) Free 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.

In the 2nd quarter newsletter, we will also notify you of a request for final head count which will determine if we continue with the reunion in the proposed form. Tour pricing is predicated on headcount.

USS Robert H McCard 2021 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)

Note: Banquet cost for attendee is \$45.00 each (includes tax & Serv. Chg.)

The annual banquet on Saturday evening will be a plated three course dinner Entrée choices:

* Chicken - Boneless Breast with Sage and Apple Stuffing, Merlot Sauce

* Fish -Baked New England Scrod with Lemon Herb Butter

* Beef - Short Rib with Mashed Potatoes * Vegan - Mushroom Ravioli and vegetable *

Gluten Free Meal Available

Dessert: Ice Cream Parfait

(Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate, Strawberry or Kahlua Sauce & Whip Cream

Attendee/Guest Dinner Choices:

Yourself: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Beef _____ Vegan _____ Gluten _____

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

Total Payment \$45.00 x QTY = \$ _____ .00

Tours

Thursday: Battleship Cove + New England Village..... \$65.00 ea. X _____ = \$ _____
(incl. Picnic Buffet Lunch & Admission to Battleship Cove, side trip for ladies to New England village after lunch.)

Friday: Newport tour + Naval War college \$60.00 ea x _____ = \$ _____

(incl. Wrap Sandwich Lunch at Officers Club-Naval War College, Museum, Breakers Mansion photo stop and free time in Newport.

Total Payment for Banquet & Tours: \$ _____

***** Instructions*****

Print form. Complete required information, and mail with check to:

Glenn Anderson

113 Kemar Dr. Butler, Pa 16002



USS ROBERT H McCard 2021 Reunion
TOUR SITES



Newport , Rhode Island



CREW MEMBER RENEWAL AND APPLICATION
USS Robert H. McCard 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 cancelled 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.**

Now hear this, Now hear this...

Gentlemen it is time to start thinking about who your next group of officers will be. The current officer group has reached the end of their commitment of three years and it is time to bring in a new batch of officers.

Needed:

CO - Someone who has a heart for the McCard and will help us to maintain the name of our ship in the community and direct our group and our reunions.

XO - Someone who will aid the CO and direct their efforts to building our membership.

Paymaster - Someone who will keep the finances of the group and maintain the data base of members.

Yeoman - Someone who will put together a newsletter each quarter and send them out by email and post (mail).

Web Master - Someone who will keep and improve our website.

If everyone will pick one then all we have to do is vote at our annual business meeting at the end of this year's reunion. In my mind I see hands going up everywhere...So, make it happen.

Ron Perceful Yeoman

Many of you have paid your dues to the association and please receive a hearty THANK YOU for your support of this great and important association.. There are some who have not yet paid their dues this year and there are many who have yet to join, to you I say please consider putting your voice, influence and support behind this worthy group. Your \$10.00 is less than most tips left to a waiter or waitress and it does so much more. It is our mission to uphold the name and memory of the McCard and its name sake for the many generations to come. As each generation pulls away from the knowledge of our work onboard and the sacrifices that we all made, which is nothing compared to Robert H. McCard himself, we will continue the legacy of our ship and continue to share the important mission of the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 and all those who served after us for many decades to come. Your dues help cover our newsletter costs, our web site cost and our hospitality suite and all snacks and beverages during each reunion. We also help defer cost for tours to make them more affordable for all. So, please support the USS Robert H McCard Association and come to the reunion to find out what you have been missing...We'd love to see you" Yeoman RP



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 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 patch** at \$3.00 each + shipping

(1 Patch \$3.00+.49 Shipping, 2 Patches \$6.00+.70 Shipping, 3 Patches \$9.00+.91 Shipping)

Please send me _____ (Before Fram) **McCard Ship Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.

Please send me _____ (After Fram) **McCard Ship Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.

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



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