



USS Robert H McCard DD822 Villefranche

USS Robert H McCard DD822 1st 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

Greetings Shipmates, what a weird year!! No need to ask, as I think we've all been in just about the same routine, and hopefully you have all fared well with COVID.

I can tell you that my wife and I did test positive to COVID, but we consider ourselves very lucky to have dodged the bullet. Very minor symptoms with one lingering side affect. Praying for all of those who lost a loved one, or a friend from the virus.

Message to all: Stay vigilant and stay healthy. We're getting closer, but we're not out of the woods completely.

Enclosed you will find necessary information regarding the 2021 reunion. In spite of the fact that we have not eliminated COVID, all signs indicate that we are moving closer by the week. I am hopeful that the closer we get to the third quarter of the year, we will be to the point that gathering restrictions will have eased enough, or eliminated, to the point that we can all be somewhat confident that we're safe to gather and go forward with our reunion event. Obviously I am monitoring the situation, and will make further comments in the 2nd quarter Flag Hoist.

Wishing all a better Summer. Be hopeful, as "Hope is Passion for what is Possible."

* * * * * **!!! Membership Dues !!!!!** * * * * *



Membership Dues are requested, and DUE, in January of each year. I would appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter. For those that have already paid, **THANK YOU for your prompt payment.** For all others, I request your immediate attention to this matter.

FYI: As of this date, only 32 % of our Membership receivables are current. Please help us keep the Alumni Association active, and remembering the sacrifice and legacy of GySgt (MOH) Robert H McCard.

Thanking you in advance for you concern ...

* * * * * **!!! Membership Recruiting !!!!!** * * * * *

As we have mentioned previously, our association membership is in decline and we're losing participation. Thanks to Alumni Association Past President Dennis Replogle for reaching out and volunteering his assistance in the membership recruiting and retaining effort. I appreciate the help.

With the spreadsheet that Dennis provided, we had a email blitz to all Alumni Assoc. members that were two year past due and older. As anticipated, we had some email addresses that are still current; some that were old or incorrect, and a few that we found the shipmate had passed away.

The second email blitz was to all McCard sailors that were members of Tin Can Sailor website, minus those that were members of the McCard site. That effort proved less productive as a large percentage of those registered addresses resulted in "Returned - Undeliverable" or "Receipt Rejected."

There are several other sites that I'm sure have McCard members, but it just takes time. We will continue our membership recruiting effort, as it important to continue the pursuit of bringing in new members, especially the "younger guys." We need more sailors from the '70's to get involved so that they can continue to carry on the McCard legacy.



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.

Richard W. Murry 62-64

Donald Ray Miller SM3 58-61

Richard W. Holdorf SK1/CTR1 60-62

George Cosgrove GMGSN '54-'55

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

Jerry Stanley RM3 75-77

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

Marcellia LaDay (Clifford's Wife)

She is home and recovering. The stroke caused short term loss of body movement and speech. She appears to be on the mend. She said, " she prayed for and accepted Gods plan." Sounds like it was a favorable plan.....

She is "looking forward to seeing us all in Rhode Island." She's a strong lady.

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)

Burial At Sea - How to Do It without the Navy' Help

For many, it will come as a surprise that it's so simple to bury a deceased loved one at sea, with little more than sail cloth and some weights. All you have to do is ensure you have all the necessary permits for transporting the human remains and a boat. When burying someone at sea, it's important to note that a military burial beyond what you can provide amongst your family and friends (or chartered boat service) isn't possible. You'll need the Navy's help to do that, but if you do family won't be allowed to be present. Refer to <https://www.wearethemighty.com/military-life/burial-at-sea-rules>.

The first step is getting familiar with the [Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act](#), which affords a general permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for "dumping of certain materials that will have a minimal adverse environmental impact and are generally disposed of in small quantities." This general permit allows for the transport and burial of human remains in the ocean under specific conditions. The remains have to be dumped at least three nautical miles from shore and you can dump things that won't decompose along with them. These are things like plastic flowers and wreaths. You'll need a permit to move the body to the boat (your funeral director can help with this part) and you'll need to prepare the body for sea by either using a non-plastic casket or some kind of natural fiber wrapping affixed to a weight for easy sinking.

If using a casket, a specific series of holes must be drilled so the box fills with water and offsets the buoyancy of the body. The casket must be wrapped with 5 steel bands or chains, four around the width of the casket and one wrapped lengthwise. Additional weight in sand or stone must be added so the entire casket weighs at least 300 pounds. In either case, remains must not be visible. The EPA also has some other, important regulations regarding civilian burials at sea.

- You cannot use a rocket or a balloon to transport the body. If using aircraft to dump the remains, the aircraft has to be able to land.
- Funeral pyres or uncontrolled burning boats are not permitted by the MPRSA general permit, so Viking funerals will require a special permit.
- The general permit applies to the ocean only. Lakes and other bodies of water are regulated by the states.

There is no form or application required for conducting your own burial at sea, but the EPA must be notified within 30 days of burial using the Burial at Sea Reporting Tool available by opening an account at <https://burialatsea.epa.gov>.

[Source: We Are The Mighty | February 24, 2021 ++]



USS Robert H McCard
2021 Alumni Reunion
Warwick, RI

**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 ____

\$45.00 x QTY = \$

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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