



USS Robert H McCard DD822 4th Quarter Flag Hoist 2022

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.

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****** CO's Message ******

Greetings Shipmates.....

Our reunion for 2022 is in the books. A great time was had by everyone who was there. Our trip to the Air Force Museum was interesting and our Riverboat lunch was fantastic, as was our trip up river and back.

Our trip was not without sadness. Plankowner Don Hicks had a major stroke after our business meeting. He passed away the Monday after (10/3). Paymaster Glenn Anderson's son Scott, a retired Navy pilot, passed away on that Saturday morning (10/1). May we offer our condolences to both of these families.

Our 2023 reunion will be held in Jacksonville, FL. There is a possibility of having the reunion on arrival Monday instead of Wednesday. We want to get the best bang for our buck.

In closing, let me ask each one to do a favor for our Association. If you know someone who may not be a member of the Association, let one of the officers have their contact information so we may contact them. Recruiting is everyone's job!

Hoping to see you in Jacksonville, Fla in 2023...

Steve Shepherd, CO

USS Robert H. McCard DD822

Alumni Association



Message From The XO
John Hagen
USS Robert H. McCard DD822
Alumni Association

Ahoy Shipmates

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the festive holiday season. The Cincinnati reunion is behind us and Jacksonville is upcoming. We have some great in house help with the reunion this year as Monny Hanna is from the area and helping with lodging and touring ideas. We are all looking forward to meeting him as the hurricane forced him to miss his first McCard reunion.

I have been on the recruiting task and am happy to say there has been a great response from several shipmates that have not been on board with the McCard for a year or two. Thanks also to Bernard Norman for volunteering to help make calls. We welcome you and talking with you, some have expressed interest in making a reunion. Besides the great camaraderie, Glenn does a great job of squeezing in plenty of snacks and refreshments, with the grand finale a prime rib dinner at no cost to the crew. .

We had a great auction which brought in a record dollar amount. A little bit of fun among some bidders as prices can escalate quickly, right Cliff. For those that are not aware that the USS Orleck DD886 is now in Jacksonville and has a few of the McCard parts on it. It will be fun to tour it. If anyone has any articles, photos or McCard stories to share, we would like to get them in the Flaghoist.

Everyone remember to send in those dues, renewal form is on the back of the flaghoist, or can be printed off the facebook page.

Should have a lot more reunion information in the next flaghoist.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and above all be safe!

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.

Donald Hicks, SN 46-47

Warren F. McKenzie , MM3 64-67

George D. Lemons, BM2 62-66

*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

Monny J. Hanna, EMCS (SW) Ret. 77-78

David Tomski, GMT3 72-74

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 Clifford Leday, P.O. Box 862, Kinder, La 70648, (337) 309-5252 or cleday7k@gmail.com for any information update, or to update the Last Watch or Binnacle Lists.

Minutes of the 2022 Meeting
USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Reunion
Greater Cincinnati, Ohio
October 1, 2022 at 9:30am
(Recorded by Wendelyn Perceful)

Attendees: Steve Shepherd (CO), John Hagen (XO), Clifford LeDay (Yeoman), Glenn Anderson (Paymaster), Don Hicks (Plank Owner), Ron Perceful, John Childs, Bernard Norman, Vic Tornero, Dennis Replogle, Bud Hunton, Bob Crans, Brian Smead, Bobby Brown, Lynn Stoneroad, Tom Farrell, and James Boyd (McCard cousin).

CO Shepherd recognized the current officers (Glenn Anderson, John Hagen, Cliff LeDay) and past officers for all their hard work this year. Ron Perceful opened the meeting with prayer.

Marcellia LeDay read the minutes from the last meeting (Oct. 2, 2021). Donald Hicks moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded, and the motion passed.

Jack Fayard resigned his post as Paymaster, so Glenn Anderson continued to serve. The bank account is still held at Citizen's Bank, and needs to have a second signature. Ron Perceful moved that Glenn Anderson and John Hagen be the two signatures' on the bank account, Bobby Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paymaster's Report will be given more fully at dinner tonight. We still have money in the bank; approximately \$6,000. There was discussion around the appropriate amount of carryover in the account, and the discussed target will be \$3,000. Last year, the total cost of the reunion was \$6,500 and the money collected was \$5,700, and we donated \$1,000 to the restoration of the JFKennedy. We raised \$1,600 from last year's auction.

No Old Business.

Recruiting: John Hagen reported regarding his recruiting efforts. Most people did not answer the phone or return his call. Several people did talk to him, and said they were going to join, but did not pay dues this year. Some of them were not aware that dues are to be paid yearly. Others have prepaid. Ben Plante boosted the group from 50 to over 200 when he was an officer, and Dennis Replogle said the recruiting process includes calls, letters, and working the other navy groups diligently. Ron Perceful suggested that a self-addressed stamped envelope be sent to everyone on our list who has not paid as an effort to increase membership. Vic Tornero suggested we focus recruitment on the people who served in the 1970's. Marcellia LeDay suggested we make it possible to renew membership, register for reunions, and pay online. Steve Shepherd will be posting information with other shipmate publications to increase recruitment.

Ron Perceful suggested that our physical archives be digitized and we need to consider where to permanently store the documents. The USS Orleck is docked at Jacksonville, FL, and may have space for the information we carry around.

Mary Crans suggested sending out a survey to all members and potential members to garner interest in our association. Marcellia LeDay will accept suggestions for the survey.

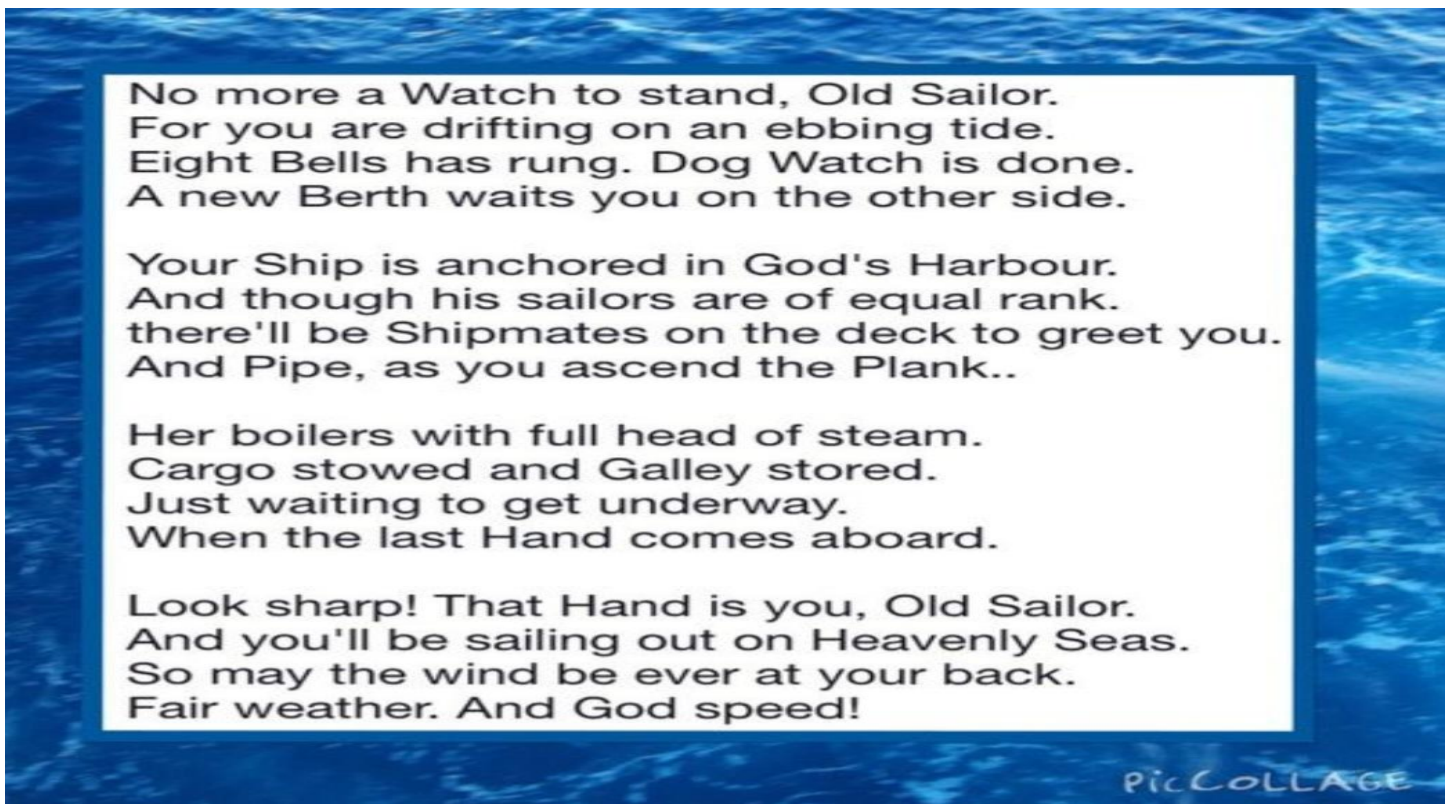
There was a question of what are the qualifications for membership in this association, and a suggestion to expand our membership requirements to all who served on a destroyer class. Tin Can Sailors is currently meeting elsewhere, and there are several other ship groups who are having their reunion in conjunction with the Tin Can Sailors in order to take advantage of the discounted rates, and more sailors in the area.

Reunion 2023: Suggested – Branson, Jacksonville, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Norfolk.

Note: The Tin Can Sailors lists all Destroyer Reunions, and ours is not listed this year. We need to make sure that our reunion is listed in 2023.

Ron Perceful moved that the 2023 Reunion be in Jacksonville, FL, seconded by Cliff LeDay. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion around the dates of the reunion.

Ron Perceful moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Hagen, the motion passed.

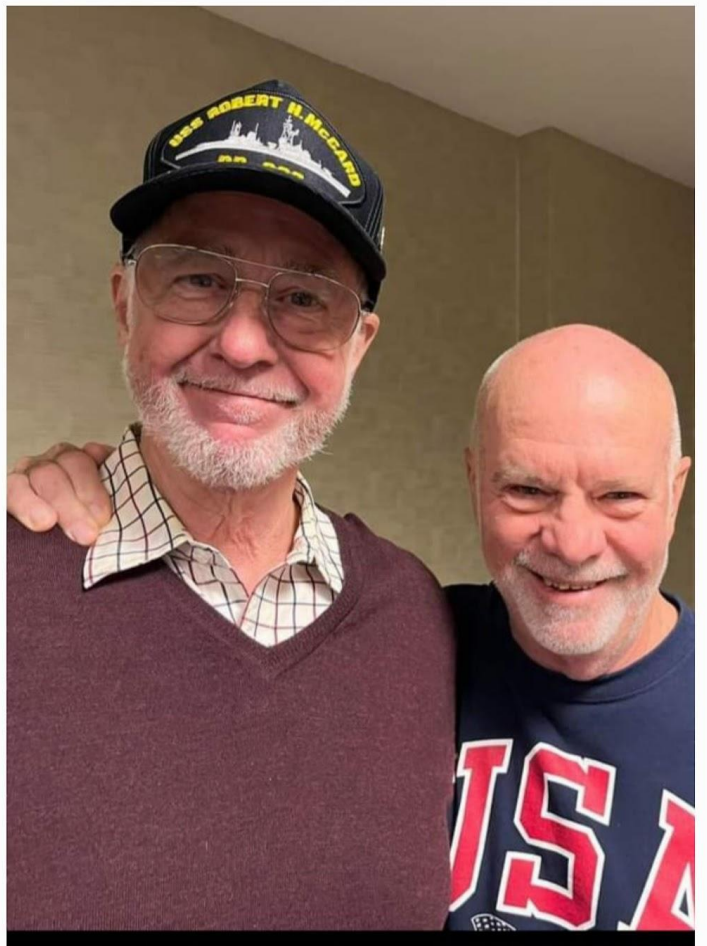


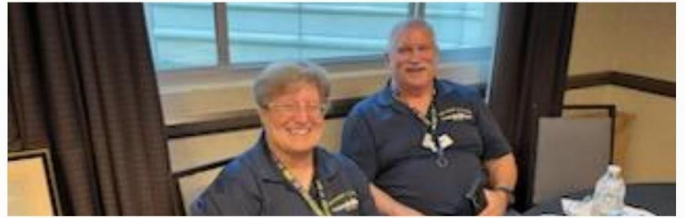
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Photos From McCard Reunion 2022

Hospitality Room

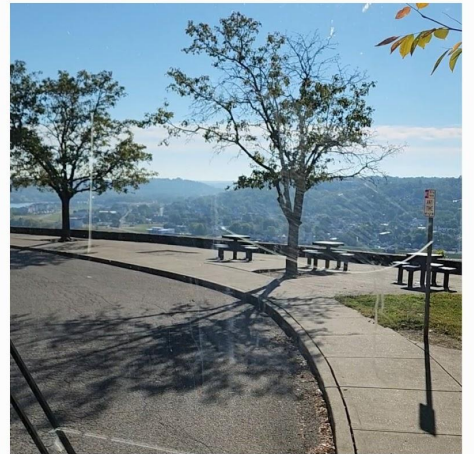






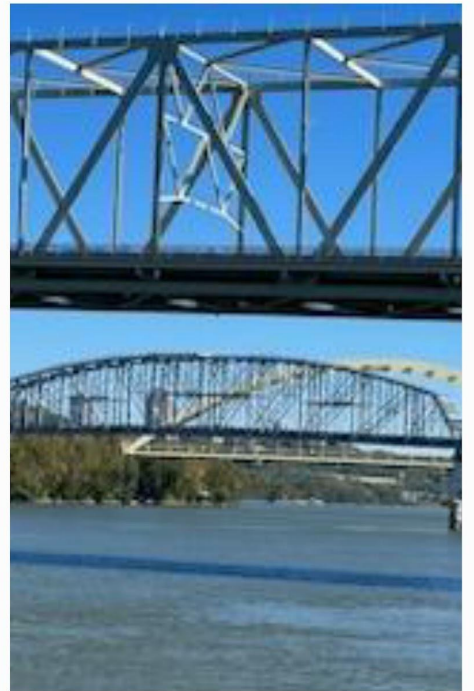
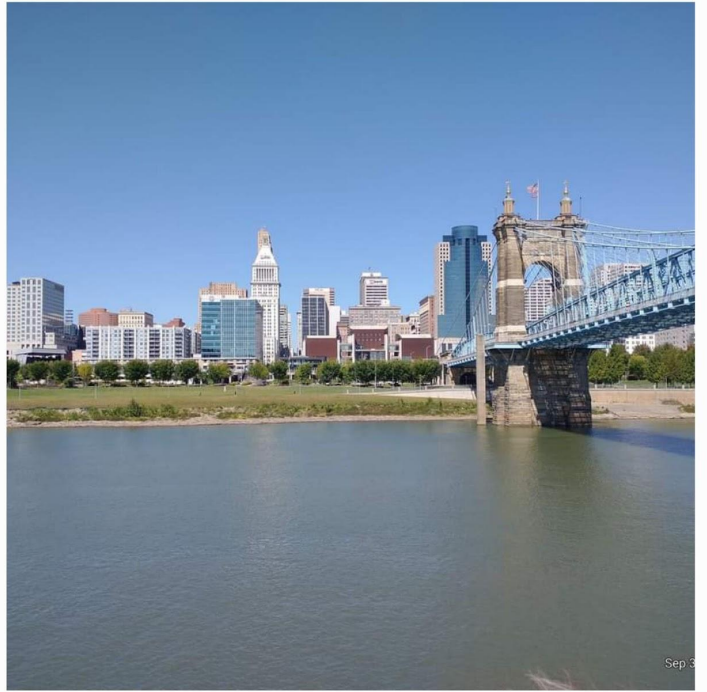
Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, Cincinnati City Tour, Breakfast At Host Hotel





River Boat Tour & Luncheon





Friday Night Social



Saturday Evening Banquet



**Thank you to Glenn Anderson (Challenge Coin) & Brian Smead (Stain Glass Rose)
The Shipmates & Ladies of the McCard appreciate the gifts**



Special “Thank You” to (Photographer) Wendelyn Perciful

Submitted by Dennis Replogle

**A Videographer's Account
Of
"Six Boys and 13 Hands"**

Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW

II

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.'

(It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me. Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He knew he was talking to little boys.. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store.

A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is . . . that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.

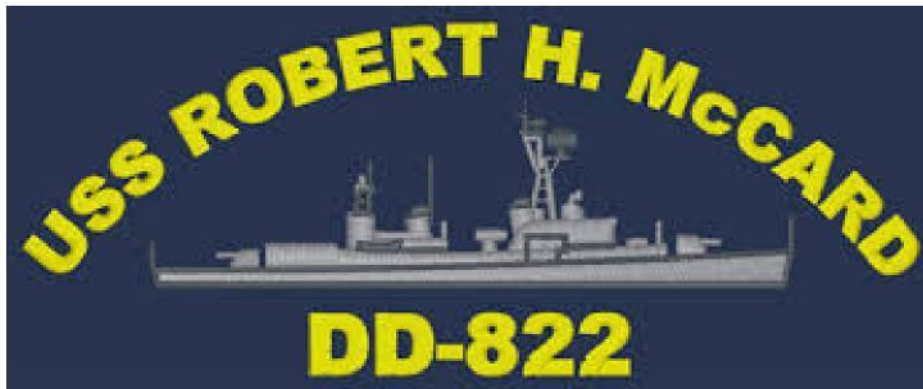
Great story - worth your time - worth every American's time.

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***** Notice*****

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 CL

CREW MEMBER RENEWAL AND APPLICATION

USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Association

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