



USS Robert H McCard DD822 1st Quarter Flag Hoist 2020



Mail Call

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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Message from the CO

Greetings, Shipmates

The complexion and tone of this 1st Quarter message has been turned on its head in just the last several weeks.

First, I hope this finds you and your immediate family healthy and safe. I was set to announce the details of our 2020 McCard Reunion in the Newport RI area with a lot of enthusiasm. The current Coronavirus health emergency has tempered the enthusiasm somewhat with reservations about the future. The promising note is that we are still six months away from our planned event date and I will remain optimistic and positive for the time being.

I have been in contact with Experience Rhode Island tour company and the Crowne Plaza Hotel and they are working with us through this ordeal. Our main concern was cancellation policies and obviously the decision on whether to cancel the reunion for 2020 or hold for clarity. I have chosen to stay the course for the next 60 days in hopes that a more clear picture will be presented to us in order that we can make a better decision for the best interest of the crew. My first consideration will be for the health and well being of our crew.

Until then, please see our tentative 2020 Reunion agenda enclosed in this newsletter. Please keep the Registration form handy until a firm decision is made by the ships officer group as to whether we move forward or cancel our reunion for this year and reschedule.

I realize that these are difficult and questionable times, and we all have personal concerns and reasons whether to consider attending our Reunion this year or not. I can wholeheartedly understand your concerns. Let's all remain positive that this will pass without personally affecting any of us and we can return to our normal life.

We are past the initial shock of this pandemic and we all understand what we need to do be safe. There is plenty of information out there on how to best protect yourself from potential contamination. Shelter in place and sanitize when you absolutely have to leave your house, may be the best advice.

Stay well

* * * * * **Important Request** * * * * *

Straw poll for 2020 Reunion: I would like to get a rough idea of your interest in attending the 2020 McCard Reunion. This obviously depends on the status of the Coronavirus with, an "All Clear."

Just email or text me with a **Yes, No** or **Maybe**. You can also go to my post on the McCard Facebook page and submit your answer. Not necessary to respond again if you previously answered.

[Email: cesbernie@yahoo.com](mailto:cesbernie@yahoo.com) Text: 509-499-2649



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 this Issue

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.

LAST WATCH

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.

William J. McCann
Wendell Carpenter McElwee

*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.

!!!!!! Membership Dues Reminder !!!!!!!

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. Your continuing membership is important to the McCard Association Thank you.



!! Membership Concern !!

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the number of active members in the McCard Alumni Reunion Association is showing signs of declining interest. Here are some current numbers that might be of interest:

1. 133 - active 2019 - 2020 members
2. 18 - inactive 2017 - 2018 members
3. 26 - inactive 2015 -2016 members
4. 26 - inactive 2014 members
5. 11 - inactive - unknown status
6. 21 - inactive - Plank Owner and Survivor status

FYI...As of March 31st., we have 57 of 121 active and current Paid members; 77 Inactive Past Due members from 2014 to 2020; 5 Lifetime members and 9 Plank Owner members.

Obviously, our critical mission is to maintain our active membership, but also to identify and recruit more potential members. Hopefully we can bring more of those “younger” crew mates from the 1970’s on board. Looking for volunteers See more from XO, Doug McKay’s comment section.

As many of you know, the older a Past Due Account gets, the harder it is to collect. I feel the same about Membership. The longer a member is separated from their organization, the harder it is to bring them back in. And sometimes the harder it is to find them.

We are an aging group that needs more “younger” shipmates involved in the Reunion Association. I personally have gone into several other Internet Navy ship organizations (TWS - Together We Served, HullNumber, etc.) and tried to communicate with McCard sailors that are not affiliated with our group. I have tried searching ancestry.com and DEX White Pages for specific names. It’s a lot of work. A proactive and protracted effort is required. The Help Wanted sign is hanging in the window.

Membershin Minute: This first Flag Hoist of 2020 brings us news related to our ship, and it’s being sent to all recent members not just those who have renewed their membership for this year. But now’s the time to send in your renewal form if you haven’t already done so. Do it now in order to be assured you’ll continue receiving this newsletter! Just fill in the form add \$10 and send it in! Also, would you like some help tracking down a shipmate on the McCard? We have limited contact info on some old members so contact me with any McCard sailors you’d like to get in touch with, thanks! Doug McKay (dmck27@bellsouth.net; 770-698-0227)

Remember the good ole days when you go out and dine with your friends, in fact the restaurant would even bring it to you.

Now hear this, the roach coach is on the pier!



Reunion Announcement

Our 2020 Reunion plans have been set.

Place: Warwick, Rhode Island

Date: Sept. 16 - 19, 2020

Location: Crown Plaza Hotel

Providence / Warwick Airport

Room Rate: \$139.00 night

A few details: a) Breakfast included. Served in our Hospitality room.

b) Free Parking

c) Complimentary Shuttle provided from Airport, and to other destinations within 3 mi radius of the Hotel.

This is preliminary planning information only. More specific details will be forthcoming.



Robert H McCard
2019 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 \$44.00 each includes tax & Serv. Chg.
The annual banquet on Saturday evening will be a plated three course dinner Entrée
choices: * Boneless Breast of Chicken with Sage and Apple Stuffing, Merlot Sauce

- * Baked New England Scrod (fish) 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 _____

\$44.00 x QTY _____ = \$ _____

Tours

Thursday: Battleship Cove + New England Village..... \$65.00 ea. X _____ = \$ _____
(incl. Picnic Buffet Lunch & Admission to Battleship Cove)

Friday: Newport tour + Naval War college \$60.00 ea x _____ = \$ _____
(incl. Wrap Sandwich Lunch at Officers Club - Naval War College

Tour Total \$ _____

Instructions

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

Glenn Anderson
113 Kemar Dr
Butler, Pa 16002

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.**



Conveniently located in

Fall River off I- 195, Battleship

Cove harbors the world's largest collection of historic naval ships, including five National Historic Landmarks: Battleship Massachusetts, Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Submarine Lionfish, and PT Boats 617 and 796.

Things to see and do at Battleship Cove

Historic naval ships, military exhibits, and related memorabilia tell the stories of brave sailors and their proud fighting days long ago. Walk where these sailors fought, man the guns they used to defend our freedom, or try on a Navy bunk for size!

Battleship Cove holds six navy warships from the WWII era including a submarine. Explore the Battleship Massachusetts, a submarine, a PT boat, a Japanese suicide boat and more among the fleet of six vessels open to the public.

The USS Massachusetts (Battleship Massachusetts) is open for exploration - there are nine deck to explore on your own or with a tour.

Exploring life on board is interesting; try out the hammocks that served as sailor's bunks, climb the turrets, and admire the enormous main deck.

One of the most ambitious oral history programs in the country, the Veterans' Voices Oral History Project at Battleship Cove collects and preserves the life experiences of veterans as a growing, living record of American culture.

2020 Newport Reunion Tours





The home to five National Historic Landmarks and Official Veteran Memorials on both state and national levels, Battleship Cove has been providing the preservation of both the military heritage of the New England region and that of the United States since 1965.

With battleship USS Massachusetts (BB-59), destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr (DD-850), submarine USS Lionfish (SS-298), PT Boats 617 and 796, and German missile corvette Hiddensee, you will be sure to have an educational

Newport, Rhode Island



The US Navy has roots in Newport's early colonial fleet, and has been a significant presence in Newport since the 1860s. Its major components were Naval War College and the Torpedo Station (now Naval Undersea Warfare Center) both of which were founded immediately after the Civil War. The Navy presence on Aquidneck Island grew and eventually included the Naval Education Training Center and the North Atlantic Destroyer Squadron which had its home port at the Newport Naval base until the 1970s. Despite the loss of the fleet, the Navy is still the largest employer in the area, bringing many industry and service businesses

The Naval War College (NWC or NAVWARCOL) and Museum is the **staff college** and "Home of Thought" for the **United States Navy** at **Naval Station Newport** in **Newport, Rhode Island**.^[4] The NWC educates and develops leaders, supports defining the future Navy and associated roles and missions, supports combat readiness, and strengthens global maritime partnerships.

The Naval War College is one of the senior service colleges including the **Army War College**, the **Marine Corps War College**, and the **Air War College**. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Defense operates the **National War College**.

Beavertail Point Lighthouse The lighthouse established in 1749 at Beavertail Point, at the southern tip of Conanicut Island, was the granddaddy of all Rhode Island lighthouses and the third oldest in the U.S. - after Boston Harbor and Nantucket's Brant Point - in the American colonies.

Notice: The new web site is partially up and running. The last 4 Flag Hoist are already posted there. Check it out, and there is more to come.

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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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