

USS Robert H. McCard Association
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MAIL CALL



The Mission of the USS Robert H. McCard DD822 Reunion Association Officers and Crew, is to perpetuate the memories, history, and comradery of the men who gave of themselves to protect the Freedoms we all enjoy today. Thirty-four years of service, from 1946 until 1980.

Message From the C.O.

Greetings Shipmates.....

In this issue of the Flag Hoist, we have included final preparation information for our 2019 annual Robert H. McCard Alumni Association Reunion in Philadelphia, Pa. Treasurer Glenn Anderson has worked hard to provide us with Hotel accommodations, a history packed itinerary of activities and meal options, all the while trying to minimize costs and maximize the Philadelphia experience. He has made several 300 mile trips to see first hand what our options were, while negotiating with our hotel and city tour companies for best price options. Thanks to Glenn for his very personal approach to help make this a successful reunion.

Our second activity that the officer group took on early this year was a concerted effort to retain and grow membership in the McCard Association. This seems and feels like it has been a full time job.

Our Executive Officer and head of the membership committee, Doug McKay, has been very instrumental in coordinating this effort, which is definitely a labor of love.

I personally have been involved in this effort and have found it to be a mixed bag of emotions. From the excitement of chasing down Robert Devereaux (STG-3 '64-'66) above the Arctic Circle in Alaska to digging out Charles Danosky (MS-3 '75-'79) in the little hamlet of Modena, NY. From resurrecting Clarence Smith, aka: Smyth/Smitty (FTG-2 '65-'69) from the inactive roll since 2016. He scared me by remembering my short time as duty driver for the Commodore and spilled coffee in the car on his crisp white uniform. Going forward, with the car in reverse, does have a memorable result. Long story that is embedded in my memory.....,but why in Smitty's memory after 50 years? There are several more memorable moments, but I couldn't leave this topic without mentioning how pleased I am for getting Rich Hopkins (FTG-2 '66-'68) and Tom Farrell (IC-3 '66-'68) interested in a Philadelphia reunion. I, like many of you, hopefully are thinking about those memorable names from the past and wanting to make an effort to reunite and share memories and stories. We, as the entire Membership Committee, want to urge each of you to think about those names from the past and try to reach out and reconnect. Get them interested in the McCard Association Alumni group and urge them to attend one of our annual reunions.

Doug has a couple of shipmates that are willing to help in the search effort, but I encourage YOU to look at the Internet links that are provided in the Man Overboard section of the Flag Hoist for assistance in finding these lost shipmates.

My last comment to make is about "our" Flag Hoist Newsletter. It's meant as a medium for the ships leadership to communicate news, events, topics of interest, etc., to the crew. It's also meant as a tool for the entire crew to be able to have input that they feel is of interest to the rest of us. I encourage any and all of you to contribute news and topics of interest for your shipmates consumption. Inclusion into the newsletter will be at the discretion of the Flag Hoist Editor in Charge, Yeoman Ron Perceful.

I'm sure I have other topics to discuss, but I can't find my notes. I'm also sure that Mr. McKay will remind me of things that we discussed for inclusion, but hopefully he can't find his notes either.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Philly. Get your rooms booked, now.....

Officer group consists of :

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Paymaster - Glenn Anderson, Butler, PA. email: glenn.just4fun@gmail.com Phone 724-487-7873	Yeoman - Ron Perceful, Midway City, OK. email: revperceful@gmail.com phone: 405-326-2337

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.

Jerry Dunham, DC3, 1956-1958

Wm A (Bill) Guegel, Lt(jg) 1953-1954

Joe R Mikels FT3, 1949-1952

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

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

Glenn Anderson, Carpal Tunnel Surgery, both hands

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

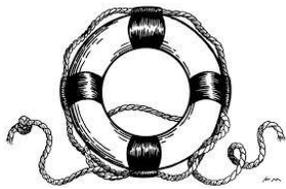
Please contact Ron Perceful revperceful@gmail.com, 2913 Woodcreek Rd. Midwest City, OK 73110, 405-326-2337 for any information update, or to update the Last Watch or Binnacle Lists.

NEW TO THE CREW



Currently none to report
But a big thank you to all the crew that have renewed.
You keep this alumni group going.

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.



MAN OVERBOARD

Anyone curious about a former shipmate, be sure to let us know so we can help locate them. There is an increasing number of WEB sites dedicated to former military, so finding someone is not nearly as hard as it used to be. Send names to any officer and we will forward to search person.

Find Ships Yourself Using:

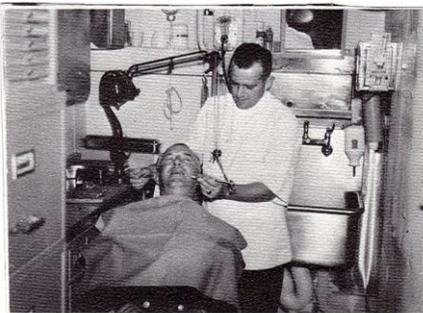
Public Data: <https://cubib.com/>
Public Records Search: <http://publicrecords.directory/> True People Search: <https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/> Zaba Search: <http://www.zabasearch.com/>

Scuttlebutt

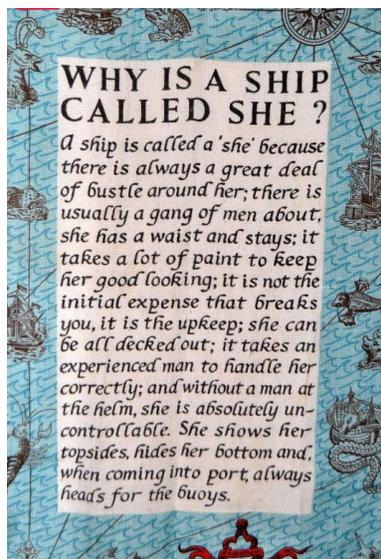
Wiley Boney August 9, 2013:

...Anyway, he offered me one of the units for 25 lbs of coffee. After I checked in on McCard, I checked with the cooks and CS2 Guilino got me the coffee to make the trade. The Shipfitters installed it for me, and made a chair with headrest from barber chair. A few days later a young sailor came by sickbay and said he was a reserve and was on 6 months active duty. He also said he was a dental tech. in civilian life. So I made deals to get him to be a striker. So we became **the only Destroyer in the Navy with dental unit.** Crew had the cleanest teeth in the fleet. (my 'highlight')

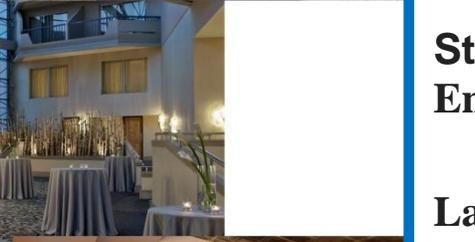
David DeWitt That picture was of Capt. George Loveridge, a great skipper. I was on that cruise too. I believe , when Kennedy was shot, we went to Souda Bay, Crete and met up with, what looked like the whole Fleet. I remember going to quarters in the morning and they played Taps over the topside speakers. One of the most moving ceremonies I have ever witnessed !!!



Helicopter lands on
McCard 1968



Era 1960's



**ROBERT H. MCCARD
DD-822
Reunion 2019**

**Start date: 9/11/19
End date: 9/15/19**

Last day to book: 8/29/19

Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate: See below

- Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel for 125.00 USD per night

[Book your group rate for ROBERT H. MCCARD DD-822](#)

https://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ROBERT%20H.%20MCCARD%20DD-822%5EPLBR%60ursursa%7Cursursd%60125.00%60USD%60false%604%609/11/19%609/15/19%608/29/19&ap=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Activities:

<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/most-essential-things-to-do-in-philadelphia/>
<https://www.thecrazytourist.com/top-25-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-pa/>

Come join us in Philadelphia home to a vibrant culture, tons of history, and some amazing food. Below you will find the tours that have been set up for crew and their guest along with cost. Philadelphia is a city filled with history and more sights to look at than our short time will allow. A few of them will be mentioned shortly in this newsletter.

Tours

- Thursday: Bus tour, Philly City Historical sites with Philly sandwich \$45**
- Friday: Bus tour, Museum of American Revolution with deli sandwich.) \$60**

Our annual banquet will be hosted at the Renaissance Hotel where we are staying. As usual it is a semi-dress up affair. We will honor those who are missing in action, honor any new members and enjoy a finely prepared meal consisting of a plated three course dinner with your choice of:

Salad: Mixed green salad w/ vegetables . Balsamic Vinaigrette or Creamy Italian.

Entrée: Duo Plate Chicken Piccata w/ Capers and Mushrooms.

Served with Grilled Salmon with Lemon Beurre over a bed of Risotto

or

Grilled Skirt Steak with Light Bernaise Sauce, fresh asparagus
served over a bed of Risotto

or

Vegetarian Mediterranean Couscous

Sweet Endings Station: Mini Cannoli, Petit Fours, Chocolate Covered Strawberries,

and a USS Robert H McCard cake will be featured, (as has been the tradition at previous banquets.)

Banquet cost for attendee is \$45.00 per person.

Here are a few things to see in Philly:





Want more? Check out the following,

<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/must-see-attractions-philadelphia/>

McCard Reunion Itinerary

Day 1 Sept. 11 Wednesday

Arrive meet and greet in Hospitality room
Provide Printed Plan of reunion

Day 2 Sept 12 Thursday

Breakfast
Tour of Philly City Historical sites 1 ½ to 2 hours \$45 per person with Philly steak sandwich for lunch.
Continue city tour of sites of interest
Return to Hotel
Hospitality room and dinner

Day 3 Sept 13 Friday

Breakfast
Bus to tour Museum of American Revolution 2 Hours Bus @ \$60 per person, lunch included
Box lunches at Navy Pier, Chef's choice of Turkey or Chicken Sandwich bag lunch.
Tour of Navy Pier 2 hours
Return to hotel
Hospitality room and dinner

Day 4 Sept 14 Saturday

Business meeting and Auction in the morning.
Free afternoon
Banquet cost \$45 per person, see menu already provided above.

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.

USS Robert H McCard
2019 Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Spouse/ Family Accompanying: _____

Arrival/Check-in Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

First Reunion? Yes No



Banquet Attendance (Check all Appropriate)

Note: Banquet cost for attendee is \$45.00 each

The annual banquet on Saturday evening will be a plated three course dinner.

Salad: Mixed green salad w/ vegetables . Balsamic Vinaigrette or Creamy Italian.

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Grilled Salmon with Lemon Beurre over a bed of Risotto

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Attendee/Guest Dinner Choices:

Yourself: Chicken/Fish plate _____ Skirt Steak _____ Vegetarian plate _____

Spouse/Guest: Chicken/Fish plate _____ Skirt Steak _____ Vegetarian plate _____

\$45.00 X (Qty) _____ = \$ _____



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Friday: Bus tour, Museum of American Revolution. (Bus, tour and deli sand.) \$60 x _____ = \$ _____

Your Total \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Print or remove form. Complete the Registration
information on the form and mail, with remittance to:

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Butler, Pa. 16002