

USS Robert H McCard DD822 4th Quarter Flag Hoist 2021



USS R.H. McCard DD822- January 2022 Feature Photo, J.F. Kennedy FB Group



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/>

Out Going CO Bernard Norman's comment's

It's Time To Rotate

As customary with Association Bi-Laws, and at our annual USS Robert H McCard Alumni Reunion Association Reunion, we rotated our Association officers by vote of attending shipmates. This rotation by election was performed at our Reunion Association Business Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. Steve Shepherd was elected C.O. of our Association, along with other members of the new Officer Group. Steve will introduce the other members of the new officer group in his comments in this newsletter.

At this time, I would like to say that it has been my privilege to have served you as C.O. of our Association for the past three years. Along with the other Association officers, X.O. Doug McKay (Deceased), Paymaster Glenn Anderson and Yeoman Ron Perceful, we have tried to organize a Reunion with a good experience, and provide a quarterly newsletter that was timely and informative. Along with that, and with the help of Ron and Wendee Perceful, we have started the process of rebuilding the McCard Website. I want to recognize Michael Chance for his contributions to our newsletter. I asked if he was interested in being a regular contributor to the newsletter and I'm grateful that he agreed. I would hope that we could have more shipmates that would be volunteer contributors to the newsletter. I'm sure C.O. Steve Shepherd will have an additional comment on this subject. I want to personally express my sincere gratitude to Doug, Glenn and Ron for their complete cooperation and commitment to sharing our Officer Group goals. I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to have worked with. I want to make a special comment about Doug McKay. Doug's passing, while serving his term as XO, was a tragic surprise, and taken hard by all. His personal involvement and passion for our association was recognized by all shipmates. Personally, I miss him as a new friend, and for the opportunity of working with him on our Association. I leaned on Doug for guidance, and he gave me so much more in return. From my perspective as a West Coast guy, he was the Southern Gentleman. He drove me crazy at times because of his hard of hearing, which made our telephone communications strained at times, and his obsessiveness with detail. He was the guy that would correct my written grammatical structure and also make comment on the presentation of the ships Financial Report. I guess as a bean counter Banker by profession, he was qualified to make comments. Rest in Peace, my friend.

I want to wish Steve a successful "tour of duty" as our next C.O. of the USS Robert h McCard Alumni Reunion Association, and hope that others will step forward for the next rotation of officers. Respectfully,

Bernard Norman

FTG3 '65-'68

****** CO Steve Shepherd Comment's ******



Ahoy to all of our shipmates & families.....

We want to say "Bravo Zulu" to our past officers, CO- Bernard Norman, XO- Doug McKay (Deceased), Yeoman- Ron Perceful & thanking them for a job well done. Special thank you to Wendelyn Perceful as Webmaster.

New Officers Installed @ Business Meeting in Rhode Island:

CO- Steve Shepherd, sshep72@gmail.com

XO- John Hagen, jaltan99@wctatel.net

Yeoman- Clifford Leday, cleday7k@gmail.com

Paymaster- Volunteer, Glen Anderson, glen.just4fun@gmail.com

Details & Instructions will be in the 1st Qtr issue of the Hoist

Relevant to the next R.H. McCard Alumni Reunion

At the Hilton Cincinnati Airport Hotel, Florence, Ky, Sept. 28 thru Oct. 2, 2022

We look forward to you joining us there. We also want to thank everyone for their suggestions and input. Glen Anderson for travelling to the Cincinnati area to do site visits, Don Hicks & his son Curt for escorting Glen around the area and to John Hagen for working on gathering information about touring companies/places to visit.



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.

Charles Ball, BT2 64-67

Duane Duff Jr., BT3 66-68

Richard Holdorf, SK2/CTR1 60-62

David Lint, EM3 55-57

Leo O'Neill, MM3 52-54

John W Ragsdale, MM3, 73-76

Richard Gooch

*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

NONE TO REPORT

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

Please contact Clifford Leday, cleday7k@gmail.com, P.O. Box 862 Kinder, La 70648, for any information update, or to update the Last Watch or Binnacle Lists.

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

*****Veterans can Create a Will Free of Charge*****

A will covers more than just what happens to your physical assets. What about the guardianship of your children? Or your pets? Providing clarity today will help family members later and your own peace of mind now.

https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/98160/veterans-can-create-a-will-free-of-charge/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=22DEC2021

[Source: VA News Dec 22, 2021]

*****CPap Recall*****

Philips Respironics Recall CPAP and BiLevel PAP Devices for Sleep Apnea

One of all Philips devices manufactured prior to April 26, 2021.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Tricare are notifying patients of a worldwide recall on certain machines used to treat sleep apnea, a potentially serious sleep disorder in which breathing repeatedly stops and starts. Patients suffering from sleep apnea often snore loudly and feel tired even after a full night's sleep. The recalled devices include CPAP and BiLevel PAP devices manufactured by Philips Respironics prior to April 26, 2021. More than 3.5 million devices have been recalled worldwide.

The VA has said that about 600,000 veterans were issued devices that have been recalled, Tricare also has notified physicians and patients of the recall, but has no figures on how many patients are affected. Patients using a Philips device that may be affected by the recall should contact Philips Respironics directly at <https://www.philipssrcupdate.expertinquiry.com> or call 877-907-7508 for a listing of all machines affected by the recall, warnings and care instructions, as well as details on how to receive a

replacement device. The replacement will be issued free of charge, however supply issues may slightly delay some shipments. VA patients also can contact their care team via phone or email using MyHealthVet <https://www.va.gov/health-care/securemessaging> for assistance. Tricare users can contact their personal physician for more details.

Interior sound-reducing insulation in machines affected by the recall could break down, allowing small pieces of foam and dust to enter the air hose and breathing mask. However, according to the VA, physicians recommend patients with affected machines continue to use the old machine until a new one is received, saying any potential risk is less than the risk of going untreated. Patients should consult their physician for more details.

Philips Respironics states that the likelihood of foam breakdown is higher in devices that are more than three years old, are used in high-heat (more than 95 degrees) and high-humidity environments or that were routinely cleaned with an ozone-cleaning device. Replacement devices will be sent directly to the patient from the manufacturer. However, some veterans will have their replacement devices sent from Philips to the VA for calibration before issuance. see the Philips Respironics recall website <https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/srcupdate> for more details.

[Source: Military.com | Jim Absher | October 15, 2021 ++]

******Amtrak offers Veteran, Military Member discounts*****

Veterans receive a 10% discount on the lowest available rail fare on most Amtrak trains.

Use the Fare Finder at the beginning of your search and select 'Military Veteran' for each passenger as appropriate to receive the discount.

https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66963/amtrak-offers-veteran-military-member-discounts/?utm_source=VetResources&utm_medium=email&utm_id=VetResources+Oct+13+2021



******* Instructions*******

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: _____



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

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



November 2, 2021

USS Robert H. McCard DD-822 Association
c/o: Bernard Norman
2302 W Kingsford Ave.
Spokane, WA 99208

Dear members of the USS Robert H. McCard DD-822 Association,

I wanted to personally reach out and thank the USS Robert H. McCard DD-822 Association for the support of the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. DD-850. As a Gearing class Destroyer and Memorial to all destroyer sailors who served our great nation, we are honored to be able to be a home to all of you and represent the USS Robert H. McCard DD-822 aboard every day. It was especially moving to be announced as an honorary member of your wonderful association that represents such great families and distinguished veterans. As you know, I have a deep love and appreciation for Gearing class destroyers and those who served on them.

The JPK and museum as a whole relies heavily on donations to support our preservation work and maintain the ship as a memorial. Frankly, we cannot do the work we are doing without your support.

We hope you all remain in contact and visit with us again soon. The USS Robert H. McCard DD-822 shipmates are ALWAYS welcome aboard!

Thank you again on behalf of the museum and all destroyer sailors.

My Best Regards,


Richard Angelini

Vice President, Board of Directors

USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee, Inc.

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2021 Reunion Banquet





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