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USS Robert H McCard Jan-Feb-Mar2023 Flag Hoist

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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<https://www.ussroberthmccarddd822.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/162641293885636/>



JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The Officers of the Robert H. McCard Association invite you to join them in Jacksonville, FL November 8 thru November 12, 2023, for its annual reunion. Paymaster Glenn Anderson & Association Member Mony Hanna have worked diligently to ensure the 2023 reunion is successful.

ITINERARY

Nov. 8 - Arrive at Hotel and Hospitality room meet and greet

Nov. 9, 8:00 A.M. - Depart Hotel
USS Orleck DD886 tour and tour of active US Navy ship
Lunch at Foc'sle Club Mayport Navy Base
Depart for Hotel at 3 pm

Nov. 10, 8:00 A.M. - Depart Hotel
St. Augustine Tour on Trolley
Depart for Hotel at 3 pm

Nov. 11, Veterans Day, 9:00 A.M.
Business meeting and Auction
6:00 P.M. Banquet at Hotel

Nov. 12- Depart for Home

We look forward to seeing all of you in Jacksonville, Florida





**HOTEL RESERVATIONS
INDIVIDUAL CALL-IN**

DATES: Check-in Wednesday November 8, 2023 - Checkout Sunday November 12, 2023

HOTEL: Double Tree by Hilton Jacksonville Airport

ADDRESS: 2101 Dixie Clipper Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218

PHONE 904-741-1997

IMPORTANT!!!: Refer to Group:Robert H McCard Military Reunion

ROOM RATE: \$126 standard room per night plus taxes. Suites available at \$146 plus taxes per night

Includes Free Breakfast for 2 persons per room (additional breakfast \$12 per person) & Free Parking

Please Follow the Instructions below;

Reservation linkBooking Link: <https://bit.ly/RobertHMcCard>)

Or Call the DoubleTree reservation line at 904-741-1997

Note: Reference the purpose of visit as USS Robert H McCard Military Reunion

NOTE: Any requests is based upon availability at group's discounted room rate. Guests are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible to ensure availability. Please note a credit card will be required to secure the reservation, but will not be charged until you check-in. If you have any trouble booking your reservations, please call: 904-741-1997 & ask for Cedric D. Jones II, Event Coordinator

**USS Robert H McCard
2023 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)

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

***NOTE* If anyone has any food allergies Please indicate below:**

Dessert: Chef's Choice

Dinner Choice/Yourself:

New York Strip___ Parmesan Chicken___Grouper Cremolata___

Dinner Choice/Spouse/Guest:

New York Strip___ Parmesan Chicken___Grouper Cremolata___

Total Payment \$40.00 per Entrée x QTY_____ = \$_____ .00

Tours

Thursday: USS Orleck & Mayport Base.... \$45.00 per person x _____ = \$_____

(Lunch at base club not included in bus tour price)

Friday: Travel by Bus to St. Augustine Trolley Tour of Downtown.. \$50.00 per person x

_____ = \$_____

Total Payment for Banquet & Tours: \$ _____

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

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

Robert H. McCard Association

% Glenn Anderson

113 Kemar Dr. Butler, Pa 16002

***** 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 next issue of the Flag Hoist we will 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

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Leadership - Heritage - Tradition



MISSION

Provide leadership to the Enlisted Force and advice to Navy leadership to create combat-ready Naval Forces.

VISION

A senior enlisted force that serves first and foremost as Deck-plate Leaders committed to developing Sailors and enforcing standards; remains responsive, aligned and well-connected to both Leadership and Sailors; and conducts itself in a consistently professional, ethical and traditional manner.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

DECKPLATE LEADERSHIP - Chiefs are visible leaders who set the tone. We will know the mission, know our Sailors, and develop them beyond their expectations as a team and as individuals.

INSTITUTIONAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE - Chiefs are the experts in their field. We will use experience and technical knowledge to produce a well trained enlisted and officer team.

PROFESSIONALISM - Chiefs will actively teach, uphold, and enforce standards. We will measure ourselves by the success of our Sailors. We will remain invested in the Navy through self-motivated military and academic education and training and will provide proactive solutions that are well founded, thoroughly considered, and linked to mission accomplishment.

CHARACTER - Chiefs abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, take full responsibility for their actions and keep their word. This will set a positive tone for the command, unify the Mess, and create esprit de corps.

LOYALTY - Chiefs remember that loyalty must be demonstrated to seniors, peers and subordinates alike, and that it must never be blind. Few things are more important than people who have the moral courage to question the appropriate direction in which an organization is headed and then the strength to support whatever final decisions are made.

ACTIVE COMMUNICATION - Chiefs encourage open and frank dialog, listen to Sailors and energize the communication flow up and down the chain of command. This will increase unit efficiency, mission readiness, and mutual respect.

SENSE OF HERITAGE - Defines our past and guides our future. Chiefs will use heritage to connect Sailors to their past, teach values and enhance pride in service to our country.



904 - 270 - 5431

Bldg. 1893 Baltimore Street, Jacksonville, FL 32228

Build Your Own Burger

SINGLE One 4oz Fresh Ground Chuck Patty	\$6.00	CHEESE American / Swiss / Pepper Jack	\$.50
DOUBLE Two 4oz Fresh Ground Chuck Patties	\$8.50	ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS	
TRIPLE Three 4oz Fresh Ground Chuck Patties	\$11.00	Mushrooms	\$1.00
		Egg	\$1.50
		Bacon	\$1.75

Baskets

FRIED CHICKEN TENDERS	\$8.50
FRIED SHRIMP	\$9.95
FISH & CHIPS Pollack	\$9.00

Sandwiches

BUFFALO TENDER (MR. SMITH)	\$9.00
GRILLED/BLACKENED CHICKEN	\$8.00



Sides

WAFFLE FRIES	\$2.00
HOUSE MADE SLAW	\$2.00
CUCUMBER/TOMATO SALAD	\$2.00
ONION RINGS	\$4.00
MOZZARELLA STICKS	\$5.75

Salads

GARDEN Romaine, Cucumber, Diced Tomatoes, & Shredded Cheese	\$7.00
CAESAR Romaine, Parmesan, & Croutons	\$6.50
COBB Romaine, Cucumbers, Bacon, Egg, Diced Tomatoes, & Shredded Cheese	\$8.50
SALAD ADD ONS	
Chicken Tenders (3)	\$4.00
Grilled Chicken	\$4.50
Grilled/Blackened Shrimp	\$5.00



Daily Specials

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

Ask your server about today's special

Drinks

SODA Coca-Cola Products	\$2.00
TEA Sweet / Unsweet	\$2.00
JUICE Cranberry / Orange / Pineapple	\$2.00

Open to All Hands

A Message To Association Members From XO John Hagen, CS2 70-72

Ahoy Shipmates

As the XO of the USS Robert H. McCard Association part of my duties is recruitment. I have received assistance from Bernard Norman in this endeavor. Concentration has been on members who have not renewed their membership in the last couple of years and we have had very productive conversations. The annual renewal fee is \$10, which is the cheapest fee for anything we all join. The fee is used mostly for reunion snacks. Wine, beer, pop, assorted snacks and pizza or sub sandwiches in our hospitality room to keep the crew together in the evenings. Lots of good “bull” is spread around in the evenings. We would love to have all of you back on the association crew list and better yet, at the reunions. Renewals are down so far this year and we need to get it going again. Renewal forms come with the Flag Hoist or on the facebook web page. Flag Hoist is sent to several members who have not registered for a year or two. We want to keep you informed and hope we can get you to rejoin.

Stay safe!!!

Best Regards
John Hagen

ATTENTION!!!

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We need your continuing support in our group. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so by sending in the renewal form on the next page.

Please Print Clearly

Crew Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Years Aboard: _____

Rank/Rate: _____

Do Not Send Cash...your canceled 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: _____

Submitted by: Michael Chance (FMF) 77-80

Discounted Internet Service for Medicare Recipients

If you or someone you know needs help paying for internet service, you may qualify for a monthly discount on a new or existing internet service plan through a government program called the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

You may also qualify for a one-time device discount of up to \$100, to buy a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Do I Qualify? <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/do-i-qualify/>

To apply, visit www.AffordableConnectivity.gov or call 1-877-384-2575 to request an application. Once your application is approved, you can contact a participating internet service provider to start receiving your monthly discount. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

Research suggests increased broadband Internet access is associated with improved health outcomes. Broadband makes it easier for people to take advantage of information on www.Medicare.gov, like comparing the quality of nursing homes and hospitals, or finding the health plan that's best for you.

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

Search Participating Providers <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/companies-near-me>

Lifetime Pass to Federal Recreation Sites

Effective Nov. 11, 2022, veterans and Gold Star Families can obtain a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites across more than 400 million acres of public land, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests. For more information and how to obtain a pass, see the National Parks website below.

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids

Hearing aids are now available to purchase over the counter in the US for people 18 years or older with mild to moderate hearing loss. A federal law, first passed in 2017, went into effect in 2022, allowing high-quality hearing aids to be purchased at pharmacies and retail stores without the need for a prescription, medical exam, or professional fitting.

The over-the-counter hearing aids will be air conduction aids—worn inside or behind the ear while moving sound down the ear canal (see 101)—and have sound limits to help reduce further hearing loss.



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 which 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's patch(s)** at \$3.00 each + shipping

- 1 patch = \$3.00 + 49 cents shipping
- 2 patches = \$6.00 + 70 cents shipping
- 3 patches = \$9.00 + 91 cents shipping

Please send me _____ (Before Fram) **McCard Ship's Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.
 Please send me _____ (After Fram) **McCard Ship's Ball Cap** at \$20.00 each.

Amount Enclosed: _____

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**

Those of you who were with us at our 2021 Reunion in Newport, R.I. will remember Rich Angelini from the USS Joseph P. Kennedy DD850.

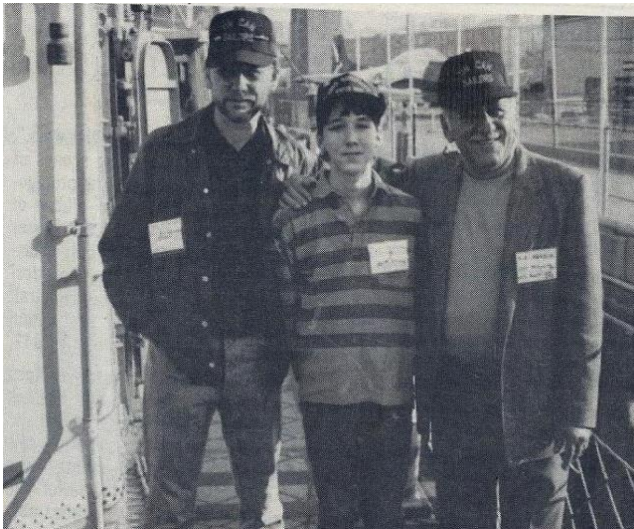
While Rich's primary job is an Electrical Engineer for the US Navy, his second job is Vice President, USS Massachusetts Memorial Park.

Rich has devoted many years and many, many hours directing the maintenance and restoration of the USS JP Kennedy.

Rich was kind enough to meet our tour group at the "JPK", and gave us some of his personal time while we toured the Kennedy.

He later attended our Reunion dinner and spoke to the group. At the dinner, The Association presented Rich a contribution check, on behalf of the McCard Alumni Reunion Assoc., for the Kennedy restoration fund. He was also named an honorary member of our Association.

Throw back to my teenage years...My Destroyer veteran father, Mike, and my Destroyer Veteran grandfather Lenny with me on the USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr DD850 in the early 90s I believe. This photo was in the Tin Can Sailor newsletter labeling me as a future destroyerman. Well, that is sort of correct. Little did I know that these years would create the base in which I would become the restoration lead to bring this ship back into her correct Vietnam era appearance. Its all for these two guys pictured here and all those who sailed on these amazing ships.



Bernard Norman. FTG3, 65-68

Thanks Bernard, it is very few shipmates that are able to have a story like this. And, it didn't start out "This ain't no BS"

Hitler's nephew fought in the US Navy in WWII, but he had to get special permission from the president and FBI to do it.

Story by Chris Panella-March 6, 2023



William Patrick Hitler, 34, left, as he receives his discharge from the US Navy

Adolf Hitler's half nephew enlisted in the US Navy with the intention of combating the Nazi regime. But it took a few attempts, which included a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, for William Patrick Hitler to get special permission to join the fight.

William joined the Navy in March 1944 and served as a pharmacist's mate. According to the Lyon Air Museum, he spent the last year of World War II close to the fighting, patching up wounded troops before taking shrapnel to his leg. He is said to have received a Purple Heart for his injuries.

His intention for joining the war against his uncle were quite clear. Born in the UK, William had a volatile relationship with Hitler in his early life. The two met several times, but William wrote a variety of articles criticizing Hitler and the Nazi Party in the late 1920s and early 30s that sparked tension. Hitler's attitude toward William shifted over the years, especially when William moved to Germany briefly, but he still referred to his as "my loathsome nephew," The New York Times reported.

There was little love lost from William. When he fled back to the UK, he wrote an article for Look Magazine titled "Why I Hate My Uncle," which received widespread attention and increased curiosity over what William would do next.

The next few years are a blur. William attempted to join the UK armed forces but was rejected because of his familial ties. A similar result came when he tried in the US years later. He briefly joined the Canadian air force, but by 1944, he was interested in the US Navy.

William's passion to fight against his uncle's regime led him to write a letter directly to Roosevelt.

In the letter, William identified himself as "the nephew and only descendant of the ill-faced Chancellor and Leader of Germany," according to Warfare History Network. He praised the US and Allied forces' "masterful leadership" involving men from all backgrounds "waging desperate war."

With all his reason for fighting against his uncle, William made a plea: "Mr. President, I am respectfully submitting this petition to you to enquire as to whether I may be allowed to join them in their struggle against tyranny and oppression."

Roosevelt passed the letter onto FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who, as Lyon Air Museum says, finally allowed William to join the Navy.

After the war, William remained in the service until 1947. In his later years, he changed his last name to Stuart-Houston, married and ran a blood-analysis lab in New York until his death in 1987.

Warfare History Network reported that with the war behind him, William achieved the anonymity he had wanted, while leaving behind a legacy of heroism.