



*Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year*

USS Robert H McCard DD822 4th Quarter Flag Hoist 2020



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 Comments

Merry Christmas

and

Happy Holidays, Shipmates.....

A quote from Mike Tyson: "Everyone has a plan, 'till they get punched in the mouth."



That's kind of how I feel about the year 2020, and I'm sure you're feeling somewhat the same.

From early January until mid-February we were doing what we normally do, hunkering down for the winter and attending Gonzaga University Men and Women's basketball games. Mid February we're off to Arizona and California to recharge our internal batteries. At the end of February in Palm Desert, my wife has to go to emergency for a skin condition. Sitting in the waiting room, I notice that nurses are in masks and quite a few sick people around. I think, "it's flu season." I'm also thinking, "go outside for fresh air, and get away *from* the sick ones."

We leave Palm Desert March 1st for our month's stay at the beach in Carpinteria, Calif., and by this time the news is out that the first confirmed case of the Wuhan virus was in Seattle. By mid-March, as the the news is intensifying about the severity of the virus, we decide to vacate our condo and make a mad dash back to Washington. Best to be close to our doctors in case we are personally affected by the virus.

The rest of the story is probably not much different than how you were all impacted. Trying to find TP, hand sanitizer, flour, bottled water, and other essentials. Stay inside and no contact with friends and family. Basically in quarantine.....

In the meantime, myself and the rest of the officer group were having discussions about our reunion in Sept. I am in contact monthly with the hotel and tour agent in Rhode Island to get information and guidance. In late June, we make the decision that, in the best interest our shipmates, to cancel our 2020 Reunion and to commit to rescheduling again for Rhode Island in 2021.

For the balance of the summer, we were all trying to figure out how to deal with the disruption that the virus was having on our "normal" summer activities. Depending on local rules, many of our activities were either shut down completely or a variety of rules were implemented to address the local conditions and severity of the virus. As a golfer, it was no golf, then golf with only members of your family; Flags (pins) stay in place and not removed, and holes sealed off. In other words, keep your hands out of the hole. I actually like the idea of leaving the flag in. Goes against tradition, but it's not a bad idea to speed up play. A few of the restrictions started to ease up by the end of Summer.

Summer youth sports were pretty much cancelled. Very unfortunate for the kids to not only lose most or all of their school sport seasons, but then to lose their summer season as well. In the Northwest where I live, it just meant that we had to travel to adjoining states, with different standards and restrictions. Masking, distancing and minimum attendance rules were still enforced. For baseball, each team played with their own baseballs and players and coaches were masked in the dugouts. We got to see a little more of the Northwest with our travel.

Late summer saw an unusual number of weather systems enter the Gulf area and ravage the Gulf States. Most seem to make direct hits on Louisiana, in which several of our shipmates and families had to endure an unprecedented number of hurricanes this season. Fortunately, no shipmate lives were lost, but I'm sure there was much property loss.

Unfortunately, we did lose several shipmates in 2020. We are always saddened by the loss of these men. We were mostly all young at the time, when our paths crossed, and our time together was very short. But in spite of that, we had something in common. We were shipmates through the years, on the USS Robert H McCard DD-822. That is the common thread that will bond us together throughout our lives.

Stay well, and hoping to see you at the Reunion in Rhode Island in September 2021.

"Wishing all our shipmates, the timeless treasures of Christmas...The warmth of home, the love of family and the company of good friends."



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.

Duane Duff BT3 66-68
Georae Cosarove GMSN 54-55
Ronnie Grooms SM2 1970-72

*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

Bill Powell

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

NON TO REPORT AT THIS TIME

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.

Membership Minute:

“Now hear this, now hear this.” It is time once again to renew your membership. While we have been sending out the Flag Hoist to all crew members, not just those who have paid in hopes of garnering more interest in the group, beginning with the first addition of the Flag Hoist in 2021 we will be sending it out to only those members who are up to date on their dues. We, and mostly I, had hoped that we would gain many more crew members, but this hasn’t happened. In fact some have stopped paying dues since they got the newsletter anyway. The dues we pay aren’t just about producing the newsletter and getting it out. It is primary about being part of something grander and more important, the continued remembrance of the USS Robert H McCard DD822 and its name sake GSgt Robert H McCard. So few people really know the mission of any US Navel Destroyer and it is our job to continue to promote the ship we all served on. Whether we were following the Russians in the Med, Fire Support in Viet Nam, Space Capsule recovery, Good Will Ambassador and the many other roles in which she served, it is our privilege to hail the work she played such an important role in doing. Please be a part of this important work and come and join us as we gather each year for camaraderie and furthering the cause.

Yeoman Ron Perceful ETN3 (1971-72)

The Chief's Corner

Michael D. Chance, HCMC (Retired)

Availability of COVID Vaccines

You've likely heard the good news that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by Pfizer and Moderna have been approved by the FDA. There will initially be a limited supply of the vaccine. Initial doses of the vaccine will be made available to priority groups, such as:

- 1) Health care personnel
- 2) Residents of long-term care facilities, like nursing homes

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are now working to distribute the vaccine to federally- and state-approved locations to start the vaccination of priority groups. State governments will handle the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Look for updates from your state or governor as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.

While you're waiting for a COVID-19 vaccine, continue to follow CDC's tips on protecting yourself and others — including social distancing, frequent hand-washing, wearing a mask, and limiting gatherings.

Remember: Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, so there will be no cost to you when it becomes available.

Factorial

1890s Brooklyn, NY

In 1859, Robert Chesebrough went to the oil fields in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and learned of a residue called "rod wax" that had to be periodically removed from oil rig pumps. The oil workers had been using the substance to heal cuts and burns. Chesebrough took samples of the rod wax back to Brooklyn, extracted the usable petroleum jelly, and began manufacturing a medicinal product he called Vaseline.



Your Opportunity to Share

Do you have stories about your time on the McCard? If you do please consider sharing them. Just send them to me via email and I will include as many as possible. Also, do you have pictures you would like to share. If you do please save them as a jpg file (picture file) and email them to me as well. When you save your pictures if you use the name of the person or the place etc. as the name for the file it will be easy to download them to our website and anyone who clicks on them will see the name. I have never met anyone from our ship that wasn't interesting or didn't have a lot to say. So please share. Send to:

revperceful@gmail.com



From Rich Foss Pictures

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.

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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

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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!

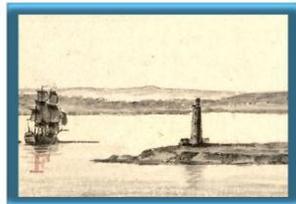
Battleship Cove holds six navy warships from the WWII era including a submarine. Explore the Battleship Massachusetts, a submarine, a PT boat, a Japanese suicide boat and more among the fleet of six vessels open to the public.

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.

2021 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**.^[1] 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

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(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.

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