



The USS Canon Signal

"Freedom Is Not Free"

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The USS Canon's Historic Naval Ship Project's Mission

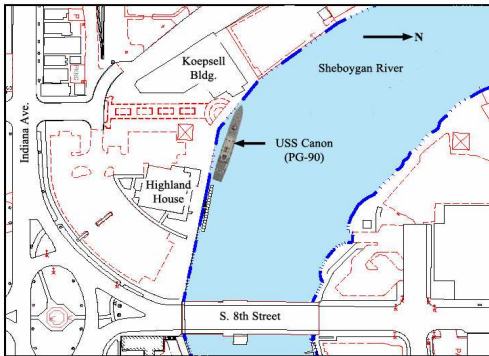
WINSA's mission is to bring the Navy's Patrol Gunboat USS Canon (PG-90) to Sheboygan, Wisconsin permanently as a historic naval ship. In Sheboygan she will serve as a veteran's museum/memorial, an educational site for young Americans, a tourist attraction, to preserve military history, to document Sheboygan's patriotic industrial role during World War II and to display its maritime heritage.

From the Bridge ~ by CAPT Dick Caswell, USNR (Ret), President

With a change in mission to pursue the USS Canon (PG-90) as Sheboygan's historic naval ship, WINSA is in the process of regrouping. Since the last newsletter, many positive events have happened. Among them,

- The Sheboygan April elections have been held and the new Mayor Bob Ryan has advised WINSA that he will continue to strongly support efforts to bring the USS Canon to Sheboygan as a historic naval ship.
- The Sheboygan common council has always recognized the value of having a historic naval ship in Sheboygan and WINSA's assessment of the new council is that it will be even more supportive of our efforts than it has been in the past.
- WINSA recently added two long time Sheboygan residents to its Board of Directors. Both new directors Larry Hinkleman and Roger Beaumont are Navy veterans, have been, and still are active in many Sheboygan organizations. They bring important business skills to WINSA's Board. Larry also assumes responsibility as WINSA's Secretary.
- The project acquisition cost has been revised downward to \$3 million dollars and this includes a sizeable reserve fund. When the USS Edson was the historic naval ship, the project cost was estimated originally at \$8-10 million dollars. The change to the USS Canon and to its upriver berth have simplified the project even more and have significantly reduced its estimated cost!

- The Business Plan has been revised to reflect the progress being made. The economic benefits to Sheboygan’s Tourist Industry remain substantial and again at no cost or risk to the City or County of Sheboygan.



The USS Canon’s proposed berthing site on the Sheboygan River.



An architectural rendering of the USS Canon in its proposed berthing site. A refurbished Koepsell Building is shown in the background.

When it comes to historic naval ships, the USS Canon is no slouch! She deployed to Vietnam in 1971 and fought two important river battles that year against ambushing enemy forces. In the battles, the Canon received multiple hits from shore fire and was seriously damaged, but her crew fought courageously, saved the ship and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking forces. As a result of these actions, her crew of around 30 members were awarded three Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars and numerous purple hearts for their heroic efforts! The USS Canon definitely qualifies as a historic naval ship and she is a treasure worth pursuing! To make her pursuit even more attractive, after she is awarded to WINSA, the organization will seek “National Register of Historic Places” recognition for the USS Canon!

The Naval Museum and Education Center of Sheboygan

The Naval Museum & Education Center of Sheboygan (NAVMECS) is a project of the Wisconsin Naval Ship Association, Inc. (WINSA). With the USS Canon serving as the anchor of the project, the Naval Museum & Education Center of Sheboygan will serve to fulfill WINSA’s mission to preserve an understanding of the American commitment to freedom, honoring veterans and recognizing their sacrifices to maintain our freedom. American youth will be given an opportunity for practical hands on experiences in applying math, sciences, and the many technologies involved in operating a naval ship. This will be done by partnering with educators, veteran organizations, youth groups and serving the general public.

Ship’s Store Order Problem

WINSA recently misplaced a Ship’s Store Order and the accompanying check. The order is ready to ship, but without the recipient’s shipping information, we cannot complete the order. If you have been waiting for your order for a while and wonder what happened to it, please accept our apologies. If you would still like to receive the merchandise, please call (414) 915-5232.

***WINSA's Board of Honor
In Memory of World War II Navy Veteran Clinton A. Caswell***

WINSA was recently saddened by the passing of World War II Navy F1/C and WINSA member Clinton A. Caswell. Clint served in the engine room of the light aircraft carrier USS Belleau Wood (CVL-24) in the Pacific Theater. As a crew member, he participated in the first Tokyo strikes, two raids on Kyushu and Okinawa and the final raids on Japan. One of the stories he liked to tell was his description of shore liberty in Tokyo on the day after the signing in Tokyo Bay of the Japanese surrender documents to end World War II. His brothers thought he was nuts to go ashore in Japan under those circumstances (in World War II, the Japanese were fanatics), but he obviously survived the experience. Clint was a strong financial supporter of WINSA's efforts to bring a historic naval ship to Wisconsin and when WINSA's Military reference library is established, he will be remembered as the member that got us started with the donation of many boxes of excellent reference books containing many Civil War, World War I, World War II, and Korean War historical volumes. A proud American, Clint has been elected post-humorously (members must have passed away) to "WINSA's Board of Honor" to join PO3 John Kupferschmidt, PO1 James Derse, and CAPT Donald Hansen as a member of that unique group. Best Wishes Clint for "Fair Winds and Following Seas!" You are missed!

***"Don't give up the ship!"
Join the Crusade and send in your donation today!***

Yes ~ I want to see the historic naval ship USS Canon permanently berthed in Sheboygan Wisconsin to serve as a Naval/Veterans Museum, educate young Americans, be a memorial for all veterans, serve as a tourist attraction and to preserve military history.

Please print your information legibly and send it to WINSA!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

I'm committed to this project and have enclosed a tax deductible contribution of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Please make your check payable to WINSA and mail it to:

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Visit WINSA's Website at www.usscanon.com

USS Canon Ship's Store Order Form

Item Description	Qty.	Price	Amount
USS Canon Navy Blue Baseball Cap		\$15.00 ea.	
Embroidered with USS Canon, PG-90 and Ship Logo. Gold Scrambled Eggs on the Bill.		For 1 to 3 Caps Add \$5.00 Shipping	
Golf Shirt: White, Royal Blue, Black, Forest Green, Maroon, Navy Blue, or Red. Embroidered with USS Canon, PG-90 and Ship Logo. 100% preshrunk,		Circle Size & Color	
Small, Medium, Large & Extra Large Golf Shirt		\$22.50 ea.	
		For 1 to 3 Shirts Add \$5.00 Shipping	
Double Extra Large Golf Shirt		\$24.50 ea.	
		For 1 to 2 Shirts Add \$5.00 Shipping	
Sweat Shirt: White, Khaki, Natural, Oxford (Gray), Black, Deep Purple, Forest Green, Gold, Maroon, Peri Blue, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, or Red. Embroidered with USS Canon, PG-90 and Ship Logo. 100% preshrunk, heavyweight cotton/polyester jersey with rib collar, cuffs and sleeves.		Circle Size & Color	
Small, Medium, Large & Extra Large Sweat Shirt		\$22.50 ea.	
		For each Shirt Add \$5.00 Shipping	
Double Extra-Large & Triple Extra-Large Sweat Shirt		\$24.50 ea.	
		For each Shirt Add \$5.00 Shipping	
Walnut Wall Plaque with the Ship's Logo, USS Canon, PG-90 and plaque printing in black. Logo and printing are laser generated. Customer to provide descriptive wording for plaque.			
Plaque size 7" x 9"		\$35.00	
Plaque size 8" x 10"		\$43.00	
Total Plaques		Add \$6.00 Shipping Ea Plaque	

Please allow two to three weeks for delivery	Total Order Amount	\$.
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Shipping Information – Please Print

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