



Museum News



April 6, 2017



President's Message

Ship's Log:

What an honor it is to be involved with the Mississippi Maritime Museum at this vibrant and historic time! The first quarter of 2017 will go down in the archives of our organization as a time of significant progress for all of us. We, as members, gathered for our first General Membership Meeting in the Maritime Activities Center in February, and we presented our new home to the public at our Grand Opening/Christening/Ribbon Cutting in March.

Both events were tremendous successes from which I have received many compliments and kudos. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make these events the successes they were and of which we can all be proud.

In addition, the Capital Campaign has hit stride during this first quarter. The response to the campaign has been very positive and financial commitments reflect that support.

Take pride in our accomplishments, but remember, there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done. Get involved...if only as much as passing on the word about our dream. Thank you and have a great Maritime day!

Terry L. Bollman,
President

Campaign Chairman's Report

Mr. Jeff Neufeld of First Community Development, Atlanta, is here four days each week directing the campaign.

The office of the Capital Campaign is in the new Hancock Bank Building on Highway 90 in Pascagoula.

You are encouraged to drop by the office to visit with Jeff or Jan Hardy, the campaign coordinators.

We are making solicitation presentations now and have visited with 65 potential donors thus far.

The solicitation visit is made by Jeff Neufeld and one of the following people: Dr. Jack Hoover, Robert Hardy, Terry Bollman, Rene' Shaw or Ron Schnoor. We spend 30 to 45 minutes with the potential donor, which

includes showing our 9-minute video and leaving a brochure.

The capital campaign will conclude about June 1, with 5 year pledges that we hope will exceed our goal of \$4.75 million.

Please let me know of any potential donors who we may have missed. We welcome donations from everyone.

Please call Jan Hardy at (228) 218-0033 or myself at (228) 769-1388 if you wish to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause. We are a registered 501c3 nonprofit, so your donation is tax deductible.

Get on Board!

Jack C. Hoover, M.D.,
Campaign General Chairman

Secretary's Notes

Welcome to spring, everyone! Recent events have given the museum effort a great deal of public exposure, and even more momentum. Opening the doors to the MAC and starting on our Capital Campaign are raising interest in our cause, making it necessary to work even harder to bring about the purpose of creating a place through which we can celebrate the 300+ years of maritime history in our 200-yr-old state. I am appealing to all members to become active in your museum's growth. There are 16 standing committees working on various aspects of the museum's purpose. Unfortunately, many committee members overlap on several of those committees, and variations of the 13-member Board of Directors make up the majority of chairmanships. The legacy of our maritime heritage, and the variety of efforts needed to bring that information to the public, is vast and broad enough to allow most, if not all, of our members the opportunity to participate as a committee member or chairperson. Please contact one of the Board members, or drop a note through our post office box, and let's determine where your talents and enthusiasm are best suited to help further this important cause.

Rene' Shaw
Secretary

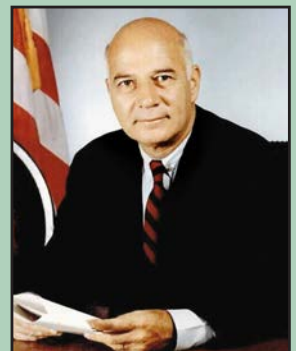
You're invited to *Paul Ignatius* christening

The community is invited to witness the christening of *Paul Ignatius* (DDG 117) Saturday, April 8 by Ingalls Shipbuilding and the U.S. Navy.

Christening Website:
<http://ingalls.huntingtoningalls.com/ingallsevents/ddg117christening>

Or email events@hii-ingalls.com

Paul Ignatius, the 59th United States Secretary of the Navy (1967-1969), is a living namesake for DDG 117. He and his wife Nancy Ignatius, the ship's sponsor, will be present for the ship christening.



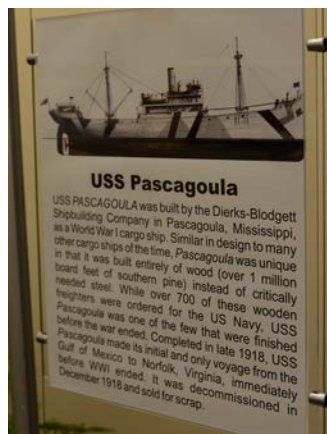
Membership News – Rene’ Shaw

Wow! We’ve had such a busy time these last few months! Our General Membership Meeting was held six weeks ago, and our Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Maritime Activities Center (The MAC) just two weeks ago. So much activity in such a short span of time can be hectic, but overall it has helped our numbers grow and become more solid than ever.

At present, we have 96 memberships active for 2017, with 9 of those taking advantage of the Lifetime Membership opportunity – no more dues payments for those folks, ever! 26 of the 96 are new members, and since a membership can be defined as either an individual or a couple, I’m

pleased to report that those 96 listings represent 130 folks joined together for our cause. If yours is a membership that hasn’t yet renewed, there’s still time for you to help us come ever-so-much closer to reaching our goal of 150 memberships for the MAC’s inaugural year.

Please remember, dues are \$25 per year, with the Lifetime Membership option available for a one-time upfront payment of \$350. Please see our website (msmaritimemuseum.org) for the convenience of making your payment through PayPal, or for access to a membership form to mail in with your check. There’s so much more to come, and our momentum is growing – don’t be left out!



Mississippi Maritime Museum Membership

\$25 per membership — to be renewed annually. Mail to:

Mississippi Maritime Museum, P. O. Box 243, Pascagoula, MS 39568

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