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Landlocked Dallas to be site of major maritime museum

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USS Dallas SSN-700 U.S. Navy photo by Paul Farley

Plans are afoot to build a major maritime museum in Dallas. You heard right. The \$80 million Dallas Maritime Museum will be on a 3.5-acre site near the Trinity River, but more than 250 miles from the nearest body of salt water. Plans will be officially announced Friday morning by Mayor Mike Rawlings and members of a foundation formed to create the new facility. "Dallas is a city of big ideas, and this is just one more example," said Phillip Jones, president and CEO of the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is backing the idea. "Lots of people are excited about this." One big idea is to acquire and display the 362-foot nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Dallas next to a 30,000-square-foot museum building. Foundation officials said naval authorities have approved the transfer once the vessel is removed from active duty. The submarine is scheduled for decommissioning in 2014. It would be another 21/2 years before the vessel is ready

for public display. "By that time we want to have the museum ready," said John Shellene, the foundation's executive director.



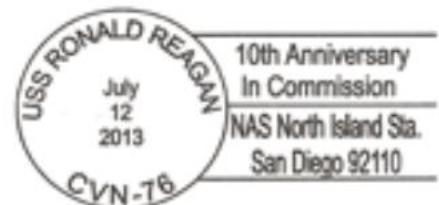
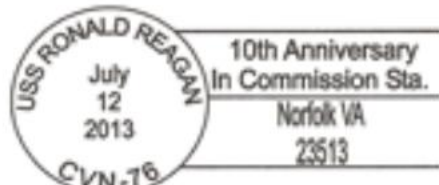
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"We're in the early stage of the fundraising process." Shellene said the money will largely come from private sources, though he said backers may apply to the city for additional funding.

PNSE 2014 and USCS Spring Coverfest

Plans are starting to form for the 2014 Spring Coverfest sponsored by Stephen Decatur Chapter. Save the dates: April 4, 5 and 6, 2014. Location EXPO Center in Oaks PA. We saw a lot of members at the show this year and had a nice crowd at the chapter hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings. If you didn't make it in 2013, start planning now to join us in 2014.

Future pictorial cancels proposed



The above pictorials are a combined effort of Greg Cielski and Wolfgang Hechler, with direction by yours truly. A pictorial is planned for the Last Day in Commission of the USS REUBEN JAMES as soon as the date is determined. They held a Decommissioning Ceremony on July 18th and we prepared a cancel for the "inactivation" of if you want, you can call it the Deactivation, both terms used intermittently by the U S Navy. You may see a decommissioning cancel in the Postal Bulletin, but we revised it after it was submitted.