

Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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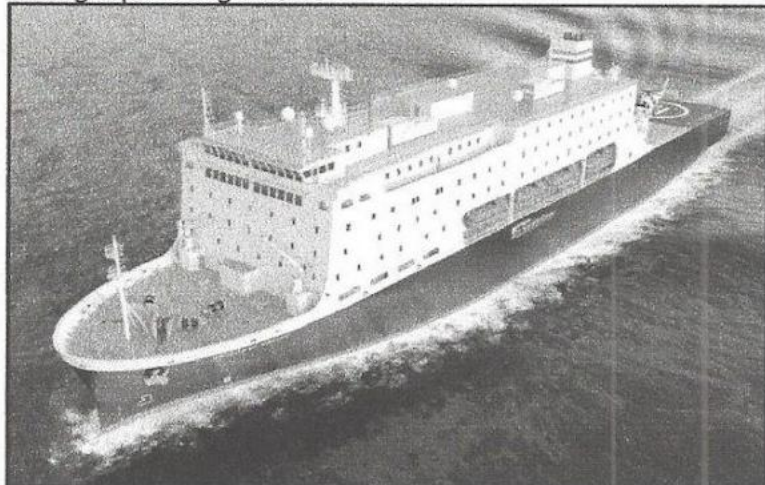
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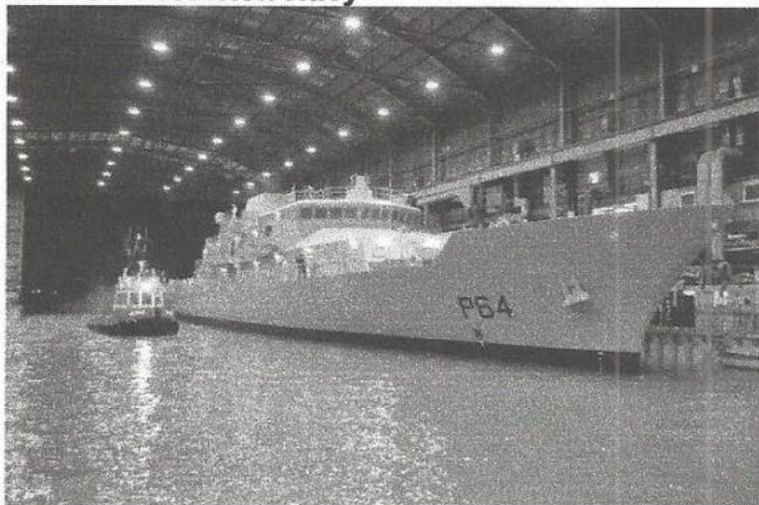
SUNY Maritime College Gets \$300 Million to Build New Training Ship

From gCaptain blog 3-23-18



The \$1.3 trillion U.S. government spending bill signed by President Donald Trump in March includes \$300 million in federal funding to build a new National Security Multi-Mission Vessel to replace the *Empire State VI* as SUNY Maritime College's training ship, the state maritime academy announced Friday. In a letter to the Maritime College Community, RADM Alfultis, President of Maritime College, said the new vessel, which will be the nation's first National Security Multi-Mission Vessel, will be delivered in time for the 2022 summer sea term. "After many years of work, our dreams of having a new, purpose-built ship to educate and train the nation's future mariners has come to pass," wrote RADM Alfultis.

New OPV for Irish Navy



The Irish Navy's fourth Samuel Beckett-class offshore patrol vessel (OPV), future *LÉ George Bernard Shaw P64*, was floated out at Babcock's Appledore, North Devon, shipyard, the shipbuilder has announced. *LÉ Samuel Beckett*, *LÉ William Butler Yeats* and *LÉ James Joyce* joined the Irish

Navy in 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively. *LÉ George Bernard Shaw* is expected to be completed in 2018. The OPVs perform a range of duties including fishery protection, drug interdiction, search and rescue, anti-pollution and maritime security duties.

Saudi's to Purchase up-gunned LCS that the U. S. Navy sorely needs



USS Fort Worth - U S Navy photo

It has been announced that Saudi Arabia wants to purchase four extremely up-gunned *Freedom*-class Littoral Combat Ships (LCS). The deal will be worth \$11.25 billion including weapons and support. This will also be the first export sale for the troubled LCS program, and these Saudi ships will be far more capable than any version of the LCS the Navy plans on procuring. This fact may present an incredible opportunity for the Navy to get the version of the Littoral Combat Ship they really need, and possibly at an awesome price.

Navy accepts partial delivery of USS Michael Monsoor DDG 1001

Megan Ekstein, USNI News

The Navy accepted the hull, mechanical and electrical (HM&E) delivery of the Zumwalt-class destroyer *Michael Monsoor DDG-1001* today from shipbuilder General Dynamics Bath Iron Works (BIW). The combat system would be installed later as part of the Navy's two-part approach to delivering the three Zumwalt destroyers. *Michael Monsoor* conducted its builder's trials in December 2017 and January 2018 and completed its acceptance trials on Feb. 1. The hull today delivers to the Navy – eight years and one month after the start of fabrication – and the ship will now begin its transit to its homeport in San Diego, Ca., for commissioning in January 2019 and for the combat system installation, activation and testing.

Post Office coming to USS ZUMWALT DDG-1000?

Navy news releases in May indicate the post office aboard the *USS ZUMWALT* will be part of the ships store. No date has been announced for it's opening. Perhaps covers sent for her commissioning will be serviced?

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: CGCOVERGUY

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