

## **Flyover of Berthing Site**

Wisconsin Naval Ship Association (WINSA) is pleased to announce a scheduled flyover of the berthing site of the USS Canon between the Highland House and the JJ Koepsell building. A Coast Guard H-65, "Dolphin" will fly over the berthing site on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:15-9:25am. This will be to honor veterans that are serving and have served, the following day being Veteran's Day.

The flyover also recognizes the Navy's official approval of the establishment of the Sea Cadets, Vollrath Division and their officers. They will begin their training at the Sheboygan Coast Guard station.

Brandon Garofalo will serve as the Commanding Officer of this unit. Brandon is a Seaman in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. Brandon was the Executive Officer of the NLCC Training Ship Abingdon. He and his wife have a child in each of the two Sheboygan units. Commanding Officer Brandon stated: "Our goal for the cadets in the Vollrath Division is to educate and foster the core values of the maritime forces that enable us to enjoy the freedoms we know today through interaction, affiliation, and education."

Regina Hartman will be the Executive Officer of the Vollrath Division. Regina and her husband, Dr. Hartman emphasized "It's an opportunity to be involved in something that my son, Braxton, is involved in and to be a positive role model for him and other kids through a positive youth program."

Laura Garofalo will be the Admin officer of the Vollrath Division. Laura indicated, "I became involved after my husband and two sons became involved in Training Ship Abingdon. I volunteered to be the Parent Group President and really enjoyed learning about the program and being an active part of something my sons enjoyed and felt proud of. The Navy Sea Cadet Corp is a great program for kids to learn about and become actively involved in military aspects, as well as become positive role models for other young people."

Vollrath Division was named by Terry Kohler and very appropriately gives recognition to a long history of Vollrath Company's commitment to the military's efforts to keep our country safe. In the early 1940's Vollrath was working 100% on defense work. Vollrath produced more than 12 million canteens during the war, along with many other products for military use, such as mess trays, meat cans, irrigators and basins. Vollrath employees were recognized for the commitment to these efforts.

As part of the short program Mayor Ryan, along WINSA President Larry Hinkelman will sign the docking agreement with the City of Sheboygan, recently approved by City Council. Mayor Ryan will make closing remarks thanking our veterans.

This flyover was made possible thanks to efforts of LT Karyn S. Forsyth, Public Affairs Officer, CG Air Station Traverse City (Without her, flyover would not be possible.) and Ron Roen LCDR, USN Ret.

For more information regarding the Vollrath Division Brandon can be reached at: (920) 980-8987 or at: [bpgarofalo@yahoo.com](mailto:bpgarofalo@yahoo.com). For more information regarding WINSA and their work to bring the USS Canon to Sheboygan visit their web site at [www.WiNavalShipAssociation.com](http://www.WiNavalShipAssociation.com) or call them at 920-254-8777.

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