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WATCH BRIEFING

Greetings shipmates!

We'd like to give a strong shout-out to our growing number of sponsors for the symposium in Evansville! Their participation in the event helps make everything possible and is deeply appreciated: **NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND, ANODE SOLUTIONS, BATTLESHIP USS MISSOURI MEMORIAL, SSA GROUP, PITTSBURG PAINT COMPANY.**

New Information

This month, in addition to the already shared registration details, we are adding **flight information for Evansville IN and the local environs.** [Evansville Regional Airport](#) has direct flights available from multiple hubs throughout the East and Midwest including Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, Charlotte and multiple locations in Florida. Evansville airport is only a 15-minute drive from Bally's Casino & Hotel.

GETTING TO EVANSVILLE

Louisville, KY	123 Miles	1 hr. 47 min.
Bloomington, IN	123 Miles	1 hr. 51 min.
Nashville, TN	152 Miles	2 hr. 18 min.
St. Louis, MO	166 Miles	2 hr. 31 min.
Indianapolis, IN	172 Miles	2 hr. 47 min.
Cincinnati, OH	221 Miles	3 h. 12 min.
Chicago, IL	291 Miles	5 hr. 2 min.



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Alternatively, **slightly less expensive flights** into other regional airports are also good options. Louisville and Bloomington are closest, both of which are about a 2-hour drive from Evansville. I flew into Louisville last year during my visit and found it to be very easy with a lovely drive into town.

We are continuing the drumbeat for **Registration, Call for Papers, Awards, and Scholarships** for the upcoming Symposium. Info and purchase below.

REGISTRATION

BOOK HOTEL

SCHOLARSHIP

LST-325 SYMPOSIUM

Tentative general schedule:

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

- 1:00 PM—6:00 Registration
- 6:00 PM—7:30 Welcome Reception aboard LST 325

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

- 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Presentations
- 6:30 PM—9:00 Reception at the Evansville War Museum followed by Casino Night at Bally's

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

- 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Presentations
- 6:30 PM—9:00 Dinner Gerst Haus German Restaurant
- Time TBD-LST UNDERWAY

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

- 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Presentations
- 6:30 PM—9:00 Banquet at Riverfront Event Center

Registration Categories

- General Registration (includes everything) - \$350.00
- GUEST Registration (incl Welcome Reception, Sessions, lunches) - \$150.00
- One-Day Registration (incl all events except Thursday banquet) - \$150
- Event-Only or ADD GUEST- Tuesday Welcome Reception at Evansville War Museum-\$50.00
- Event-Only or ADD GUEST- Wednesday Welcome Dinner at Gerst Bavarian Haus-\$50.00
- Event-Only or ADD GUEST- Thursday Banquet at Bally's-\$50.00
- Virtual Attendance (Zoom) - \$50.00

****Early Bird registration ends AUGUST 1.**

Awards

We are working on revising the Annual HNSA Awards page on the website. While this is being done, please **send your submissions to executivedirector@hnsa.org**. All submissions will be reviewed, and awards given by the Awards Committee, not by the ED. Award descriptions can be found at the [Awards page](#).



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Call for Papers

The Call for Papers went out on May 5th. We will welcome proposals in the categories of Ship Preservation & Maintenance, Education/Curatorial, Business Operations of all types, and Fundraising/Development. Please send your proposals to program@hnsa.org no later than July 15th. We will publish the program as soon as we possibly can.

Scholarships

Symposium Scholarships are available for a limited number of applicants, with preference given to first time attendees, sole attendees from an organization, interns and volunteers. Awardees will receive up to \$500 for registration and/or travel expenses. Please apply at: [HNSA Scholarships 2026](#)

LST-325 Underway

All signs are that the governing jurisdictions will be allowing us to get UNDERWAY on LST-325 during the Symposium. Our preliminary date is **Wednesday, September 16th**. This will only be **open to registrants of the Symposium**. Some details are still being worked out, so please stay tuned for additional information.

Website redux

Yes, we still need pictures of any member vessels, afloat or not, so they may be linked to the website. Please send us your photos and a brief description of the vessel before August 15th for inclusion into the new site.

In other news...

The HNSA Satisfaction Survey will continue to be active until late August. Please take a moment to share your thoughts with us. [Historic Naval Ships Association Members Survey](#)



Reach out as needed!



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