

THE DOGWATCH



Wednesday, September 9, 2026



Greetings shipmates!

We're splitting the duty. Welcome to the DOGWATCH.

We're less than one week away from the 2026 symposium in Evansville. This will be our last formal communication before then.

PARTICIPATION

With registrations still coming in, we're extremely pleased to announce that at least 26 vessels will be represented at the Symposium.

USS LEXINGTON, USS MIDWAY, USS SLATER, USS BOWFIN, USS COBIA, USS COD, USS TEXAS, USS ORLECK, USS LST-325, USS SALEM, USS LUCID, USS NORTH CAROLINA, BUFFALO NAVAL PARK (3 vessels), USS MISSOURI, USS LCI 713, USS IOWA, USS BATFISH, USS INGHAM, PATRIOTS POINT (2 vessels), USS ALABAMA, USS CASSIN YOUNG, USS NEW JERSEY and USS TURNER JOY.

PROGRAM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1300-1800	Registration	Bally's Convention Center
1800-1930	Welcome Reception	LST-325

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

0730-0800	BREAKFAST	Walnut A&B
0800-0825	Opening Remarks: Len Santiago, Mike Getscher, and Don Miller	Walnut A&B
0830-0855	Evansville in World War II	Walnut A&B
0900-0925	USS Yorktown - Toxic Waste Remediation	Walnut A&B
0930-0955	NETWORKING BREAK	
1000-1025	Every Visitor A Member	Walnut A&B
1030-1055	3D Digital Models	Walnut A&B
1100-1155	NETWORKING BREAK	
1130-1155	LST-325 History	Walnut A&B
1200-1255	LUNCH	Walnut A&B
1300-1325	Illuminating Historic Ships	Walnut A&B
1330-1355	Lighting North Carolina	Walnut A&B
1400-1425	NETWORKING BREAK	
1430-1455	Wall To Wall Collections Inventory	Walnut A&B
1500-1525	LST Development	Walnut A&B
1530-1555	NETWORKING BREAK	
1600-1655	Foreign Strip Trip of a Former US Naval Vessel	Walnut A&B
1700-1800	Executive Director's Meet & Greet (Invite Only)	Evansville Room
1830-2100	Reception	Gerst Haus

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

0800-0825	BREAKFAST	Walnut A&B
0830-1130	HNSA Speed Learning	Walnut A&B
0900-1100	LST-325 Underway	LST-325
1130-1300	LUNCH	Walnut A&B
1230-1530	LST-325 Underway	LST-325
1300-1600	HNSA Speed Learning	Walnut A&B
1300	HNSA Board of Directors Meeting	Walnut D
1600-1700	Sponsors Meet & Greet	Atrium
1830-2100	Reception	Evansville War Museum

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

0800-0825	BREAKFAST	Walnut A&B
0830-0855	Dry Dock 2025: When The Boat Left Better Than When It Returned	Walnut A&B
0900-0925	Steamship J.B. Ford - A Brief History	Walnut A&B
0930-0955	NETWORKING BREAK	
1000-1100	Annual Meeting	Walnut A&B
1100-1155	NETWORKING BREAK	
1130-1155	Preserving The Navy Supply Corps Legacy	Walnut A&B
1200-1255	LUNCH	Walnut A&B
1300-1325	Voices of the Ship: Preserving The Stories of Those Who Served	Walnut A&B
1330-1355	Practical Approach to Preserving Historic Naval Ships	Walnut A&B
1400-1425	NETWORKING BREAK	
1430-1525	Back from Oblivion VI: 30 Years of Underwater Archaeology	Walnut A&B
1530-1555	NETWORKING BREAK	
1600-1625	Tiered Collections	Walnut A&B
1630-1655	2021 Fire Aboard Iowa	Walnut A&B
1830-2100	Banquet & Awards	Bally's

Minor changes may occur and will be relayed to attendees each morning.

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REGISTRATION

Registration will remain open through Monday, September 14. We will be able to accommodate a handful of last-minute registration for evening events during the symposium.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to report that four scholarships of \$500 each have been awarded this year. The names of the individuals who received them will be announced during the banquet.

AWARDS

The awards committee is pleased to report that a total of six (6) awards will be presented at the banquet.

LST-325 UNDERWAY

The United States Coast Guard has approved our excursion permit for Wednesday, September 16th. There will be morning and afternoon trips per the program with signup sheets available on Tuesday on a first come, first served basis.

The following reminders are provided for your safety and pleasure aboard the LST:

- All participants must be 18 years of age or older
- Wear clothing suitable for weather in the mid-80's with 30-40% humidity
- Sunglasses, hats etc. are advised

GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting will be held on the morning of Thursday, September 17 at 1000.

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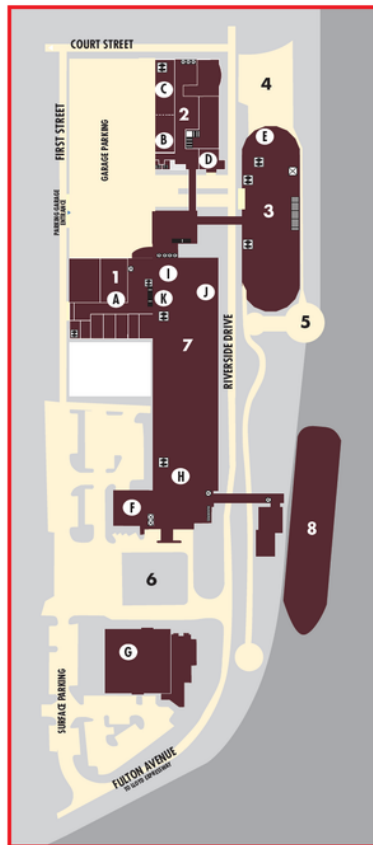


NAVIGATING BALLY'S

Here is the property map to the Bally's Evansville facility. Everything for the symposium is within walking distance except for the evening events at Gerst Haus and the WWII museum. Transportation for those events will be provided.

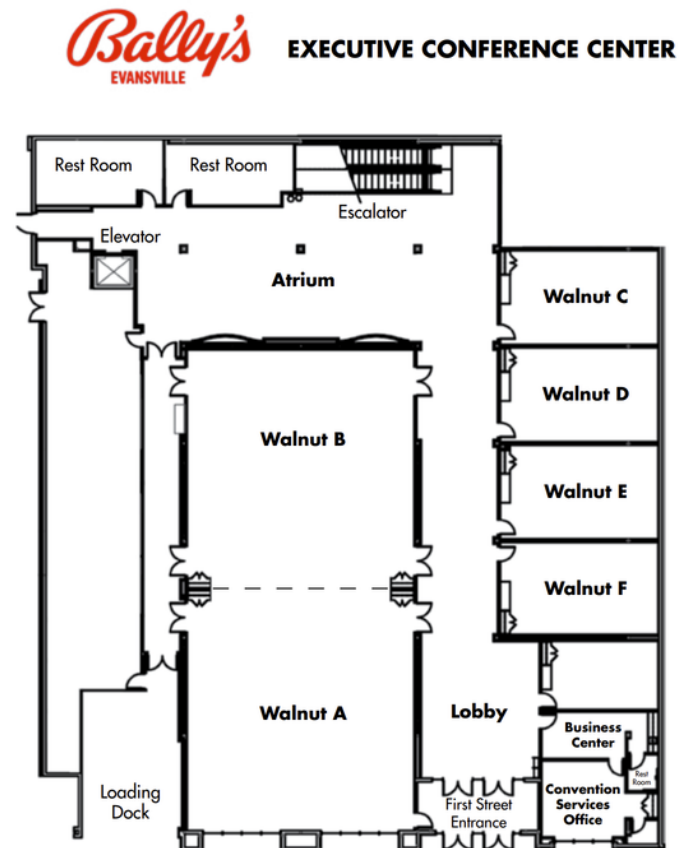
HIGHLIGHTS

- All Symposium sessions including sponsor displays, continental breakfast and lunches are being held in the Executive Conference Center. (1A)
- There are two hotel facilities. Most of the rooms are in Bally's Evansville Hotel under (2). A handful may be in the Legend's Tower (6F)
- The Banquet on Thursday evening is located at the Riverfront Event Center (3) overlooking the LST on the Ohio River
- LST 325 is directly across the street (8)



Bally's EVANSVILLE PROPERTY MAP

1. EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER
A Walnut Building
2. BALLY'S EVANSVILLE HOTEL
B Las Vegas Room
C Atlantic City Room
D Evansville Room
3. RIVERFRONT EVENT CENTER
E Cavanaugh's On the River Steakhouse
4. EVENTS PLAZA
5. OVERLOOK PLAZA
6. THE DISTRICT
F Legend's Tower
G District Space
7. CASINO
H Tap House
I The Deli
J Sports Book
K Players Club
8. LST 325 SHIP MEMORIAL



Please travel safe and reach out as needed.

Mike Getscher
Executive Director

