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## **Adams Class Ship Associations and ACVA Members**

### **Update on Jacksonville**

The ACVA and the JHNSA (Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association) have teamed together for the last three years to bring the ex-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS DDG-2 back to her former homeport in Jacksonville. Last fall the ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center was opened in the Jacksonville Landing in downtown Jacksonville with a combination of Adams Class DDG ship equipment and memorabilia on display as well as a great selection of military ball caps, shirts and other items provided by Eagle Crest, Inc. supporting the museum effort. The JHNSA's Board of Directors and public support is growing in Jacksonville. **JHNSA's new web site** at [www.adamsclassmuseum.org](http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org) is operating now with up to date information on the Museum project. A link is on the *Site Navigation bar on the left side of the ACVA homepage*. The new web site has a complete breakdown of the JHNSA team, project, photos, and news on local events that JHNSA has been participating in as they work to develop project support with the City Council, local community groups and businesses.

Navy veteran Dan Libera, who owns Eagle Crest, has provided extensive support with items provided for the Museum Visitor Center and the creative development of brochures and information pamphlets explaining the purpose and direction of the Adams Class Museum project.

### **October 2010 Event**

From October 21-23 Jacksonville will be hosting a "Salute the Sea Services" event where visiting ships from the Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine will be present. In addition, a Blue Angels air show and other celebrations will take place. **The JHNSA and ACVA will be hosting a dinner at the Omni Hotel on October 22, 2010 to "Bring the USS Charles F. Adams Home"**. All Navy and Merchant Marine veterans will be invited to the event, and all Adams Class DDG Veterans and Members of the Jacksonville community will be encouraged to attend. The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West has been invited to be our guest speaker. All who are interested in attending this event can obtain information by contacting [EvtCoordinator@adamsclassmuseum.org](mailto:EvtCoordinator@adamsclassmuseum.org) by email.

## **Project Summary**

In the early stages on February 26, 2008 the Jacksonville City Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the potential of establishing the ex-USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) as a ship museum on the South Bank of the St. Johns River, The location is between the River City Brewing Company and the Acosta Bridge in Jacksonville. The ACVA and JHNSA submitted the first Ship Donation Application to NAVSEA PMS 333 on March 31, 2008, comprised of 826 pages. A revised application was submitted to NAVSEA on January 30, 2009. The JHNSA is currently working to have the Jacksonville City Council pass legislation for a 10 year mooring plan at the location next to the Acosta Bridge.

### **Project Income and Expenses through 2/28/2010 for ACVA and JHNSA**

	<b>ACVA</b>	<b>JHNSA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Cash	\$103,610	\$56,703	\$160,313
In-kind	\$859,207	\$20,703	\$880,121
Gross Income	\$962,817	\$77,617	\$1,040,434
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$78,986	\$30,915	\$109,901

## **Display Items.**

In January the JHNSA obtained a MK13 Guided Missile Launcher and 3 inert training missiles from NAVFAC Midwest in Great Lakes. The items were about to be sold for scrap. JHNSA shipped them to Jacksonville where they are being restored and in the future the Launcher and missile will be displayed at the Jacksonville Landing. There are two radar and two satellite communications antennas being removed from a ship being scrapped that ACVA and JHNSA will obtain for restoration of the ship.

## **FaceBook**

An Adams Class Museum page has been established on Facebook where information is available on the Adams Class Museum project. To see the ADAMS Class Museum page on Facebook, sign onto Facebook [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and 'Search' for 'ADAMS Class Museum'. You can see what's going on, and even sign up to be a "Fan" and a "Friend." To become a "Friend" requires a minimum \$10 donation.