



USS Philadelphia Sailors Association

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Dear Philly Shipmate,

How will history remember us? Much of our work and our missions remain highly classified. Our ship, the USS Philadelphia is decommissioned and likely to be scrapped. Its sailors are scattered, aging and more than a few set off on their eternal patrol.

And our legacy? In what shape and form should we make it?

Now we have the remarkable opportunity to make a gift of a model of the ship to the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia along with certain select items that may help tell our stories and preserve for posterity the meaning of what we did. In order to make this happen we need your financial support.

We have committed to building a 1/90 scale measuring 4' model of our ship for the museum. The model is going to be built by Mel Douyette. Mel is an experienced and highly skilled model maker and is the proprietor of www.coldwarsubmarines.com as well as a USSVI member. The model will cost \$3,000 to build and then there are additional costs associated with shipping and the display case itself which the museum will build.

Additionally, as part of its exhibit, the museum is keenly interested in being able to make shipboard life alive for the museum patrons. If you have any articles that are unique to the Philadelphia and your experience aboard her, you may wish to contact the Chief Curator, Craig Bruns, about making a donation. He may be contacted at 215-413-8619 or cbruns@phillyseaport.org.

We need your help. Please consider a donation of \$250, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can afford to build this model. Make your check out to The Philadelphia Sailors Association Model Fund and send it to:

Fred Nehring
PO Box 444
Boothbay, ME 04537

Donations to the USS Philadelphia Sailors Association are not tax deductible.
Thank you for generous contribution toward preserving our place in history.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Nehring,
Fundraising Chairman