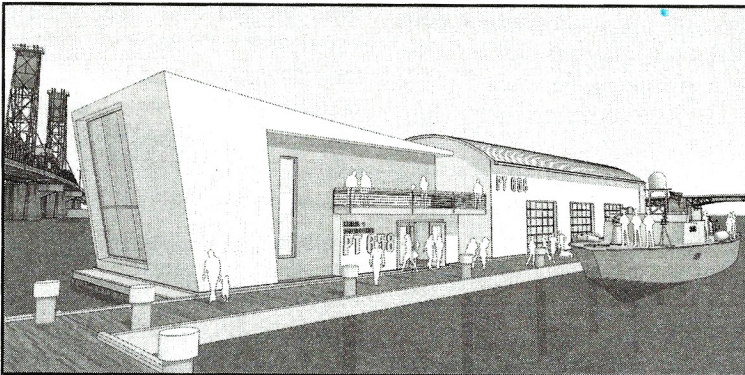


# Save the PT Boat, Inc. Announces Plans to Build New Heritage and Education Center

Plans are underway to build the new PT Boat Heritage and Education Center. At an estimated cost of \$3.5 million, the new Heritage Center will educate future generations of children, families, researchers and others about WW II, Naval History and Oregon's rich Maritime History. The Heritage Center will bring alive the PT Boat experience using interactive exhibits, artifacts, and oral and video histories that preserve the memories and tell the stories of our heroic PT Boat veterans. Architectural drawings and cost-estimates for the new facility have already been donated.

The PT Boat Heritage and Education Center will derive its architectural expression from the river and the unique qualities of PT boat construction, most notably wood and their wooden hulls. Massive glulam beams form the main structural ribs of the center. Wood floors and wall panels create a feeling of being below deck as you explore the first floor. Proceeding to the second level, the wood gives way to glass and views of the city and river traffic. Wooden platforms provide a gateway to the PT Boat House, giving unprecedented access to historic PT-658.

Common to Portland's waterways are tugboats that maneuver freight ships in the narrow channel. These work horses of the river with their tall wheel houses reflect the overall form of the building and the physical interdependence



*The Harris Group, Inc. designed this rendering for the new Heritage Center.*

between the Heritage Center and adjacent PT Boat House—as if one is pulling the other upriver. The strong attachments that many sailors feel for their wartime vessels create a visualization of the tug forever pulling their PT Boat home to its final resting place.

Because the work of the tug is never done, it must now pull PT-658 forward to the next generations, so that the lessons and sacrifices will not be forgotten with the passing of “The Greatest Generation.” Extensive displays and interactive areas will span the breadth of PT Boat history, from its critical role in WWII to its unique construction, engines, guns and torpedoes. Both artifacts and building aesthetics will create a lasting educational experience to mark PT-658's historic importance.

For more information, or to make a contribution to this excit-

ing project, please contact Bob Alton, 503-209-8203 or Bill Weaver, 808-218-0871. Or write: Save the PT Boat, Inc., PO Box 13422, Portland, OR 97213

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