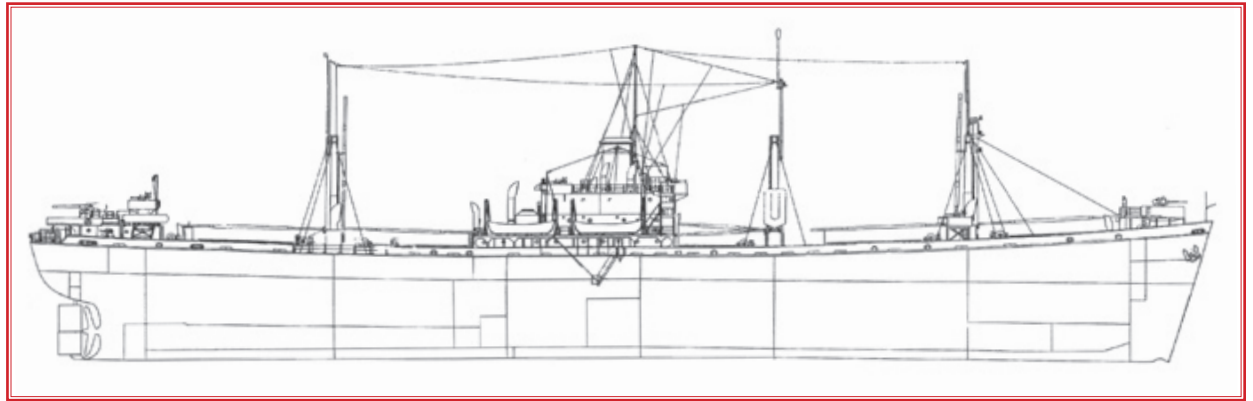


# INVITATION



**Navy and Merchant Navy Veterans**

are cordially invited to attend the

**Official Dedication**

of a model of the

**World War II - Liberty Ship**

**S.S. STEPHEN LEACOCK**

Constructed by Master Model Builder

JOSEPH J. VELLA of RIMOUSKI, QUEBEC

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009 at 11:00 hrs**

Leacock Museum - Swanmore Hall

50 Museum Drive, Orillia, Ontario

Light Lunch Served

R.S.V.P.: 705.329.1908

**T**he ability of the Allies to maintain vital supply lines across the oceans of the world was essential to their victory in World War Two. Central to this success was the Liberty ship, a cargo vessel capable of carrying 10,000 tons of supplies, including munitions, tanks, vehicles and planes. The rapid and mass production of the Liberty ship saw over 2,700 built at American shipyards on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts from 1941-1945.

The Liberty ship S.S. Stephen Leacock was built at Southeastern Shipbuilding in Savannah, Georgia and launched on July 11, 1944. In addition to sailing in Atlantic convoys to Europe, the Leacock made one voyage above the Arctic Circle, in the dead of winter, to Murmansk, Russia. After the war, with the decline in demand for merchant shipping, the Leacock was placed in reserve. With the exception of brief service during the Korean conflict, like so many others of its class, the Leacock was laid-up indefinitely. It was eventually sold for scrapping in New Orleans in 1969.

The S.S. Stephen Leacock was one of only two Liberty ships named for non-Americans, a testament to the high esteem in which Stephen Leacock was held.

Our museum model was constructed by master model builder Joseph Vella of Rimouski, Quebec. It is dedicated as a tribute to the men and women of our Navy and Merchant Navy who have served with distinction in war and in peace.

## **S.S. STEPHEN LEACOCK**

Official Number 246098 Liberty Ship: Type EC2-S-C1

United States Maritime Commission: Order No. 2868

Builder: Southeastern Shipbuilding, Savannah, Georgia, Yard No. 58

Keel Laid: 22 May 1944 Launched: 11 July 1944 Delivered: 28 July 1944

### **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Tonnage	Displacement: 14,245 Gross: 7,198 tons
Length:	135 m (441 ft 6 in)
Beam:	17.3 m (56 ft 10.75 in)
Draft:	8.5 m (27 ft 9.25 in)
Propulsion:	Triple-Expansion Steam Engine - Joshua Hendy Iron Works Two Oil-fired Boilers - Springfield Boiler Company Single Screw, 2,500 horsepower
Speed:	11 to 11.5 knots (20 to 21 km/h)
Range:	23,000 miles (37,000 km)
Capacity:	10,856 metric tons deadweight (DWT)
Complement:	41 men
Armament:	Three 3-inch / 50 mm guns, Eight 20mm guns. One 5-inch / 38mm gun, stern mounted, anti-submarine