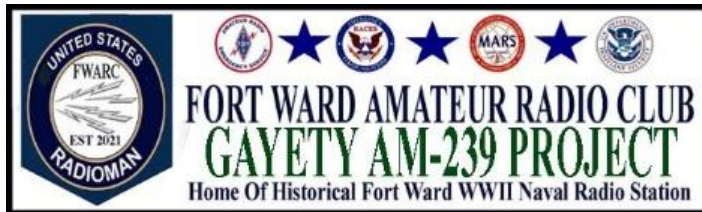


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## **Museum Ship Program To Bring Back Winslow Built WWII Minesweeper USS Gayety, AM-239**

Join with the Fort Ward Amateur Radio Club in bringing home the USS Gayety to her original home port (<https://www.atdlines.com/fwarc-gayety.htm>).

The Gayety “was laid down on 14 November 1943 by the Winslow Marine Railway & Shipbuilding Co. of Winslow, Wash.; launched 19 March 1944; sponsored by Miss Janice Morgan; and commissioned 23 September 1945, Lt. Cmdr. John R. Row in command.... Displacement 945 (limiting); length 184'6"; beam 33'; draft 9'9"; speed 14.8 knots; complement 104; armament 1 3-inch, 4 40 millimeter; class, Admiral.”

(<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhmc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/g/gayety.html>)

“History: Decommissioned 1 March 1954; Transferred to South Vietnam 17 April 1962 and renamed Chi Lang II (HQ 08); Escaped to the Philippines after the fall of South Vietnam; Renamed Magat Salamat (PS 19[20]).” (<https://www.uboa.net/allies/warships/ship/5304.html>)

Bainbridge Island has an exciting opportunity to join a fraternity of Naval Ship Museum Cities. The Island has nearly a century of Naval History: United State Navy Radio Station, NPC "S"; US Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Camp, Battery B; Winslow Marine Railway And Shipbuilding Company, Former Hall Brothers.

Fort Ward Amateur Radio Club/FWARC, in conjunction with National Naval Museum Ship Program, is leading this project to bring home the USS GAYETY as a "Naval Reserve Museum Ship In Motion" to honor both Island history and community, and to preserve the remembrance of the men and women who built, launched these ships which served in WWII.

Bainbridge Island has the opportunity to become a member of the museum ship fraternity, welcoming visitors from around the world, to learn, study and tour Bainbridge Island naval ship yard history and landmarks, and also experience the diversity of island culture (cf. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/17/travel/ships-submarines-national-landmarks.html> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_museum\\_ships\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_military](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museum_ships_of_the_United_States_military)).

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