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012-043: USS LUCID RIBBON CUTTING

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### STOCKTON WELCOMES A PIECE OF HISTORY TO ITS HARBOR

*Stockton Historical Maritime Museum and San Joaquin Building Futures Academy students restore and revitalize USS LUCID MSO 458*

**WHAT** Join the Stockton Historical Maritime Museum and San Joaquin Building Futures Academy in rebuilding and revitalizing the community and former USS LUCID MSO 458. Be among the first to welcome a piece of history to the community with the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

**WHEN** Thursday, March 15, 2012 • 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE** San Joaquin Building Futures Academy (3100 Mount Diablo Road, Stockton, CA)

**WHO**

- **Mick Founts, Ed.D.**; San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools
- **James Mousalimas**, Assistant Superintendent of County Operated Schools and Programs, SJCOE
- **David Rajkovich**, Third generation farmer and founding partner of Farmington Fresh, son of a WW2 Sailor, lifelong history buff and Co-founder/Executive Director of Stockton Historical Maritime Museum
- **Mayor Ann Johnston**, City of Stockton
- **Jose Jaregui**, A Retired Army Specialist Jose Jauregui (Howdagee), Stockton native, attended Linden High School, when he joined the Army at the age of 17. <<http://online.recordnet.com/projects/iraq/Jose/index.html>>
- **Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce**
- **SJBFA Board Members**, KT Yorba (Treasurer), Patty Mazzilli (Community Rep), Derrick Ayson (Past Student Rep), Gary Dei Rossi (Vice-Chairman), Satinder Singh, Jill Fritchen, and Sheilah Goulart (Secretary)
- **SJBFA Leadership team**, Deserie Mora, Deonte Zepeda, Ronald Scott, Rudlege Palmer, Gina Vonkaeo, Gabriel Flores, Brianna Denlis, and Salina Salazar
- **Stockton Historical Maritime Museum**
- **There will be several local businesses in attendance along with local dignitaries.**

**BACKGROUND** Stockton Historical Maritime Museum was established in 2010 to celebrate the cultural heritage and history of the downtown Stockton waterfront. After nearly two years of existence, SHMM acquired the former USS LUCID MSO 458, an Aggressive Class oceangoing minesweeper and true sister ship of three vessels built for the US Navy in Stockton at the Colberg Boat Works in the early 1950's. Built in 1953 by Higgins in New Orleans, LA; she served her country for more than 20 years until decommissioned in 1976.

In 2011, a collaborative agreement to restore the USS LUCID was established with San Joaquin County Office of Education and SHMM. Now berthed at SJCOE's San Joaquin Building Futures Academy, its students will help with the estimated five-year restoration process. The students will have an opportunity to learn such skills as woodworking, drafting, electrical, plumbing, metal fabrication, wood preservation, and finishing, as well as doing historical research for docent presentations.

Upon return to its original appearance, the USS LUCID will become a permanent part of the historic downtown waterfront area, near Weber point. It will reside where more than 1,000 ships were built from the 1850's to 1980's as a museum ship, open to the public for tours and special events. She will serve to honor Stockton's maritime and shipbuilding history, the men and women who labored there, and the men who served aboard the small vessels that were such a big part of the US Navy.

**VISUALS/  
AUDIO**

- The ship will be on the dock.
- Edison Color Guard presentation
- Iraq Veteran will lead pledge of Allegiance
- Dignitaries/Mayor will give presentations/certificates
- Open house/walk-through/tours of remodeled site will be given by SJBFA students
- Docents will give tours of site/ship history
- Video of ship history
- In recognition of AmeriCorps Week and the spirit of service, San Joaquin Building Futures Academy AmeriCorps members would like to shine the spotlight on their AmeriCorps story and the impact they have made in the community. A visual presentation will be given in SJBFA Auditorium.

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