

# USS WISCONSIN

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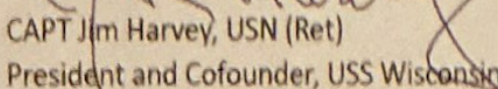
Dear Mayor McBride,

On October 28, 2020, the Secretary of the Navy announced the future USS WISCONSIN SSBN 827, in honor of the Badger State. SSBN 827 is the second ship of the new Columbia ballistic submarine class and is under construction at General Dynamics Corp. Electric Boat Div. in Groton, Connecticut. This new submarine is the third warship to bear the proud name of WISCONSIN following the pre-WWI USS WISCONSIN BB-9 and WWII USS WISCONSIN BB-64.

In April 2021, with support from Governor Evers, a group of Navy Veterans and Wisconsinites, formed a not-for-profit organization, USS Wisconsin SSBN 827 Association which will connect the people of Wisconsin with the ship's crews during her construction, her commissioning (~2031), and until she is decommissioned (~2072). Our Association's current goal is to build Wisconsinite awareness of this new warship and its nautical heritage established by BB-9 and BB-64. We just recently became aware that the City of Wauwatosa has the ship's bell from the BB-9, which was cast in 1899, and is on public display at the city's Fire-station Headquarters at 1601 Underwood Avenue.

With 2025 being the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Navy, and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's Submarine Service, the citizens of Wauwatosa have a unique opportunity to honor their nautical artifact and link its history to the newest Wisconsin namesake warship, the USS WISCONSIN SSBN 827. Our association respectfully requests the City of Wauwatosa consider placing their BB-9 Ship's Bell on permanent loan to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum (WMM) in Manitowoc, WI with a dedication date of 13 October 2025, the U.S. Navy's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. This BB-9 Ship's Bell could become the lynchpin of a new USS WISCONSIN BB-9 / BB-64 / SSBN 827 Curator Display that would enlighten Wisconsinites of the rich nautical role this state has played in building our great nation. Putting this historic nautical artifact on permanent loan to the WMM further strengthen a linkage to the Submarine Service because 28 Diesel Submarines were constructed and launched in Manitowoc during WWII.

Very Respectfully,

  
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with USS WISCONSIN (SSBN 827)  
and her crews.