



The Liberty Ship S.S. JOHN W. BROWN was part of one of the most extraordinary shipbuilding programs in history, with more than 2,700 nearly identical ships built in record time to meet the demands of a global conflict. With the exception of the BROWN and one sister ship, that great fleet has disappeared.

A presentation about the BROWN will be made on Thursday, May 24th at 10am in our auditorium by volunteer Larry Freeman. Larry's exciting May 24th presentation will describe the BROWN with photos and videos on the big screen, and outline an opportunity for us to sail on her for a six-hour cruise on the Chesapeake on Saturday, September 1, 2018.

The BROWN was built in Baltimore, one of eighteen shipyards located along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts that built Liberty Ships. She sailed with countless other sister ships into danger in the hands of brave merchant marine seamen and Naval Armed Guard gunners to deliver the men and materiel needed to win a war, and brought those men safely home when their task was complete.

Imagine that it's 1944. The world is at war, and you've just set sail to cross the Atlantic on the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN – who knows what adventures lie in wait! Spend an exciting day in 1944 as you experience a sea and air

adventure aboard this restored Liberty ship, with plenty of food, era-relevant entertainers, and an air show with vintage World War II aircraft.

This exciting six-hour "Voyage into History" features: lunch, afternoon snacks and beverages; vocal and instrumental musical groups including music of the 40s; military re-enactors and other entertainers; and fly-bys of vintage World War II aircraft (weather conditions permitting), with the ship's Armed Guard gunners manning the guns to fight off attacking Axis planes. View the magnificent 140-ton triple-expansion steam engine as it powers the great ship through the water. Tour museum spaces, crew quarters, wheelhouse, bridge, flying bridge, chart room, radio room, mess rooms, troop berthing areas, stern gun deck and more. During the cruise we will stop for a memorial service and a wreath-laying ceremony. Throughout the day entertainment continues, with music of the 40's, a barbershop quartet and lots more.

All passengers must be aboard by 9:00am as the crew needs time to prepare the ship to sail at 10:00am. **Please note** that, for reasons of safety, cruise passengers must be able to safely negotiate steep steps on a rolling ship. A few additional areas are off-limits to all visitors, either for safety concerns or for the privacy of our crew.

So please join us on Thursday, May 24th at 10am in our auditorium for an entertaining and informative presentation about the historic S.S. JOHN W. BROWN Liberty Ship.