

The USS Hoga

awaits its journey
to Arkansas



the history

The USS *Hoga* is headed to North Little Rock, Arkansas. She sits quietly, ready for the voyage from California to her final port on the banks of the Arkansas River. Once docked, she will join the USS *Razorback* (SS-394), another renowned relic of World War II, Vietnam, and the Cold War. These two historic vessels will be permanently displayed at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum.

The USS *Hoga* was placed into service in May, 1941. The tug served in the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii area throughout World War II and is historically famous for her actions during the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941.

The USS *Hoga* was involved in the firefighting and rescue efforts that saved many lives. She was instrumental in saving

the battleship USS *Nevada* from sinking in the main channel. The *Hoga* pulled the USS *Vestal* away from the USS *Arizona* and spent over 72 hours fighting fires on the battleships USS *Maryland*, USS *Tennessee* and USS *Arizona*.

For her heroic efforts, the USS *Hoga*, her commanding officer, and its crew, were awarded commendation from Admiral Chester A. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet.

Because of her actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, National Landmark Status was awarded to the USS *Hoga* on June 30, 1989. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum wants to bring this piece of American history to Arkansas to join the USS *Razorback* submarine.

the education

The Museum is uniquely poised to provide a rich historical experience to the general public and especially to school children. Since 2005, the USS *Razorback* alone has hosted more than 101,700 visitors including 750 school groups, as well as numerous reunions, U.S. Navy re-enlistment ceremonies, retirement ceremonies, special

events, veteran gatherings and burials-at-sea ceremonies. The USS *Razorback* is also a very popular destination for Boy and Girl Scout adventures. Teachers have access to educational lesson plans free of charge on the Museum's website. The website also provides a virtual tour for those unable to personally tour the ship.



“If we are successful in bringing the HOGA to Arkansas, the Museum will be one of only two ports in the nation with ships from both the beginning and the end of WWII. Most people have to travel to either coast to view historic vessels, we want to make that experience more accessible to those in Middle America, we want to bring them to Arkansas.”

– Major General (ret) Don. C. Morrow,
Co-chair of the Save the Hoga Committee

the economic impact

The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum has had a **\$25,500,000** economic impact in the central Arkansas area since it opened. Guests from all 50 states and 77

foreign countries have visited and museum records show that 84% of these visitors stayed overnight in the area.

the reason

Bringing the USS *Hoga* to central Arkansas will open doors to help educate and document American and World history. The addition of the USS *Hoga* to the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum will

enable residents and visitors to personally tour a National wartime vessel and provide an opportunity to better understand historic events from World War II.

we need you!

Join us today and help make this dream a reality. Your financial gift will help make history real – for old and young alike.

Funds raised will be used to transport

the USS *Hoga* to North Little Rock. The US Navy stands by to release the vessel at the end of 2012. ***Join us now and help bring the Hoga to Arkansas.***

“Actually, the Hoga is going back to work educating a bunch of Americans and lots of kids what WW II was all about.”

– Vic Snyder,
former Congressman and Committee Member

For more information, please visit our website, www.SavetheHoga.com or call the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, at 501-371-8320