



The construction of the USS Monitor began with the laying of its KEEL in October of 1861. Keep this memory alive by supporting the THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM'S efforts to establish its home on the land donated by MOTIVA ENTERPRISES, LLC at the Bushwick Inlet. As the KEEL of the USS Monitor was laid in October of 1861, THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM and its supporters are now laying the KEEL for the Museum's new home.

CONTRIBUTORS TO DATE WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE INCLUDE:

Mr. T Carting, Prestige Interior Demolition, Keyspan, Con Edison, Tentsmiths, New York Flag & Pole Co., Bracci Fencing, Metro Fuel, Evergreen Funeral Home, Greenpoint Lions Club, American Pallet, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26.

Special Thanks to

The Road Show Schools - PS 110 "The Monitor School", JHS 126 "John Ericsson Junior High School", St. Stanislaus Kostka School (for your letters to Motiva) and PS 161M, St. Anthony /St. Alphonsus School and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. MTA employee's who assisted with the site preparation. Concerned Citizens of Greenpoint, Church of the Ascension, Ernest Thiffault - Museum's attorney, The John Ericsson Society, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, 14th Brooklyn Co. H, 94th Precinct and all community and historic organizations who have worked with the Museum.



**USS MONITOR
SITE DEDICATION**

Saturday, October 16, 2004

1:00 P.M. SITE OPENS (Quay & West Sts.)
2:00 P.M. DEDICATION CEREMONY
3:30 P.M. PARADE TO CHURCH
4:00 PM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Church of Thomas Fitch Rowland owner of Continental Iron Works builders of the USS Monitor
127 Kent Street, Greenpoint, Brooklyn
2004 Road Show Award Presentations, refreshments, exhibits and song.

THE GREENPOINT MONITOR MUSEUM

P. O. Box 220378, Brooklyn, New York 11222-0378
<http://greenpointmonitormuseum.org/index.htm>



December 18, 2003 was a historic day for Greenpoint, Brooklyn and a happy day for the Board Members of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum. Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, Irene Klementowicz, Stella Harmatiuk, Karen Olszewski, Elizabeth Roncketti, George J. Weinmann, Paul Pullo, Prof. Louis Pignataro and George Stanley with Ernest Thiffault, the Museum's attorney, were notified by Motiva Enterprises LLC that the Texas based oil company is contributing land within Bushwick Inlet, located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn on the East River, to the museum to construct a museum home in honor of the USS Monitor. The Bushwick Inlet is located adjacent to the former site of the Continental Iron Works, birthplace of the USS Monitor and several of the Union's ironclad warships. The northern section of the donated property at Quay Street shares historical significance as the location where the USS Monitor, famed for the March 9, 1862 Civil War Battle between the Monitor and Merrimac, was first launched.

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum, is an education corporation chartered by New York State on April 24, 1996. The museum is working closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which oversees the *USS Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary, located 16 miles off the coast of North Carolina, is where the *USS Monitor* came to rest on Dec. 31, 1862 following a fierce storm. The Museum has been operating without a home visiting local schools through its Road Show. On this 16th day of October, 2004, Site Dedication Day, everyone looks forward to the construction of the Museum's new home on this historic land.

PROGRAM

Call to Order: George J. Weinmann, Secretary, The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; Commander Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26; Captain Co. I, 83rd NYV Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Advancing of the Colors

Invocation: Chaplain George Munkenbeck, 14th Brooklyn Co. H, SVR & SUVCW.

Welcome: Captain George J. Weinmann

Welcome: Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President, The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; Vice President, The John Ericsson Society

Musical Interlude: George Forsythe, SUVCW (bagpipes)

Raising of Flag: Co. I, 83rd NYV SVR, Company H 14th Brooklyn

The National Anthem: Karen Olszewski, Treasurer, The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; Organist, Church of the Ascension

Blessing of new Museum Grounds: Members of the Clergy - Rev. Robert Czok, Rev. Fr. John D. O'Halloran.

Musket Salute

Musical Interlude: Arthur Kirmss, Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 & SVR

Guest Speakers:

Jeff Johnston, Historian, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary

Kjell Lagerstrom, President, The John Ericsson Society

Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Councilman David Yassky

Assemblyman Joseph Lentol

Hillary Russell, Liberty Dry Dock Company

Irene Klementowicz, Vice Pres., The Greenpoint Monitor Museum; President, Concerned Citizens of Greenpoint.

Chaplain George Munkenbeck

Musical Interlude: Pipes and Drum

Closing Prayers: Rev. Fr. John D. O'Halloran.

Dismissal: Captain George J. Weinmann