

At long last, ground has been broken on the Merchant Marine Memorial at the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School that will honor fallen mariners. In a brief ceremony in late October, six golden shovels broke earth on a plot of land reserved for the memorial. Shovels were brandished by MEBA President Ron Davis, School Director Joyce Matthews, Marine Transport Corp's Tom Murphy (MEBA Trustee), Matson's Capt. Jack Sullivan (MEBA Trustee), Calhoun Alumni Association President Rick Simonson and Chairman of the Memorial Committee Bill Van Loo. All six are part of the Merchant Marine Memorial Foundation Board of Directors along with MEBA member Bill

Cadden who was unable to attend the groundbreaking. The Memorial could be concluded as soon as next summer as long as winter conditions are forgiving. Already, generous donations have secured a massive propeller and anchor that will be part of the memorial. Your donations have been and continue to be greatly appreciated as well. Checks can be forwarded to the MEBA Merchant Marine Memorial Foundation at MMMMF, P.O. Box 2443, Easton, MD 21601. Further questions can be sent to Rick Simonson at rsimonson@mebaschool.org or phone (410) 822-9600, ext. 327; or Bill Van Loo bvanloo@d1meba.org, ph. (410) 685-5353. ✕

Groundbreakers scoop away the first few shovelfuls of earth where the memorial will sit. From left to right is landscaper Jan Kirsh, School Director Joyce Matthews who is really getting her back into her work, CAA President Rick Simonson, MEBA Trustee Tom Murphy, MEBA Trustee Jack Sullivan, MEBA President Ron Davis, Memorial Committee Chairman Bill Van Loo and member Ernie Clements who was instrumental in securing the propeller for the memorial.



A sketch of how the memorial will look upon completion. The anchor and propeller that have been secured for the project will be incorporated into the memorial.



Ribbon Cutting for New Propulsion Systems Building

President Ron Davis and School Director Joyce Matthews, were grand marshals in a ribbon cutting ceremony in October that marked the completion of the Propulsion Systems building at the School. Instructor Bob Smith, who will spend a significant amount of his time in the building, was present at the ceremony as well as many others including Dudley Baker and Capt. Herb Taylor of marine electronics manufacturer Kongsberg Maritime Ship Systems (KMSS). KMSS built the new PC-based Windows Engine

Room Simulator housed in the Propulsion Systems building. Mr. Baker presented a plaque to both President Davis and Director Matthews commemorating the occasion. He also took the opportunity to present a \$1,000 check, handed to MEBA member Bill Cadden, on behalf of the MEBA Merchant Marine Memorial Foundation. The KMSS donation may inspire you to dash off to your own check-book and forward a similar big-hearted donation to this worthy cause.



On the same day as the groundbreaking, the School christened its new Propulsion Systems building. In this action shot, School Director Joyce Matthews and MEBA President Ron Davis cut the ribbon at the entrance of the building that was converted from the old cafeteria. At left, Dudley Baker of KMSS looks on. Instructor Bob Smith who will oversee propulsion courses and member Bill Cadden are at right.