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**Steamship Historical Society of America (SSHSA)
to host the World War II Liberty Ship
S/S John W. Brown Sailing to Providence in
Celebration of 75th Anniversary**

The Steamship Historical Society of America, with its national Offices in Providence, has invited the historic *S/S John W. Brown* to Providence in celebration of its 75th Anniversary. The *Brown*, one of only two remaining World War II Liberty ships in operation, will visit Providence for a week starting on September 22, 2010. On Saturday, September 25th, she will operate one of her Living History Cruises up and down Narragansett Bay. These exciting cruises recreate for the passengers the full flavor and history of life aboard one of World War II's most important ships.

The Liberty Ships, a dozen of which were built at Fields Point in Providence, provided the backbone for the invasion of Europe during those dark days in the 1940's. Twenty Seven Hundred of these ships were built to carry America's war material to England and eventually to all of Europe and Russia. Under the cloak of secrecy, these workhorses carried the railroad engines, railroad cars, artillery pieces, tanks, big guns and even Jeeps to the forces fighting the war. They traveled in convoys in winter and summer across the treacherous North Atlantic.

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When not on the cruise, docked in Providence, the *Brown* will be open to the public for ship visits and tours. The ship's crew and others will be providing salty stories about the ship and her role in World War II and will tell you the story of just how the *Brown* keeps going. On a recent Living History Cruise in Baltimore Robert Cleasby, President of the SSHSA remarked, " There were many tears shed by grateful sons and daughters of WW II veterans as wreaths were laid and taps played aboard the *Brown* that Day at that Memorial Service."

Docked at Conley's Wharf on Allen's Avenue the *Brown* will be accessible right off I- 95. The pier is being donated by Dr. Patrick Conley, owner of Conley's Wharf and adjacent facilities.

For further information and tickets call **The Steamship Historical Society of America** at 401-274-0805 during business hours. There is a passenger limit aboard the *Brown* so first come first served. Tickets for the six hour cruise, two meals, and all the history and excitement will cost \$140 per person.

NOTE: The SSHSA can provide to interested groups free of charge, a 30 minute PowerPoint Presentation on the SSHSA and the Living History Cruise. Call the Office or visit www.sshsa.org for details.

Enclosures:

Your Day on the S/S John Brown
Project Liberty Ship
Short History of the Steamship Historical Society
Sample Cruise Order Form

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