



Mid-West Memorial Day Cruise

Greetings!

Don't miss an opportunity to share with your community our history of the USS Wainwright. The trailer museum will be underway from May 17, 2015 until May 30, 2015 from Rock Hill SC and headed for Waukon IA. The following are the dates and locations of the currently scheduled Ports of Call:

- 18 May 2015 VFW Jackson TN. (Tentative)
- 20 May 2015 Harrison AR
- 21 May 2015 Independence MO
- 22 May 2015 Waukon IA

28 May 2015 Schiller Park IL

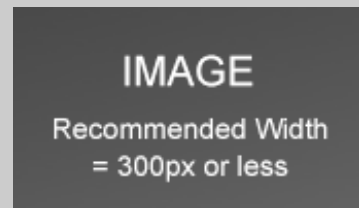
When I get more Ports of Call I will put short notifications as to when and where.

Sincerely,

Rod Shafer Editor

Waukon IA schedule of events

The Memorial Day parade is on Monday the 25 May 2015. Press releases about the events will be available at the [Waukon Standard](#).



The following are the events leading up to the parade:

- 0700 23 May 2015 Raising of 200 casket flags on the courthouse lawn and Allamakee Street in front of the courthouse. Raising of 18 KIA flags cemetery in the area of the program on Monday.
- 24 May 2015 No official activities except what we schedule for the trailer on the street south of the courthouse.
- 0900 25 May 2015 Parade forms on Allamakee Street in front of the courthouse. This parade is all about Memorial Day only those honoring the day are allowed in the parade. The parade travels from the courthouse to Oakland Cemetery a distance of about one and a half miles. The Memorial Day speaker is Sgt Peter Bieber, a IED survivor from the Iraq War and is still active in the reserve.

The schedule for the trailer is still to be set for the entire weekend. Please contact [Rich Molck](#) if you would like to schedule a trailer visit in the Monona IA area.

Trailer Working Party

Shipmates are needed for a working party the weekend of 18 April 2015 in Rock Hill SC. The crew will be working on the Trailer museum in preparation for its Mid-West Cruise in late May and the 2015 display season. All Question can be directed to [Rich Molck](#).

Interview with Harry Andreae

Mr Harry Andreae is believed to be the last living crew member of the USS Wainwright DD-419. At the age of 89 Mr Andreae stays active by playing golf. He reported aboard USS Wainwright DD-419 in 1944 at Casco Maine and departed from her when the war



as over in 1945 while she was in port in San Diego California. During the interview Rich Molck learned that sailors even back in WWII carried hammocks as part of their sea bag and that when Mr. Andreae reported aboard he had to sleep in his hammock for a short time until a rack came open on the ship. Rich also learned the during the war the both the German and Japanese hated DD-419 because of its speed and how deadly she was with her guns, torpedoes, and depth charges. At the end of the war DD-419 was en-route to Okinawa when she was ordered to reroute to Tokyo Japan and to be on sight for the signing of the treaty that ended the war in the Pacific. The Wainwright was tired up astern of the USS Missouri in Tokyo harbor for the signing of the Treaty.

Mr. Andreae is looking forward to attending our reunion next year in Charleston and we are looking forward to having him in attendance.