



PROJECT LIBERTY SHIP

SS JOHN W BROWN Volunteer Description

The SS JOHN W BROWN is a fully functional World War II Liberty Ship homeported in Baltimore, Maryland, and own and operated by the non-profit, all volunteer organization Project Liberty Ship. The mission of the organization is as stated:

To educate people of all ages about the vital role of the wartime American merchant marine, Naval Armed Guard, and shipbuilders, three largely unheralded groups that were instrumental in the Allied victory in World War II, as well as the seafight for Korea and Vietnam, by presenting living history aboard the authentically restored Liberty ship JOHN W. BROWN that is being preserved to honor the legacy of all American veterans.

As a non-profit, PLS is charged with the preservation, operation, maintenance, and repair of the BROWN. Volunteers are needed in the deck, engine, steward, docent, and administrative departments. As a volunteer crewmember, volunteers can crew the ship during the vessels' annual Living History Cruises, Sea Cadet Trainings, and other inhouse operations. Since the vessels' restoration, the BROWN has conducted over 100 Living History Cruises, visited ports along the East Coast from Florida to Maine, and even visited the Great Lakes. The vessel routinely hosts professional mariner organizations for training, first responder trainings, inhouse Steam Schools, US Naval Sea Cadets, and more.

Our current line up for the 2026 Steaming season include:

- Two dock trials
- US Naval Sea Cadet extended training
- 6-hour Living History Cruise
- Steam School #12 & 13

****Note: All events are subject to change****

Volunteer crewmembers who sail/operate the ship in a credential position are able to receive a Sea Service Discharge letter.

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