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Where is the USS Colorado Deck Gun?

With the move in 2012 of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society (PSMHS) and the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) to Lake Union Park, the 5”/51 Caliber Gun Mount commonly referred to as the “deck gun” could not be relocated to the park. A new welcoming home was found at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. The “deck gun” was moved on October 12, 2011 in time to be properly installed for long-term exhibition. A special ceremony for the “deck gun” will be held at the Veterans Memorial Museum during their World War II Veterans Remembrance event on December 4, 2011.

A Fond Farewell
Many people have fond memories of the “deck gun” on the grounds at MOHAI. We are pleased that in the wake of our relocation, the Veterans Memorial Museum will become the next caretaker of this beloved object which serves as a great tribute to the Veterans of World War II.

History
The USS Colorado 5”/51 Caliber Gun Mount belongs to the United States Navy and was loaned to the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in 1964. The USS Colorado is perhaps one of the most famous battleships of World War II, having served in a record ten campaigns and remaining fully operational throughout the war. The Colorado was commissioned in 1923 and deactivated in Bremerton in 1946 and scrapped in 1959. Several other “deck guns” were loaned by the US Navy to museums across the United States.

New Location

Veterans Memorial Museum
100 SW Veterans Way Chehalis, WA 98532
360-740-8875 www.veteransmuseum.org
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 am—5 pm
Contact: Chip Duncan, Executive Director

Driving Directions
From Seattle travel south on Interstate 5 and take exit 77. Turn right on Highway 6. Immediately, at the next intersection, Riverside Drive, turn left. The museum is on the left hand side approximately 1/4 mile from Highway 6.