

# USS LCI 713 (L)



The USS LCI (L) 713 is a World War II era Landing Craft Infantry. Its mission was to place up to 200 soldiers onto almost any beach in the world. The LCI was a joint British-American design of a new type of ship that would be capable of landing soldiers on hostile enemy shores. Within a 2 ½ year period, 951 LCIs were constructed in ten small shipyards in the United States. Two of those shipyards, Albina Engine and Machine and Commercial Iron Works were in Portland, Oregon.

The LCI 713 was built at the Lawley Shipyard in Neponset, Massachusetts. Commissioned on September 18, 1944, it was assigned to the Southwest Pacific area controlled by the US 7th Fleet. Assigned to LCI Flotilla 24, this vessel participated in two amphibious combat landings. The first combat landing, at Zamboanga on Mindanao Island in the Philippines, involved landing troops attached to the 41st Infantry Division, the Oregon National Guard. The second amphibious assault involved landing Australian troops at Brunei Bay on the island of Borneo in the Dutch East Indies (today Indonesia). With the war's end, the ship remained in the Southwest Pacific until the end of 1945 when it made the long trip home to America. The LCI 713 was decommissioned on October 6, 1946 and released to the Maritime Commission for sale.

***The LCI 713 is on the National Parks Service National Register as a historic vessel. At the end of World War II the Navy had over 5,500 commissioned ships in service. Of that total, over half of those ships were amphibious warfare vessels. Today, out of the many WWII Navy ships listed in the National Register, the LCI 713 is the sole representative of that half of the fleet.***

The 713 sat abandon in Stevenson Washington for many years



It was rescued and brought to Portland Oregon where restoration began:



After many years hard work and dedication, the 713 is getting closer to its original wartime configuration:



## Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum Donation Form

*Donations to the Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum are Tax Deductible per Federal 501 (c) 3 IRS Tax code.*

**Yes! Please accept my donation!** I would like to invest in the future of the Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum. Donations are accepted online at: [www.amphibiousforces.org](http://www.amphibiousforces.org) or simply complete this form, and send it along with your donation to:

Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum  
PO Box 17220  
Portland, OR 97217

Your membership/donation will be tax-deductible and most gratefully acknowledged!

All donors will be awarded with membership in the Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum according to the following schedule:

### Membership types:

Lifetime	\$500
Lifetime (Veterans)	\$100
(One year)	\$20

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LCI#, ship affiliation, or veterans status \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AMPHIBIOUS FORCES MEMORIAL MUSEUM

*An Oregon Based Non-profit Charitable  
Organization*

The Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum is an Oregon Non-Profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the USS LCI 713. Our Mission is to preserve the history of the Amphibious Forces in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, to educate the public on the rich naval maritime heritage that the Amphibious Forces have played in our nation's history, and the importance of preserving historic naval ships for future generations.

Featuring the USS LCI(L) 713:



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## HELP LAUNCH THE LCI-713

The Amphibious Forces Memorial Museum (AFMM) has over 500 members who live all over the United States. We have a dedicated "all volunteer" crew who generously give their time each Saturday toward restoration of the ship.

*Why are we restoring this WWII warship?* Because, of the 1000 of these built during WWII, the LCI-713 it is the only Landing Craft Infantry remaining, still in its near original condition. Our members and crew care about preserving this unique piece of American naval history. We care about honoring our veterans and educating the public about WWII and their sacrifice.

### THIS IS A SHIP WORTH SAVING!

We do need help to complete the job. Please consider a donation to our organization. Since we are all volunteers every dollar goes directly toward helping us fulfill our mission.

In order to "Launch" the LCI-713 and make her operational, we need to get into a drydock and have new bottom steel installed. The good news is that with the help of grants from the state of Oregon, we have already purchased enough steel to do the job. And we have a pair of 12 cylinder Detroit Diesel engines in near new condition ready to be installed.



## VOLUNTEER!

If you're up for some fun and camaraderie you may consider volunteering for our group. You don't need any special skills to work on the ship, but if you do, we try to take advantage of that experience. If your skills lie elsewhere, we also need volunteers that have administrative, website, social media and fundraising skills.

### COME AND VISIT THE LCI-713!

We are located at a Port of Portland mooring in the Swan Island Industrial Park in downtown Portland. Our thanks go to the Port as our sponsor for the mooring. So come on down and tour the ship. As a double bonus, we are directly adjacent to the PT Boat 658, so you can usually tour both at the same time. See: [www.savetheptboatinc.com](http://www.savetheptboatinc.com) for more info about the PT Boat.

The LCI-713 is open for visitation by appointment on Thursdays and Saturdays with Saturday preferred and other days by special request.

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