

Marinette Marine to build USS Marinette



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MARINETTE, Wis. (WBAY) – Marinette Marine is building a littoral combat ship that will be named after the city itself.

The office of US Rep. Reid Ribble (R-Wisconsin) made the announcement on Thursday. A formal announcement is expected on Sept. 22.

The ship, which is currently named LCS 25, is the 13th littoral combat ship that will be built at Marinette Marine. Right now, it is in the initial material procurement phase, along with three other LCS ships.

Rep. Ribble says he has been pushing since 2011, his first year in office, to get the US Navy to honor Marinette by naming an LCS after the shipbuilding community. In a statement, he said:

Marinette's shipbuilding industry is the pride of Wisconsin, and the construction of Littoral Combat Ships touches not only the men and women who work in the shipyard, but the whole community around Marinette. Building LCS brings billions of dollars in economic activity, and a huge amount of pride in contributing ships that are vital to our national security. Marinette has earned this honor, and I am so glad they are receiving it."

-US Rep. Reid Ribble (R-Wisconsin)

Three ships built at Marinette Marine — the USS Freedom, USS Fort Worth and USS Milwaukee — have already been delivered. Three other ships are in the testing phase. One of them, the USS Detroit, will be commissioned on Oct. 22 in Detroit, Mich.

The USS Wichita will be christened and launched Saturday at the Marinette Marine Shipyard