

Theater of War during WWII” on September 25th. On November 20, 2014, Bill Stein discussed his experiences in the Merchant Marines during World War II, another “forgotten” area of that war.

Dedication of *USS Duluth* Anchor on Lakewalk

Members of the Society’s Veterans’ Memorial Hall Program’s Advisory Committee John Werner and John Marshall (both also Society Board of Governors members) were instrumental in helping former crew members of the *USS Duluth* find a home for the anchor of this ship on Duluth’s Lakewalk, next to the Vietnam Memorial, behind the Fitger’s complex. The vessel was active in the Vietnam War and Gulf War, assisted in the Exxon Valdez Alaskan oil spill cleanup, and provided humanitarian assistance after the 2005 Indian Ocean tsunami. It was the second Navy ship to be named after the city of Duluth, Minnesota.

The Society, through its Veterans’ Memorial Hall Program, and the efforts of board and VMH Advisory committee member John Werner, secured in-kind donations of \$175,000 for transport and installation of the ship’s anchor and for its permanent public display on the Lakewalk.

Dedication ceremony of *USS Duluth* anchor on Lakewalk



Event organizer and board and VMHAC member John Werner, out of uniform, at the pre-Fun Run dinner