

**U.S.S. DES MOINES CA-134
(AKA, DAISY MAE)**

The Des Moines Reunion Association has been notified by the Department of the Navy that in mid to late August 2006 the U.S.S. Des Moines CA-134 will be sent to Brownsville, TX, for scrapping.

The Reunion Association has been given permission to conduct a pier-side commemoration ceremony for the former crewmembers at the Port of Philadelphia on Monday, August 7, 2006, where the Des Moines is moored. Monday, August 7, 2006, is the day after the reunion in Mercer.

Unfortunately, we will not be permitted to board the Des Moines as the ship's condition does not make it safe. Additionally, we are not permitted to remove anything from the ship.

At this time, the ceremony is planned for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006. Details are still being worked out. Please check the website, <http://ussdesmoines.com/>, for further information.

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