

Rep. Nygren: Statement on USS Marinette keel laying

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Madison-State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), released the following statement:

“Yesterday I was proud to see the keel laid on Marinette Marine’s Littoral Combat Ship 25, the future USS Marinette. Generally, the keel is the first part of the ship’s hull to be constructed, so this marks the beginning of the USS Marinette.”

The USS Marinette will be the first commissioned ship, and second overall in naval service, to be named after Marinette. The other ship named after Marinette was the Marinette YTB-791, a Natick-class large fleet tugboat. Marinette Marine was awarded the contract to build the USS Marinette on March 31, 2016 at their shipyard in Marinette, Wisconsin.

Rep. Nygren has played a pivotal role in helping shepherd crucial investments for the Northeastern Wisconsin shipbuilding economy. In early 2013, a grant of \$5 million was awarded to the Wisconsin Maritime Center of Excellence by the state for the construction of the building. In 2016, the center received a \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. And in December, Rep. Nygren lent his support for Marinette Marine’s application for Harbor Assistance Funds to make improvements to the shipyard.

Most recently, Rep. Nygren invited Governor Evers to Marinette to tour Marinette Marine. A week later, Governor Evers announced a commitment to include \$31 million in his state budget to support Marinette Marine.

“I would like to thank Marinette Marine for their continued commitment to

northeastern Wisconsin. Marinette Marine is one of the big reasons why Wisconsin has become the economic powerhouse of the Midwest.”