



# The Lynx

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, Jun 12, 2012 At 10 A.M.**

**At**

**Walter Reed National Military Medical Center(WRNMCM) Bethesda, MD**

8901 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20889-5600

**(301) 295-4611; toll-free 1-800-526-7101**

<http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/main.aspx>

## Directions:

### From Capital Beltway (I-495)

WRNMCM (Formerly Bethesda Navy Medical Center) lies on the Maryland side of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Montgomery County. The Beltway is accessed from the north on Interstate 95 or the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, from the east on MD Rt. 50, from southern MD on MD Rt. 4 or 5, from all points south on Interstate 95, and from the west on Interstate 66. Head west on the Capital Beltway. Take Exit 34, Rt. 355, South, Wisconsin Ave. towards Bethesda, in left lane. Cross Cedar Lane; at first median crossing (no light), turn left into the WRNMCM. At the guard station, show ID. From here you will be directed to parking.

## Skipper's Corner

This month's meeting at Bethesda will be in the executive dining facility as usual. If you are new or are bringing a guest, be sure to let Joel Labow know so he can get you past the gate. Joel's e-mail is [Joel.Labow@med.navy.mil](mailto:Joel.Labow@med.navy.mil)

A few months ago we voted to honor the memory of long time member Ken Dorr by making a donation to the USS Olympia. Through the good work of John Reeder this has been accomplished. We were sent a nice thank you letter from the USS Olympia National Fund which I have reproduced at the end of the newsletter.



For those of you who are digitally inclined I happened on an interesting web site with modeling applications. It has free software that you can use to create 3D digital objects that can be turned into real objects through 3D printing. The website is:

<http://www.123dapp.com/>

The website and software is from Autodesk who are the makers of AutoCad which has been the most widely used Computer Aided Design (CAD) design software for many years. An established reputable firm so there is no danger of downloading malware to your computer. You can download the software to your computer, put it on a tablet such as an IPAD or you can run it on their website. You will need to register on the website to use the software. Registration is free.

There are four different programs:

- 123D  
Design stuff you really want to make on the computer and send it straight to a 3D printer.
- 123D Catch  
Automatically convert ordinary photos into extraordinary 3D models.
- 123D Sculpt  
Shape and paint digital clay into amazing 3D sculptures on your iPad.
- 123D Make  
Transform 3D your models into a pattern for assembling real artful creations.

I just recently found this so I do not have much experience. I will try to have something to show on Saturday. If you are interested in CAD this is a way to get your feet wet without having to make a big software investment. I'm really intrigued by the possibility of using photos to create a 3D object. The modeling possibilities are endless. Photograph a gun mount from several angles and scale it down.

Take a look and let me know what you think.

**JUNE 2012 WSMS MEETING AGENDA**  
*Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD*  
(Formerly Bethesda Naval Hospital)

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- Ψ 1000 – Skipper’s Remarks
  - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
  - Cancellation of the October Workshop in Solomons
  - Candidates for Bridge and Elections
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report – Jim Reeder
  
- Ψ 1010 –Show & Tell
  
- Ψ 1140 - Old business
  - Report on results of the:
    - IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic - Fairfax High School – Bruce
    - St Michaels Maritime Model Exposition – Doug or Brion
  
- Ψ 1155 - New Business
  - Election committee Report - Bruce
  
- Ψ 1230 –Meeting Adjourn

**Upcoming Schedule of Events**

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
  - June Chris & Patricia
  - July ??
  - August ??

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- Ψ None scheduled
- Ψ Looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

**Lynx links:**

<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>

<http://www.cnc-models.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/ELLshipmodeler/index.htm>

<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>

<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>

<http://www.modelslipway.com/>

<http://www.boatnerd.com/>

<http://www.billingboats.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>

<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>

<http://www.jdproduct.com/>

<http://www.micromark.com/>

<http://www.joesmodels.com/>

<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>

<http://www.123dapp.com/catch>

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May 29, 2012

Washington Ship Model Society  
ATTN: John Reeder  
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Great Falls, VA 22066

Dear Mr. Reeder:

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 for the USS Olympia National Fund in memory of Mr. Kenneth Dorr. We have notified Mrs. Dorr of your gift.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is honored to help in the continued efforts to preserve this important part of American maritime history, and we value the part you are playing to secure Olympia's future. The USS Olympia has a long and distinguished record of service, and we are doing what we can to make sure that the world's oldest steel-hulled warship remains afloat for generations to come.

Thank you again for your generous contribution

Warmest regards,



David R. Cooper  
Chief Development Officer

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