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Sign Dedication for the replica of a Revolutionary War Ship to be Built in Havre de Grace

Havre de Grace, MD On August 20th, 2009 The City of Havre de Grace City Council agreed to allow the construction of a traditional wooden boat shipyard on the City grounds near the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. The shipyard and the brigantine will be named Andrew Doria in honor of the original warship which now lies on the bottom of the Delaware River.

Tuesday September 15th Havre de Grace Mayor Wayne Dougherty along with the organization Andrew Doria “The First Salute” will welcome representatives from the State of Maryland, Harford County and Mr. Ribeiro, the Minister Plenipotentiary for the Netherlands Antilles to unveil the official signage being dedicated to the project.

Master Shipbuilder Allen C. Rawl expects the ship construction to take up to three years. It will be modeled after known designs of the 18th Century brigantines and lines will be taken from the original ship if it can be located in the waters in which it was scuttled in 1777.

Building this brigantine fulfills the dreams of the governor of a small island in the Netherlands Antilles. This small island, Saint Eustatius, is the place where the original Andrew Doria arrived on 16 November 1776.

The City of Havre de Grace knows the shipyard will be a site that will welcome visitors from near and far. Docents will lead tours through the facility and a gift shop will be on site to provide guests with Andrew Doria mementoes.

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