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## NEW LOCATION FOR OUR MUSUEM

**ST. MARYS, Ga.,** (04 March 2025) – On behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. Marys Submarine Museum it is my exciting duty to announce a new agreement between the City of St. Marys and the Museum's Board of Directors to move the museum to a new location in the center of St. Marys. We have been operating in our current location in what was the old St. Marys Movie Theater, built in 1911, since 30 March 1996 when WWII Submarine Hero and Medal of Honor recipient RADM Eugene Fluckey christened and opened the Museum as our Guest Speaker. We have outgrown our current location, and this opportunity could not come at a better time for us. Our thanks to the city leadership including former Mayor John Morrissey, current Mayor Greg Lockhart and the City Council for approving this agreement during their March 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting. A big shout out as well to City Manager Robby Horton, City Attorney Steven Blackerby as well as our Museum Board President Tom Lackner and our Board Member Allan Giese who took the lead in developing the agreement and Attorney Steven Kinney for his advice and insight in getting us to where we are with this agreement.

The City of St. Marys purchased the abandoned Express Scripts Facility (formerly the old Wal-Mart) in the center of town to move the current City Hall complex and offices, as well as the St. Marys Senior Center. Part of the complex is a warehouse area, and the City of St. Marys is providing us with approximately 9000 square feet of space in that area. This is more than double the space in our current location. This new facility offers us the opportunity to build it out how we want it, repackage and re-display artifacts that we have currently have both on display and in storage, as well as planning for the future. This new location also has lots and lots of parking available, will be all on one floor, and close to both the Navy Base and Interstate 95. As of today, the Museum's BOD has contracted with Larry L. Bryson, Architect, P.C. in Brunswick Georgia for architectural services in designing the floor plan and guidance in the construction and build-out of the new facility. We look for to this great partnership in the months ahead!

We will soon be kicking off a capital campaign to build out and open the new facility and we look forward to your support! We thank everyone for their past patronage and commitment to the current Museum location, especially our original plankowners. We look forward to a great future ahead and we know we will be successful with the support of our members, visitors, friends and both current and former submariners. Stay tuned for many opportunities to support our fundraising efforts for the ***NEW Museum Building!!***