

# Marinette Marine continues work on future USS Detroit



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The future USS Detroit, a Littoral Combat Ship under construction at Marinette Marine Corp. in Marinette, is expected to be put in the water and christened this fall.

The ship was moved from a large assembly building at the shipyard to the edge of the Menominee River in late June. Work on the Detroit is ongoing, and it is scheduled to be delivered to the U.S. Navy in 2015.

Lockheed Martin is the lead contractor on the variant of the Littoral Combat Ship being built in Marinette. An alternate design of the ship is being built by Austal USA in Alabama.

Lockheed Martin and Marinette Marine have delivered the USS Freedom and USS Fort Worth to the Navy.

The Littoral Combat Ship is designed to carry out a number of different missions in shallower waters found in coastal regions. The program, like other weapons programs, has faced scrutiny and criticism from congressional auditors in several areas ranging from armament to operating costs.

Marinette Marine employs more than 2,000 people.

The future Detroit is one of several Littoral Combat Ships in various stages of construction at Marinette Marine.

Marinette Marine's owner, Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri, invested more than \$74 million in improvements to the shipyard, largely to support the littoral combat ship program.

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