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**NEW EXHIBIT: *MARKING TIME: Voyage to Vietnam*
*Vietnam Graffiti by Soldiers on Their Way to War***

Opening: Friday, March 18th to September 5, 2011

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is proud to host the new exhibit, *MARKING TIME: Voyage to Vietnam* on Friday, March 18th. This new exhibit features the stories of young Americans heading to war, told through the writings and drawings left behind as graffiti on the bunks of a troop ship. *Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam* is a traveling exhibit developed by the Vietnam Graffiti Project of Keswick, VA.

This powerful and poignant exhibit features the actual canvas bunks, covered in graffiti over 30 years ago, saved from a troop ship that was scrapped in 1997. Over 5,000 American Soldiers, Marines and Airmen would ship out for an 18 to 23 day journey to the war in Vietnam aboard these troop ships. With nothing but time on their hands, the servicemen recorded their thoughts, hopes and fears on their canvas bunks.

In this exhibit, you will be able to view an original sleeping station from the *USNS General Nelson M. Walker*. You will also get to see the names of Soldiers and Marines and their home towns, their wives and girlfriends, their poetry and their drawings.

Graffiti has long been a form of artistic expression; some call it art, some call it vandalism. Archeologists and art historians find it provides context and insight into the minds of those who inscribe personal messages. In viewing the bunks and other artifacts that will be on display, you will be able to further understand what these men were experiencing.

All exhibits are free to Museum members or with paid admission to the Museum.

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Admission is Charged

Museum Members are Free

Adults: \$10.00 • Seniors (over 65): \$8.00

Children (ages 6-17): \$5.00 • Children under 6: Free