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# News

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## Bath Iron Works To Christen Newest U.S. Navy Destroyer August 9<sup>th</sup>

**BATH, Maine** – General Dynamics Bath Iron Works will christen the newest DDG 51 Class destroyer, MOMSEN (DDG 92) on Saturday, August 9, 2003, at its world class Navy shipbuilding facility. DDG 92 is BIW's 23<sup>rd</sup> DDG 51 Class destroyer, and the second to be built at the shipyard's modernized land-level transfer facility.

DDG 92 is named to honor Navy Vice Admiral Charles Bowers "Swede" Momsen, who rescued 33 crew members and then led the salvage of submarine USS SQUALUS after she sank in 240 feet of water in May 1939. He received commendation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for these actions. Evelyn Momsen Hailey will christen the ship named for her father. The principal speaker for the event is Vice Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

The homeport for DDG 92 is Everett, Washington, and the ship is scheduled for delivery to the U.S. Navy in April 2004. Construction of DDG 92 began in November 1999, and the ship's keel was laid in November 2001.

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## Bath Iron Works

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Cmdr. Edward F. Kenyon, U.S. Navy, a native of Binghamton, N.Y., and a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is commanding officer of the DDG 92 pre-commissioning unit. Bath Iron Works has 13 DDG 51 Class destroyers under contract with the U.S. Navy. The ships operate in support of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups, and have been designed for a wide variety of warfare missions.

Bath Iron Works of Bath, Maine, is a leader in surface combatant design and construction, and employs 6,700 people. It is a subsidiary of General Dynamics (NYSE:GD), headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia. General Dynamics employs approximately 57,000 people worldwide and anticipates 2003 revenues of \$15 billion. The company has leading market positions in mission-critical information systems and technologies, land and amphibious combat systems, shipbuilding and marine systems, and business aviation. More information about the company can be found on the World Wide Web at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com).

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