Kalakala's Walk of HOPE





Help Save the 1935 Kalakala. The Kalakala's walk of HOPE is starting at Washington's State Capital campus, January 27, 2010, at 12 Noon in Olympia, Washington. After a rally to be held on the north steps of the Legislative Building, We will walk around Capital Lake to I-5 Exit 102. We will then start our tour and walk throughout the Puget Sound. The Kalakala Alliance Foundation (KAF) www.kalakala.org, a 501 C 3 Non-Profit preservation organization needs your help to keep the vessel afloat. By the end of 180 day walk of HOPE will begin to educate citizens about protecting our nations significant maritime heritage, such as the Kalakala, and our strong desire to create a National Monument.

Steve Rodrigues, KAF President, is rallying to raise awareness and enhance spirit of community throughout Washington State and America about saving the Kalakala. Our walk of HOPE will be to create a documentary film of living memories & maritime heritage and promote Green Technologies. We will educate High School & College students about the Kalakala at assemblies and special events, as well as focus on assisting paralyzed individuals suffering from spinal cord injuries (Steve is a spinal cord injury survivor). Destinations include visiting: National Parks, Maritime Heritage sites, Museums, Historic Vessels, 10 State Capitols, hospitals and schools, Butte, Montana and 179 other cities on our tour. On the east coast we will visit the Peabody Essex Museum in Essex, Mass., USCG 1935 Packet Ship EAGLE, Boston Seaport, Lady Liberty and USS New York in NY, NY, Smithsonian Institute and the White House in Washington D.C. We will return to the Tacoma by June 27, 2010 for the Kalakala's 75TH anniversary celebration July 3, 2010.

We want to meet President Obama, and will ask the Chief Executive to declare, by public proclamation and establish the vessel, Kalakala, as a National Monument for the American people. The President has authority to use his executive powers under our nations Antiquities Act 1906-16 USC 431-433 to create a new National Monument. The Kalakala was registered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. Her engineering, architectural, social, cultural features and her world, national, and Pacific Coast community impacts are of broad historic significance.

Link: http://nrhp.focus.nps.gov/natregsearchresult.do?fullresult=true&recordid=0

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American Antiquities Act of 1906 - 16 USC 431-433

Sec. 2. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected: Provided, That when such objects are situated upon a tract covered by a bona fied unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the tract, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Government, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept the relinquishment of such tracts in behalf of the Government of the United States.

For more information on the Antiquities Act, go to: http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/anti1906.htm





Festooned with banners for the Seattle World's Fair, 1962. Joe Williamson Collection - Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society

Access to Public Funding Petition:

We understand and support that this petition, and feel that the Kalakala, represents our maritime ferry system roots, and deserves to equitable rights to such perpetual State funds as that of the Virginia V and Lady Washington without the need to apply for future competitive grant processes in the future. We propose to amend Washington State HB 2379 & SB 6185. Signing our petition, we support allowing the Kalakala to access a percentage of funds to help the Kalakala to be preserved, and we request our state Legislators to be in favor of and do pass the amendment to add the Kalakala to the bills.

(To learn all about the Kalakala's historic preservation efforts please go to: www.kalakala.org and SB#6185-2009/2010, HB#2379-2009/2010, RCW 88.02.053 links: SB#6185-2009/2010, HB#2379-2009/2010, RCW 88.02.053).

Kalakala Support: To further support the Kalakala Alliance Foundation's efforts please visit our link; Cash donations from the Donations form will be deposited into Kalakala Preservation Trust Fund, which will be used as cash matching private dollars towards future public grant funds to preserve the Kalakala, go

to: http://secure.usaepay.com/interface/epayform/ceMF6uX6hJWtl5GYCPkP54V4D32T26Fa/ "Access to public Funding Petition" blog, go to:

http://www.kalakalaorg.wordpress.com/2009/10/01/renewed-spirit-and-hope/

National Register of Historic Places register showing MV Kalakala. http://nrhp.focus.nps.gov/natregsearchresult.do?fullresult=true&recordid=0