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## THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM

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### NOTICE

### CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

**March 17, 2011**

The National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus is proud to announce that on March 13, 2011, the museum was presented a new knotted bell rope to be mounted on the museum's full scale replica of the USS Water Witch. The bell rope was knotted, prepared and mounted by Humberto R. Alvarez, IGKT member.

The Water Witch was a 160 foot long blockading ship doing duty near Savannah, Georgia in 1864 during the American Civil War, when it was captured in a daring midnight commando type raid by Confederate Navy forces.

The bell on that ship played a major role in that battle since the captain of the ship, Austin Pendergrast, passed out while pulling the bellrope to get the engines to try to move the ship forward. Pendergrast has been seriously wounded with cutlass blows earlier in the fight. He later regained consciousness as a POW.

The museum is proud to have such an excellent representation of a US Navy bellrope in a place of honor on our newest, largest single exhibit, the USS Water Witch.

Bruce H. Smith  
Executive Director  
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