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## Commandant Visit to the RB-M Production Facility in Greenbay, WI

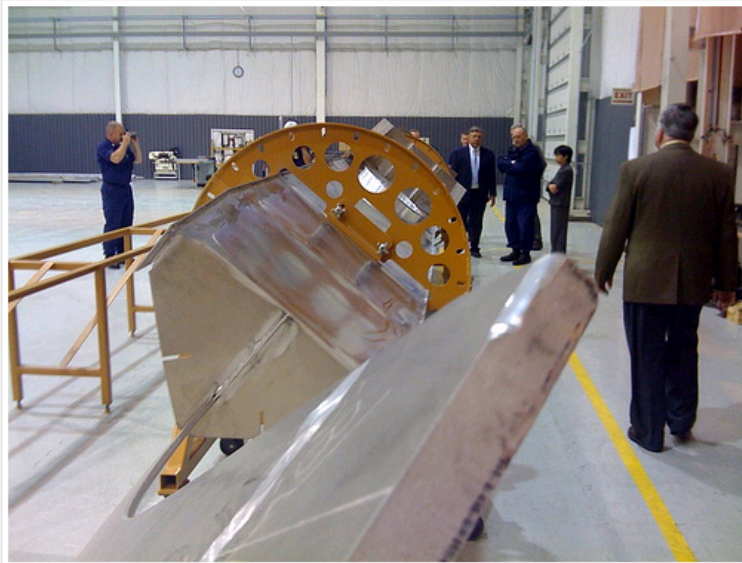
Shipmates,

On Thursday (6 Nov) I was in Greenbay, WI for the [ribbon cutting](#) on the new ACE Marine facility. ACE (Aluminum Center of Excellence) Marine is the Marinette facility that is the second production line for the [RB-M](#). The first boat is already under construction and I was able to view the production "jigs." The RB-M is constructed in three major sections. The hull, the main deck, and deck house. There are three jigs used at ACE Marine. One is used to build the keel section. The second jig is used to construct the hull (and the keel is attached). The construction begins with the hull inverted and it is rolled over when finished. The third jig is used to construct the main deck and then it is fitted on to the hull. The final step involves attaching the deck. It was an exciting day. I was joined by Congressman Steven Kagen, Mayor of Green Bay Jim Schmitt, VP of Marinette Marine Richard McCreary and President of Manitowoc Marine Group Robert Herre.

I had two other exciting things happen in Green Bay. I got to meet WWII Coast Guard vet Horace Lucas who supports our people on the Great Lakes and he gave me a football autographed by the Green Bay Packers. I also got to have lunch at Krolls across from Lambeau Field and had my picture taken there.

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