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NEW U.S.-FLAGGED CRUISE SHIP WILL EMERGE FROM CASCADE GENERAL

Cascade General began the multi-million dollar refurbishment of the 704' cruise ship ms Patriot in the Portland Shipyard on October 19th. The 1200-passenger ship, formerly the Nieuw Amsterdam of Holland America Line, is the first acquisition by the new United States Lines.

In the next 30 days, the re-flagged ship will undergo a drydocking, installation of new bow and stern thrusters, a complete safety upgrade to comply with all ABS and US Coast Guard standards, and an interior re-modeling to suit its new mission. It will enter service in the Hawaiian Islands December 9th, offering seven-night cruises.

United States Lines is a subsidiary of American Classic Voyages, the largest owner and operator of U.S.-flagged passenger vessels. ACV also selected Cascade General to convert a bare hull into a 212' inland-waters luxury cruise ship earlier this year.

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Cascade General owns and operates Portland Shipyard, the largest and most complete ship repair and industrial facility on the West Coast of the United States. We provide full-service repairs and conversions for tankers, cruise ships, bulk carriers, container ships, government vessels, tugs, barges and workboats. Cascade General's Portland facility includes a 60-acre (24.2 ha) yard, 550,000 square feet (51,096 square meters) of craft shops, more than 7,600 ft. (2,326 meters) of full-service repair berths, and three floating dry docks – including Dry Dock 4, the largest in the Americas. Cascade General also provides emergency topside repairs at any location on the U.S. West Coast and operates Voyage Repair Stations at Port Angeles, Washington and Astoria, Oregon.
