New Navy ship christened bearing WV Medal of Honor recipient’s name

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SAN DIEGO, Calif. (WSAZ) -- U.S. Senator Joe Manchin says he’s proud to watch a new Navy ship’s christening next to its namesake. The Senator got to watch alongside Medal of Honor recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams as the new ship was christened in San Diego Saturday.

“This ship christening is a long time coming, and a physical representation of the life and legacy of a renowned West Virginian and Medal of Honor recipient,” Sen. Manchin said. “This day would not have been possible without Ron Wroblewski and Woody’s fellow Marines and friends who advocated for years and I was proud to play a part in getting this done. I was honored to help a fellow Marion County boy receive the recognition he deserves. This day is a result of Woody’s lifelong dedication to public service, his brave actions in the field, and his commitment to West Virginia.”

After the christening, Sen. Manchin got to tour the new ship followed by discussions with the Navy and Coast Guard about border security, the Pacific fleet’s current war capabilities and other homeland security issues.