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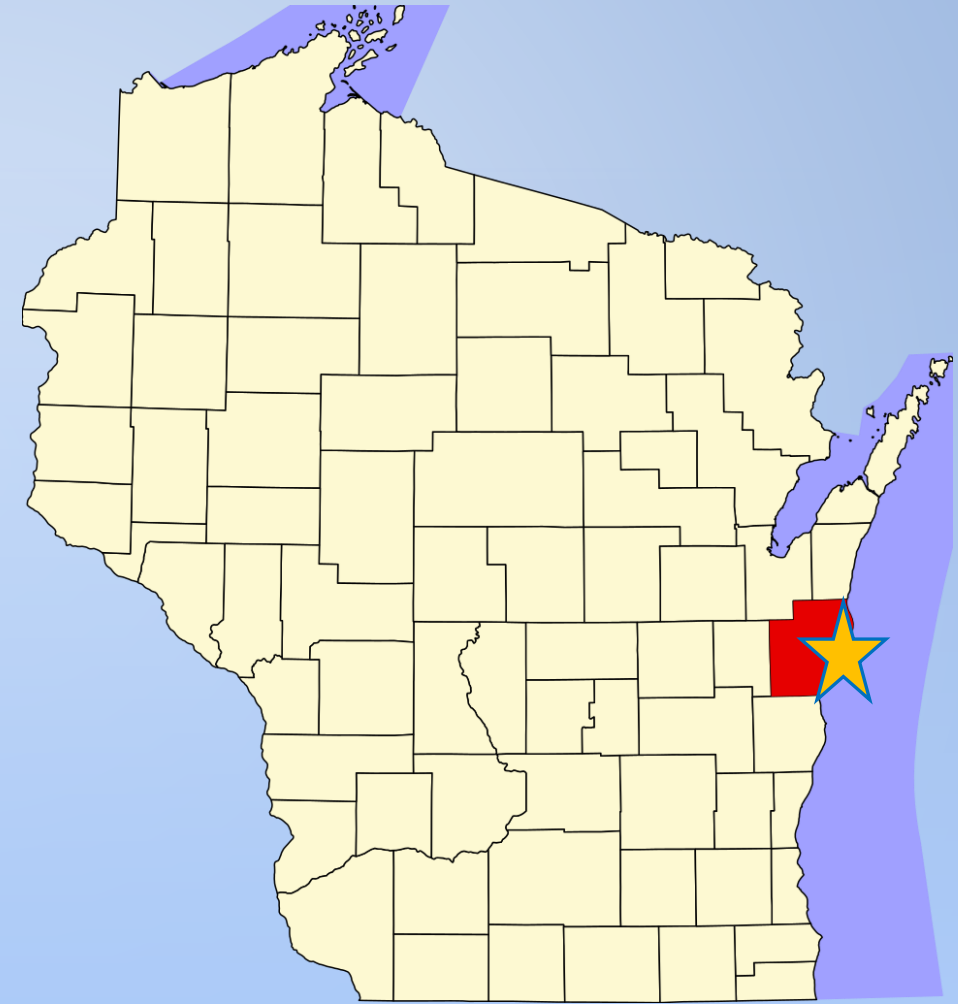
## 2026 USS TOWERS DDG 9 REUNION

September 22-27, 2026

Organized by the  
USS Towers DDG 9 Ship's Association

Quick Guide Introduction to the area

# Where is Manitowoc?



# Closest Airports

**GRB:** Green Bay is a 50-minute drive to Manitowoc ([LINK](#))

- American
- Delta
- Sun Country
- United

**\*\* GB has no idea what traffic is, as there is none.**

**ATW:** Appleton is a 1-hour and 10-minute drive to Manitowoc ([LINK](#))

- American
- Allegiant
- Delta
- Sun Country
- United

**\*\* If you arrive between 4 & 5:30 there can be some traffic delay in Appleton.**

**MKE:** Milwaukee is a 1-hour and 25-minute drive to Manitowoc ([LINK](#))

- Alaska
- American
- Delta
- Frontier
- Jet Blue
- Southwest
- Spirit
- Sun Country
- United

**\*\* Depending on arrival time in Milwaukee, traffic can be an BIG issue that can extend your travel time.**





# Driving from MI or Further East?

US HWY 10 cuts across Michigan east to west... if you want to avoid driving through Chicago or up and over the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, you may want to consider taking the Badger car ferry. It runs between Luddington MI & Manitowoc WI. It is NOT inexpensive, but it is a shipboard experience.

Follow the reunion page on Facebook for latest as we are working to get a “Reunion Discount” for crossings.

Standard rates on the next page.



# SS Badger Stats, Snipes & Rates

Her stats: Length over all: 410' Beam: 59'

- Power: Steam, Coal fired.
- Two four-cylinder compound Skinner Unaflo steam engines, totaling 7,000 shp
- four Foster-Wheeler water-tube type D boilers, 470 psi

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Here is the link to their website: <https://ssbadger.com/>



(Please bring two tie-downs per motorcycle)

Passenger fares are separate from vehicle fares.

**Spring- May 15th-June 18th/ Summer- June 19th-September 7th/ Fall- September 8th-October 11th**

Passengers (Passenger rate not included in the Vehicle Pricing)	Summer One Way Tickets	Summer Round Trip Tickets	Spring/Fall One Way Tickets	Spring/Fall Round Trip Tickets
Adults 16+	\$89	\$178	\$78	\$156
Seniors 65+	\$81	\$162	\$70	\$140
Active Military	\$81	\$162	\$70	\$140
Child 5-15	\$44	\$88	\$44	\$88
Child 4 & Under	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>Automobiles</b>				
Autos, Vans, SUV's, Pickup Trucks (Not Pickup Campers or Sprinter Vans)	\$102	\$204	\$102	\$204
Vehicle Extensions (Bike Rack, Cargo Carrier, etc.)	\$11	\$22	\$11	\$22
<b>RV's &amp; Trailers</b> (Trailers are measured from the back bumper of the tow vehicle to the furthest point of the trailer.)				
RV's, Campers, and Trailers	\$11/ft	\$22/ ft	\$11/ ft	\$22/ ft
Pickup Campers/Sprinter Vans	\$114	\$228	\$114	\$228
<b>Motorcycles &amp; Bicycles</b> (Please bring two tie-downs per motorcycle)				
Bicycles	\$8	\$16	\$8	\$16
Motorcycles	\$57	\$114	\$57	\$114
Motorcycle with Sidecar/Trailer/Trike	\$85	\$170	\$85	\$170
Motorcycle with Sidecar or Trike WITH a Trailer	\$99	\$198	\$99	\$198


















# The Hotel:

## The Inn on Maritime Bay

is an Ascend Collection™ Hotel located in the heart of downtown Manitowoc, WI, and on the vibrant shores of Lake Michigan. With breath-taking views of Lake Michigan in every direction, guests will enjoy the comfort of our newly renovated guest rooms with a modern nautical feel and updated facilities. We offer a complimentary light breakfast with selection of one hot item, indoor heated swimming pool and spa, an on-site lounge for evening cocktails and a game of pool as well as a game room for the kids.











### Hotel Amenities

 Indoor Heated Pool	 Family Friendly	 Free WiFi
 Continental Breakfast*	 <u>Pet Friendly*</u>	 Vending Machines*
 Indoor Whirlpool/Hot Tub	 Truck Parking	 Government Travelers: FEMA Approved
 Interior Corridors	 Free Parking	 Elevator(s)
 Banquet Rooms*	 Bus Parking	 Meeting Room*

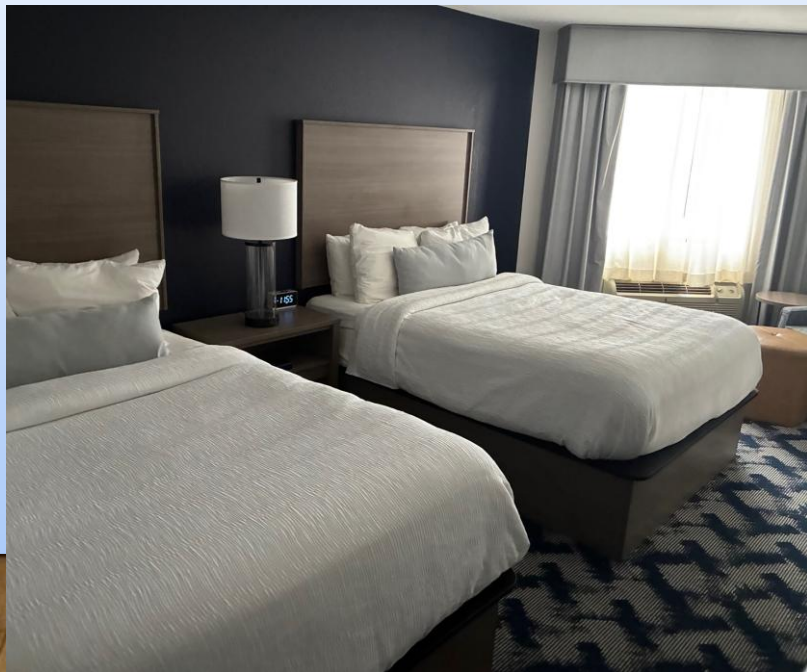
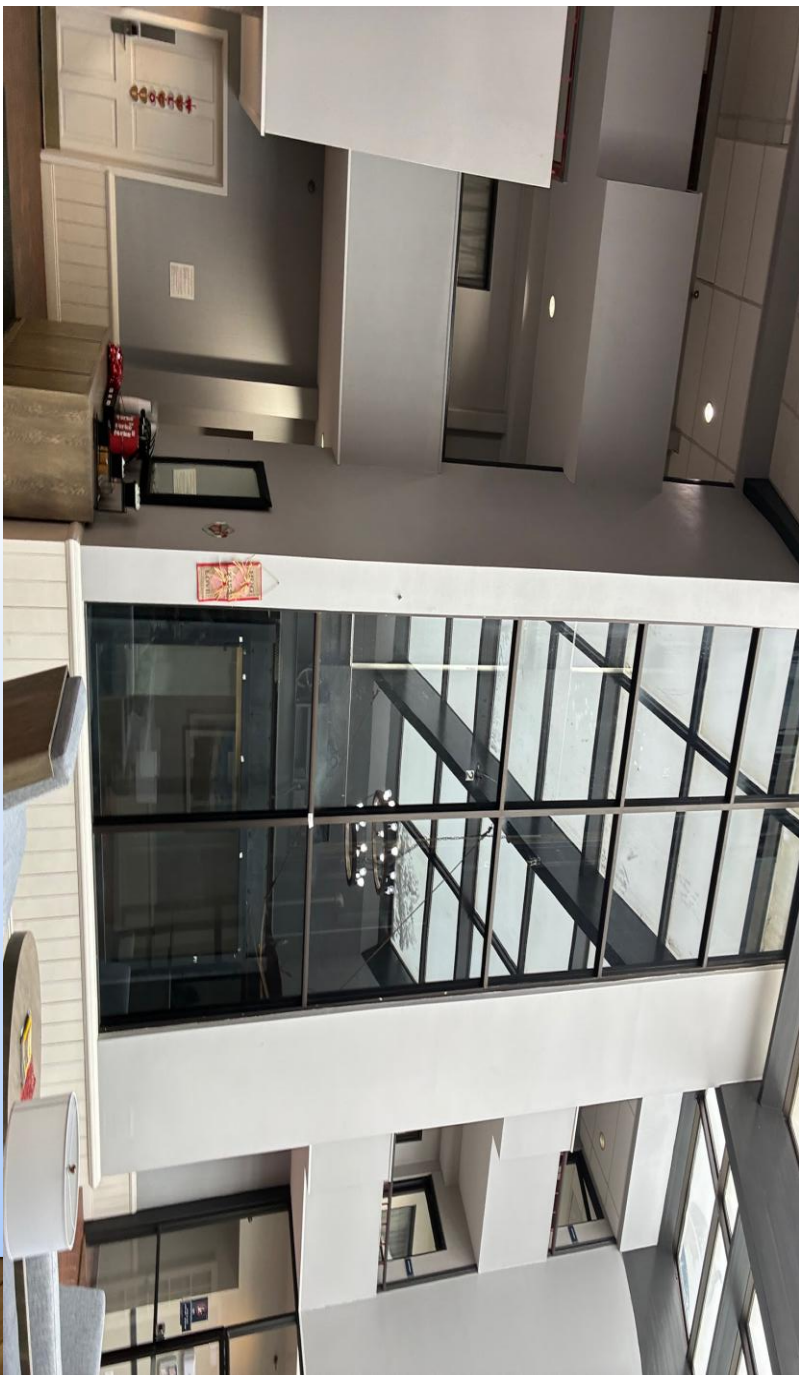
### Accessibility Amenities

(Amenities may vary by room type)

 Accessible Parking*	 Accessible Features	 Accessible Hotel
 Public entrance is accessible	 Accessible registration desk	 Accessible swimming pool
 Accessible Spa/Hot Tub	 Visual alarms in public spaces	











# Booking Your Room

## The Inn on Maritime Bay

Advance reservations required

USE ONLY THIS LINK – DO NOT BOOK VIA OTHER SITES

**USS TOWERS ROOM BLOCK LINK BELOW**

**\$129 a night (DBL Queen or King)**

**Reunion dates: September 22-27**

**Towers rate available September 19 through October 1**

Call the Hotel Directly for reservations outside the Sep 22-27 dates.

Select your dates when you book between Sep 22-27:

Book using this link:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EV01N2>

Or call hotel at (920) 682-7000



# Late September Weather

## September

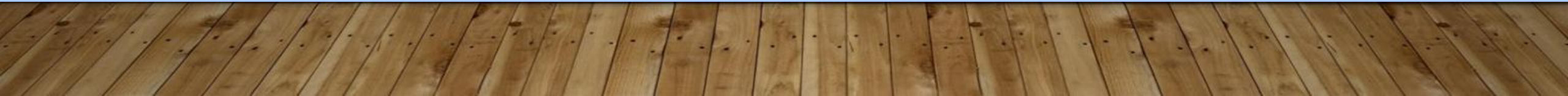
**Temperatures:** Mild and pleasant, with average highs around 70°F and lows around 58°F early on, cooling as the month progresses.

**Feel:** Generally mild to cool, potentially windy, and perfect for light clothing like t-shirts.  
Key: Marks the end of the warm season, but still feels comfortable, with colorful leaves emerging.

## October

**Temperatures:** Significantly cooler, with highs dropping from the low 60s°F to the low 50s°F and lows from the mid-40s°F to the high 30s°F.

**Feel:** Moderately chilly and often windy, requiring warmer layers like jackets.



# Close by Things to See & Do

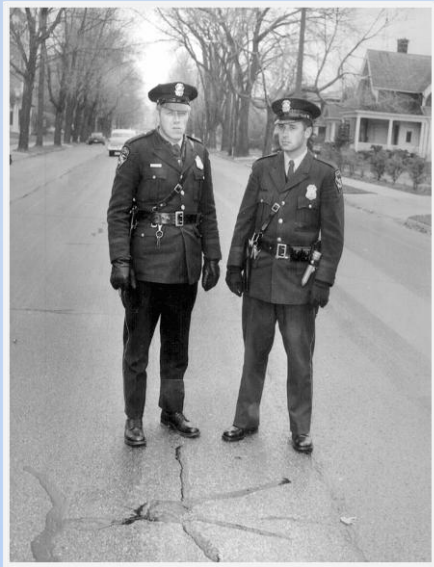
Each is a link to more information...

- Sputnik crashed here! Visit the ART MUSEUM to see it and learn about the two cops who found it.
- Manitowoc built submarines and boats in WWII. The USS Cobia is open for tours – and sleep-overs – at The Wisconsin Maritime Museum (Next door to the hotel).
- The last of the coal fired, steam engine car ferry ships on the Great Lakes in the SS Badger. Take a tour, or extend your visit with a ride east to Luddington MI for great shopping, food, or a ride in the dunes.
- The Manitowoc Lighthouse may be open for tours then!
- The Lincoln Park Zoo in Manitowoc.
- Like to fish? This is an amazing place to do that! Visit Manitowoc Fishing Charters page to get started.
- Cherney Maribel Caves & Ruins
- The Town of Two Rivers is just north along the Mariner's Trail, and is a beautiful ride. There is Rogers Street Fishing Village Museum and the Submariner's Bar and Grill.
- Just north of Two Rivers is the Point Beach Lighthouse and the beach... the beach is AMAZING.



# More Things to See & Do

VISIT MANITOWOC WEBSITE LINK: <https://www.visitmanitowoc.com/>



# Not Far: Come Early – Stay Late

## **Green**

### **Bay.**

Green Bay Packers: Lambeau Field Stadium Tours & Hall of Fame

- National Railroad Museum
- Bay Beach Amusement Park (old school amusement park roller coasters, cheap ticket prices)

## **Appleton / Oshkosh**

- History Museum at the Castle (Houdini Exhibits, Appleton was his hometown).
- EAA Aviation Museum, Oshkosh WI
- Museum of Glass, Appleton

## **Door County, WI**

- Door County Maritime Museum
- Cana Island Lighthouse
- Sister Bay, WI
- Washington Island (ferry required)
- Rock Island, WI (ferry required)

## **Ludington MI** (east side of Lake Michigan / Badger Ferry home port)

- General things to do in Ludington website
- Silver Lake Dunes





# Some might like to golf...

## **Manitowoc & Immediate Area:**

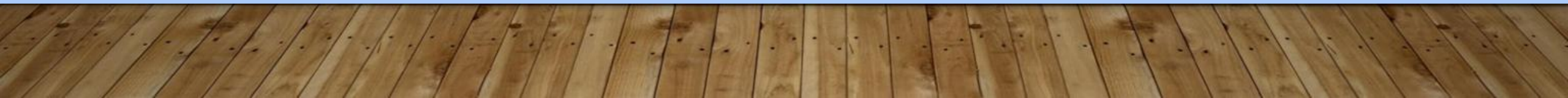
- Meadow Links Golf Club: A public, 18-hole course known for its rolling, open design, driving range, and clubhouse with a pro shop and lounge.

## **Just Outside Manitowoc (Manitowoc County):**

- The Golf Course at Branch River: Located in Branch, this former private club is now public, featuring 18 holes, a renovated clubhouse with a restaurant, and indoor simulators.
- Autumn Ridge Golf Club: Considered a fine public course in nearby Valders, offering a great golfing experience.
- Emerald Hills: Another option in Two Rivers, WI, according to Chronogolf.

## **Further Afield (Notable Options):**

- Whistling Straits: A world-renowned championship course in Sheboygan, known for its challenging play and stunning views, though it's a significant destination course.
- Blackwolf Run: Also in Kohler, offering another high-end championship experience.



# Craft Beer, Pubs & Food

## **Local Craft Beer / Walking**

### **Distance**

- PetSkull Brewing
- Craft Creek Brewing

### **Restaurants**

- The Warf
- Izumi Sushi
- Bloom & Brunch
- Harborside (Wisconsin Supper Club)
- Rita's Supper Club (Two Rivers, WI)

## **Pubs and Pub Food of Note**

- Courthouse Pub
- Ryan's on York - (Kevin's Favorite, it's small and delicious)
- Dali's Café – Breakfast & Lunch
- Fat Seagul (just across the river from hotel)
- Stage Door Irish Themed Pub (in old house)
- Brick's Downtown Bar & Grill
- Revolutions Bar & Grill

If you road-trip, you will find pubs and supper clubs all over the area... Enjoy!

Note: In Wisconsin liquor stores sell 7-days a week, but can NOT sell after 9PM (go to a bar!)

Don't be surprised if you see kids at the bar, it's legal, and they can even drink with their parents.

What is a Wisconsin Supper Club? [CLICK HERE](#)



# A Spa Day: Maybe wine?

## WINE

- Waterfront Wine Bar
- Silarian Vinyards

## SPA & More

- The A Spa (close to hotel)
- Renew Day Spa
- Real Aesthetics Spa (close to hotel)
- Balance on Buffalo
- Woodlands Day Spa



# Some might like to sail...

From BM2 Kevin Osgood/Yodjas: - please do NOT contact these ships directly – message me at the e-mail below:



Through my day-job, I have developed relationships with two organizations with larger sailing vessels. **If the weather cooperates and the vessels are still in the water** (early October is usually when they are placed *on the hard* for the winter), **we may well have the chance to get underway, under sail.**

**The Schooner Utopia** was built in 1946 in Sturgeon Bay and has been around the world a few times. In 2024, the current owners completed a renovation and have begun to offer sail-away opportunities. While the vessel was built in Sturgeon Bay, it is now moored near the hotel in Manitowoc. An outing on Utopia would likely have a fee and be a pleasure trip out and back.



**Patriot Racing Project** is a non-profit organization founded by veterans to restore classic sailboats, then sail and race them to help veterans re-connect with that feeling of teamwork and camaraderie they had when they served. Their newest project is a 50' yawl with a hull built in Manitowoc by a shipyard worker who built subs during WWII, and when the war ended was able to buy steel at pennies on the dollar, and that is what the “***Stjarna***” (*dshar-na*) is built from. Captain Jack (former Marine) tells me he will happily have the vessel pier-side in Manitowoc for our reunion and happily go sailing with willing and capable crew. An outing on ***Stjarna*** is for those who want to take the halyard and helm. There's a little space for ride-alongs, but you better be willing to move quickly when we tack! The cost is your time, and any donation you wish to make to the Patriot Racing Project – but none is required.

If you are interested in either, e-mail me at [osgoodkevin@yahoo.com](mailto:osgoodkevin@yahoo.com) and we'll try to get something organized!



# Hope to see you there!



Reserve your room now, it's refundable up until 24 hours before the reservation begins.  
Here is the link again: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EV01N2>

