

Pertaining to SB 2 – Salvage Chief

I am a 6-year unpaid volunteer. I do this because I believe in her potential, history and contribution to our community.

We provide educational training and work experience for youth wanting to learn a trade in an industry that is desperately needing trained employees. These youth have been providing labor for 10 years, helping maintain the Salvage Chief. Their only compensation has been hands-on work experience.

We have provided a training platform for:

Salem Police

Doctors practicing shipboard triage

Army Special Forces

Shipboard hazardous material handling

Air Force dive teams

And more.

Some of these are Federal agencies, but we provide the only place for them to train on a ship. These groups stay and spend money in our community.

It is estimated that the Salvage Chief spent over 70 million dollars in parts, fuel, and supplies during her working career, contributing to the Astoria-Portland economy.

We can't forget the Salvage Chief-LSM 380 just turned 80 years old. She is the last floating WWII LSM, It is a floating museum, filled with the artifacts of her career of helping over 300 vessels on our coast.

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