

Belmont company supports new combat ship

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BELMONT — When the United States Navy commissions the USS Manchester, named after the state's largest city, on May 26, it will be carrying products manufactured here by Milpower Source.

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, joined other officials yesterday in announcing the details of the upcoming commissioning ceremony, which will take place at the New Hampshire State Pier in Portsmouth. The ship, the seventh in its class, was built in Alabama, but it carries backup power products manufactured by the Belmont company.

Marketing Manager Sam Young said Milpower Source provides products supporting three military applications on that class of ships. In military terms, those are CEC, cooperative engagement capabilities; SSDS, ship self-defense systems; and GPNTS, global positioning system-based navigation and timing service.

The products are uninterruptible power sources, or UPS items, designed for backup if the main systems fail.

Milpower expects to support all 30 ships in that class that are in the manufacturing pipeline.

The USS Manchester was christened and launched in 2016, but the commissioning ceremony will mark its official acceptance as a unit of the U.S. Navy's operating forces.

The last vessel commissioned in Portsmouth was the USS New Hampshire submarine in 2008.