

January 27, 2025

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Executive Secretary  
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board  
625 N Robert St  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Removal of USS Ward Gun

Dear Mr. Cedarleaf Dahl,

The Department of Administration (Admin) supports the move of the USS Ward Gun from its current location on the State's Capitol Mall to the new Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum. The move to this indoor location should slow the degradation of the structure that has resulted from its current outdoor location.

After the Ward Gun is removed, Admin's Facilities Management Division will remove the concrete pad by demolition and replace that plot with planting grass seed to expand the lawn to this area and will continue with routine ground maintenance.

Sincerely,

Kari Suchy, Facilities Management Director  
Minnesota Department of Administration