Joseph Sojka presents his model of the destroyer USS Frank Knox to Capt. Joel C. Ford, who commanded the ship during World War II.

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Ship Model Serves As An Old Friend

Capt. Joel C. Ford, commander of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, is tremendously proud of a newly aquired ship model.

To Ford, the model is more than an interesting knickknack. It is a scaled replica of the destroyer USS Frank Knox, which he commanded during World War II.

The model was made by Joseph Sojka, of 2301 S. 59th Av., Cicero, a design engineer. He worked on it for six months to make every detail perfect before presenting it to Ford.

Sojka, although never in the Navy, has been interested in ships since boyhood. In addition to making models, he also collects photos of Navy ships and information about them.

The destroyer Frank Knox was named for the publisher of the Chicago Daily News who died April 28, 1944, while serving as secretary of the navy.