Proud Kidd

The prow of the USS Kidd, right, cuts a fierce silhouette against a summer sky and swollen Mississippi River as U.S. Rep. Henson Moore, D-Baton Rouge, and his son, William Henson Moore IV, visit the principal exhibit of the soon-to-be-opened Louisiana Naval Museum and Nautical Historic Center. Moore, who played a key role in bringing the Kidd to Baton Rouge, and his son toured the refurbished 369-foot Fletcher class destroyer over the weekend to determine if she is ship-shape for a tentative August opening date. A landing ramp should be complete by mid-July and construction of a $2 million nautical center nearby should start shortly after the opening of the destroyer to visitors, officials have said.