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...since its arrival Nov. 25. The ship, originally built for the Iranian navy but never delivered, is fully equipped to monitor air

Iranian helicopter, as last reported.

One seaman was killed and three others injured in the attack on the tanker *Kate Maersk*, which was badly damaged by fire.

## Experiences of chief made wife a believer

ELMWOOD — Doris Wheeler heartily endorses Elmwood as a landing site and communications center for extraterrestrial beings.

Mrs. Wheeler, 70, is the widow of the former Elmwood Police Chief George Wheeler, the man who spotted two unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the mid-1970s. She said she was very skeptical about UFOs until George made her a believer.

"I know they're there," she said after Saturday's news conference called by UFO Site Center Corp.

George Wheeler, who died in 1978, always was looking for UFOs, Mrs. Wheeler said. He found his first about 2 a.m. one spring night while on patrol in the northeast side of the village, she said.

Wheeler told his wife that a light kept coming toward him. He thought it was a plane about to crash, and it came close enough that he dove out of his police car. But the light passed silently over him and headed to the south side of the village, Mrs. Wheeler said.

The police chief drove toward it, but the object headed off to the southwest. He contacted the Pierce

County Sheriff's Department and was told that office had received "all kinds of calls" about the object, she said.

Wheeler's second sighting a year later, "was a little more traumatic," Mrs. Wheeler said.

Wheeler was on patrol at about 10:30 p.m. in Butternut Park when "he saw this big, bright light," she said.

Thinking there was a fire, Wheeler drove to the top of a hill near an old quarry with an electrical substation below and got out of the car.

Wheeler told his wife that he saw a bright "saucer-shaped" thing and "he said he could see the people moving around in it." A hose-like object seemed to extend from the object, she added.

"George said there was a blue light streamed at him. He said he didn't pass out, but he was stunned," she said.

Mrs. Wheeler said she heard him report the incident on the police radio. Another man and Pierce County authorities headed to the area, she said.

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Afterward, Mrs. Wheeler took her husband to a doctor, who could not find anything wrong with him. Wheeler still did not feel well, and a few days later he was hospitalized, first in Menomonie and then in Eau Claire.

"They never diagnosed him with anything," Mrs. Wheeler said. "He had horrible nightmares afterward."

Mrs. Wheeler, who moved to Stillwater, Minn. a year ago, gave her reports and materials about the incidents to UFO Site Center Corp. She said she was delighted when Tom Weber, the firm's founder, visited her in Stillwater.

Weber said an Elmwood woman reported that an unidentified object followed her in her car for several miles. The woman was transporting children at the time, and "the children were terrified," Weber said.

Mrs. Wheeler said her husband's experiences convinced her that there might be something substantial to reports about UFOs. She



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noted that she and her husband were married for 32 years.

"I knew when he was fooling and when he wasn't, and he wasn't fooling," she said.

—Jim Daly