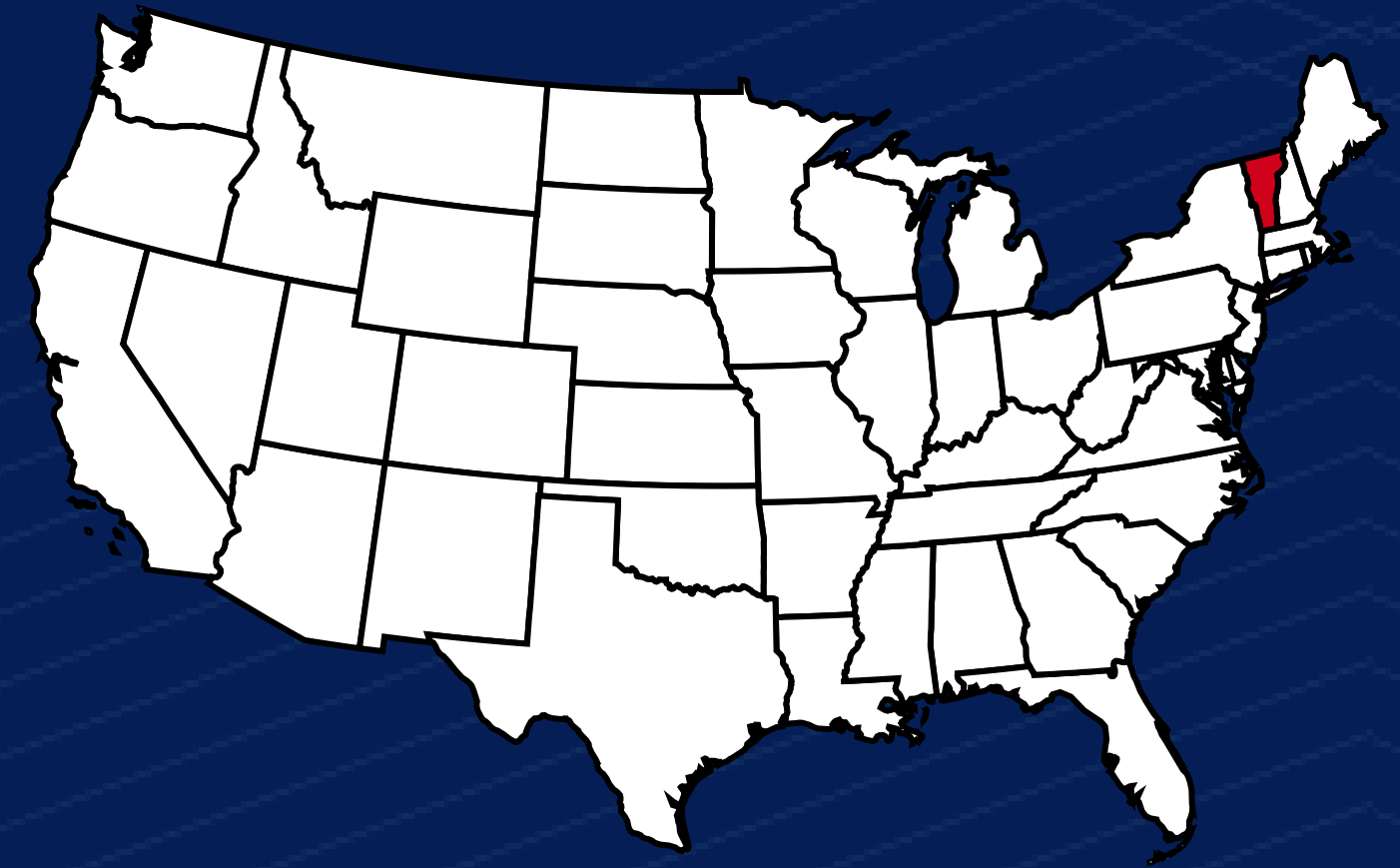




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THE NAVAL HISTORY OF VERMONT



SHIPS



Photo of a Virginia-class attack submarine



At least 20 ships have been named after the state of Vermont, its cities, places, and people. They include:

USS Addison County (LST 31), 1943	USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), 1995
USS Bennington (CV 20), 1944	USS Montpelier I (Screw Steamer), 1919
Bennington (Gunboat No. 4), 1891	USS Montpelier II (CL 57), 1942
USS Caledonia (AK 167), 1945	USS Montpelier III (SSN 765), 1993
USS Chittenden County (LST 561), 1944	USS Orange County (LST 1068), 1945
USS Dewey I (DD 349), 1934	USS Passumpsic (AO 107), 1946
USS Dewey II (DLG 14), 1959	Vermont (SL), 1862
USS Dewey III (DDG 105), 2010	Vermont (BB 20), 1907
Ethan Allen I (Bark), 1861	USS Vermont (SSN 792), 2020
USS Ethan Allen II (SSBN 608), 1961	USS Windham County (LST 1170), 1954

USS Vermont (SSN 792)

USS Vermont (SSN 792) is the 19th vessel in the Virginia class of submarines. Virginia-class submarines are designed from the keel up for the full range of 21st century mission requirements, including anti-submarine and surface ship warfare and special operations support. These submarines excel in littoral and open- ocean environments and collect intelligence critical to irregular warfare efforts with advanced intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

PEOPLE



George Dewey, Admiral

Born in Montpelier, VT, Adm. George Dewey (1837-1917) became the “hero of Manila Bay” after achieving a crushing naval victory over the Spanish fleet in the waters west of Manila in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. Dewey’s exploits during the war made him a national hero and brought glory to Vermont. His achievements became part of standard histories of the state.



William "Bill" C. Fitzgerald, Lieutenant

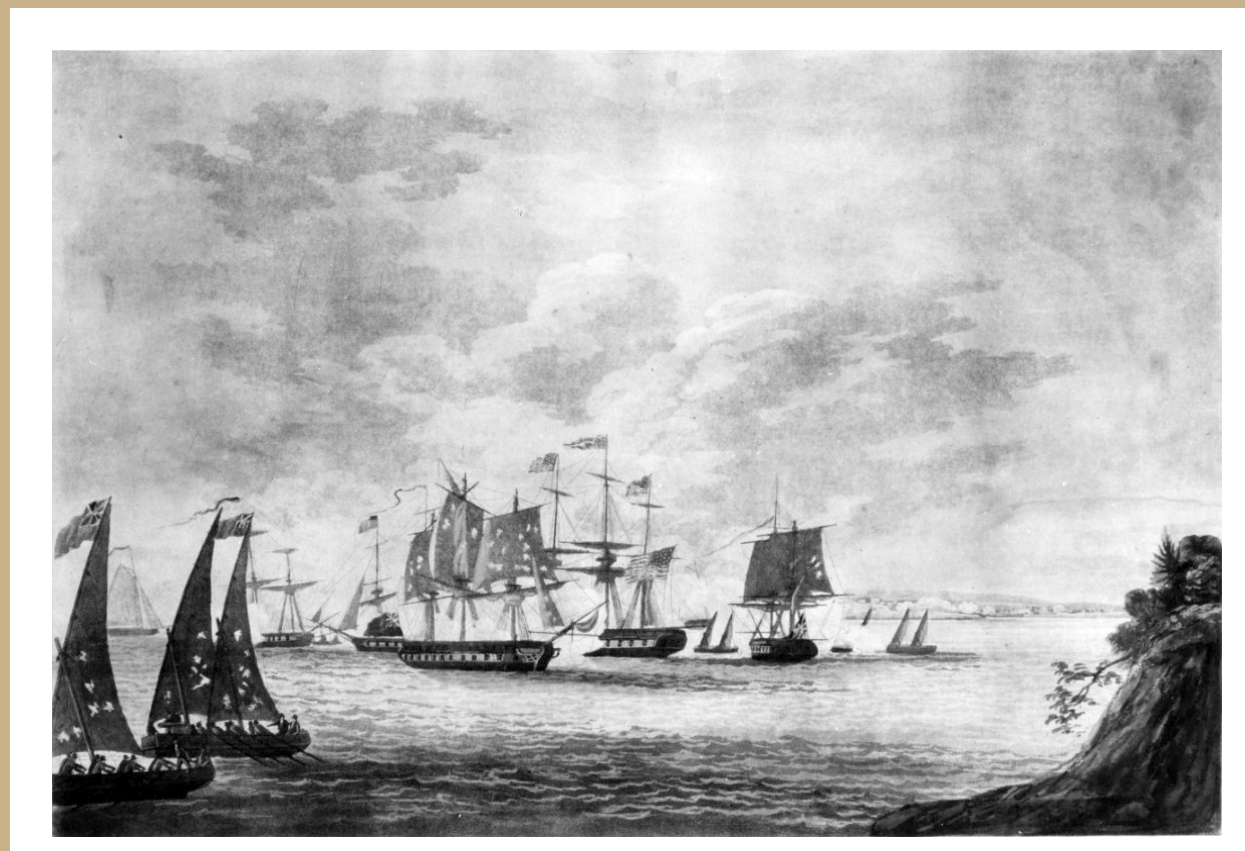
Born in Montpelier, VT, Lt. Bill C. Fitzgerald was a U.S. Navy officer killed in action during the Vietnam War when he came under heavy attack by two Viet Cong battalions. Fitzgerald, along with three others, provided covering fire during the attack so civilians were able to escape. As the situation deteriorated, Fitzgerald ordered the remaining defenders to retreat while he used arms fire to cover their escape. Fitzgerald received the Navy Cross posthumously for his role in fighting off a Viet Cong attack.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

The Battle of Lake Champlain, also known as the Battle of Plattsburgh, ended the final invasion of the northern states during the War of 1812. Fought shortly before the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, the American victory at the Battle of Lake Champlain denied the British leverage to demand exclusive control over the Great Lakes and any territorial gains against the New England states.



Navy Operational Support Center White River Junction



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