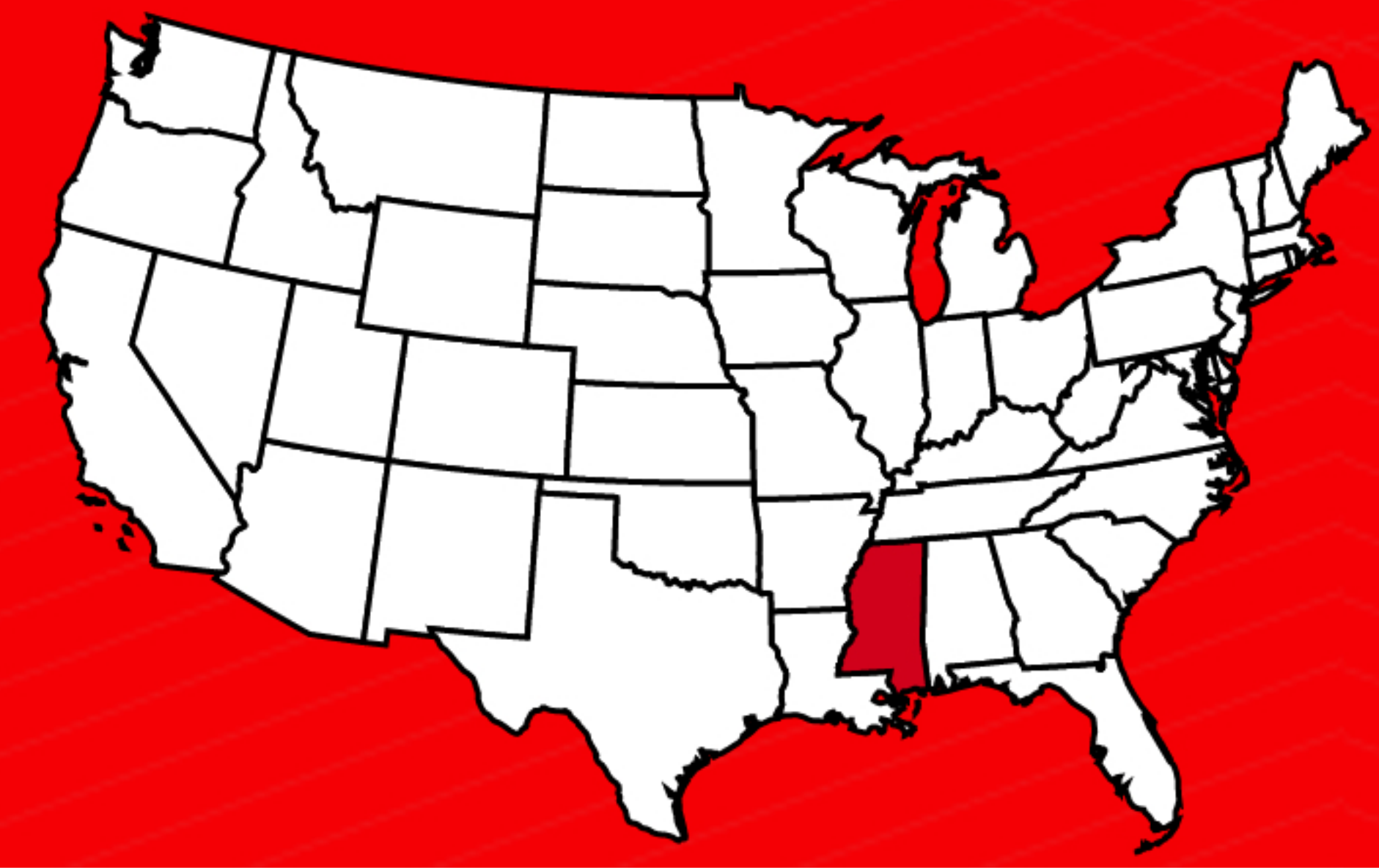




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SHIPS



USS Jackson (LCS 6)

Named after the capital of Mississippi, USS Jackson (LCS 6) was commissioned Dec. 5, 2015. A fast, agile, and high-technology surface combatant, Jackson acts as a platform for launch and recovery of manned and unmanned vehicles.



At least 30 ships have been named after the state of Mississippi, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

USS Benton County (LST 263), 1955
USS Billingsley (DD 293), 1920
USS Biloxi (CL 80), 1943
USS Bolivar (APA 34), 1943
USS Calhoun County (LST 519), 1955
USS Claiborne (AK 171), 1945
USS Clarke County (LST 601), 1955
USS De Soto County (LST 1171), 1958
USS Escatawpa (AOG 27), 1944
USS Gulfport (PF 20), 1944
USS Holmes County (LST 836), 1944
USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1945
USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), 1995
USS Kemper County (LST 854), 1944
USS Lafayette County (LST 859), 1945

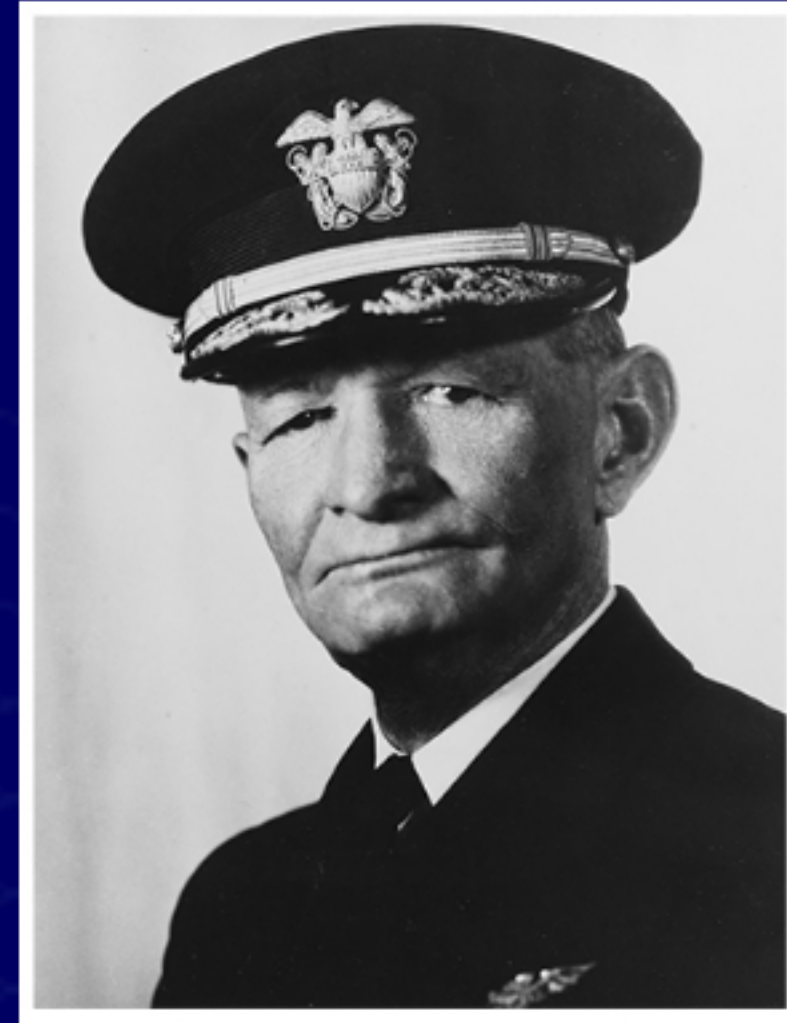
USS Lamar (APA 47), 1943
USS Lawrence County (LST 887), 1955
USS Lincoln County (LST 898), 1955
USS Marchand (DE 249), 1943
USS Mississippi (BB 23), 1908
USS Mississippi (BB 41), 1917
USS Mississippi (SSN 782), 2012
USS Monroe County (LST 1038), 1955
USS Montgomery County (LST 1041), 1955
USS Natchez, (Sloop-of-War), 1827
USS Pontotoc (AVS 7), 1944
USS Tallahatchie County (LST 1154), 1955
USS Vandivier (DER 540), 1955
USS Vicksburg (Steamship), 1863
USS Vicksburg (CL 86), 1944

PEOPLE



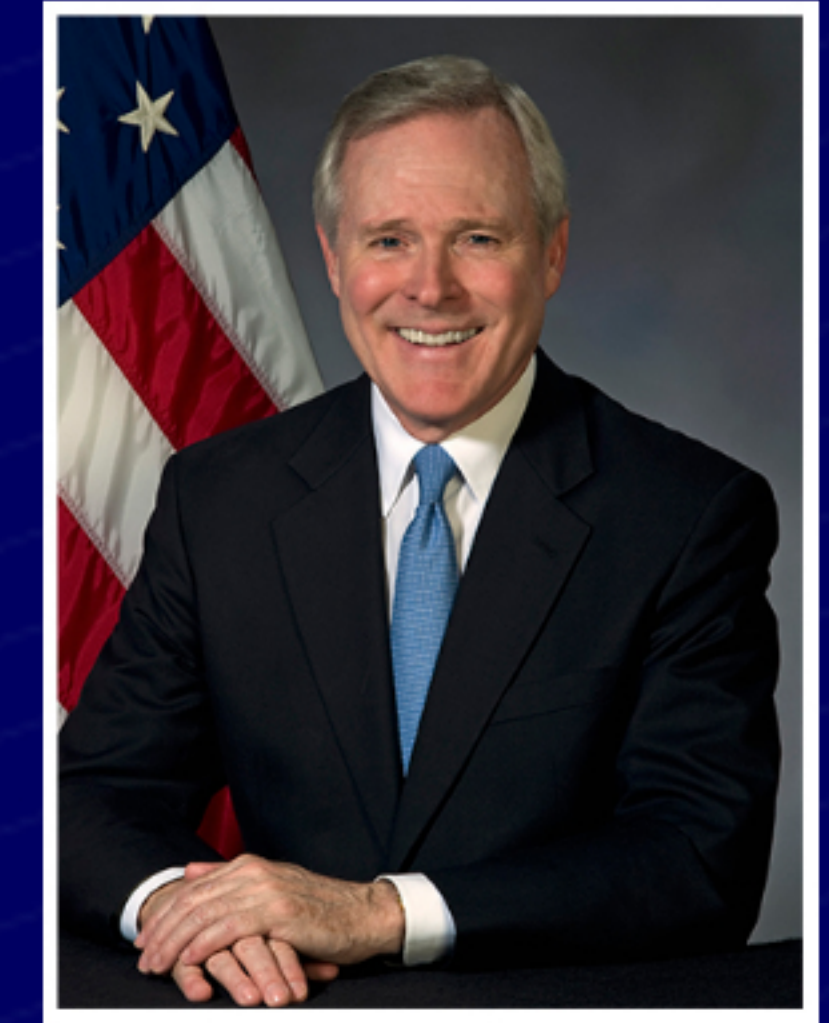
William Billingsley Ensign

Born in Winona, Miss., April 24, 1887, William Billingsley was the first fatality of Naval Aviation. While piloting a Wright B-2 at 1,600 feet over the water near Annapolis, Md., June 20, 1913, he was thrown from the plane and fell to his death. The Clemson-class destroyer USS Billingsley (DD 293) was named in his honor in 1920.



John S. McCain Sr. Admiral

John S. McCain Sr., a distinguished carrier task force commander during World War II, was born in Teoc, Miss., Aug. 9, 1884. He died Sept. 6, 1945, just as the war ended and before beginning an assignment with then-Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal. A Congressional resolution posthumously appointed him to the rank of admiral, effective on the date of his death.



Ray Mabus Secretary of the Navy

Born in Ackerman, Miss., Oct. 11, 1948, Ray Mabus was the 75th U.S. Secretary of the Navy, and the longest to serve as leader of the Navy and Marine Corps since World War I. During his tenure, the Navy went from building fewer than five ships per year to having 86 ships under contract, an average of 14 ships per year.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

Mississippi is named for the Mississippi river, which forms its western boundary and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. The name, roughly translated from Native American folklore, means "Father of Waters."



Naval Air Station Meridian

NAS Meridian, located in East Central Mississippi, trains Sailors and Marines in aviation and related technical fields. It is home to Training Air Wing One, Training Squadron 9, Training Squadron 7, Naval Technical Training Center, Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One, and the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy.



Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport

NCBC Gulfport exists to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material in support of Naval Construction Force Units, to include Amphibious Construction Fleet Units, the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Enhanced), and other fleet and assigned organizational units deployed from or home ported at NCBC Gulfport.