



# FLORIDA'S NAVAL HISTORY



## SHIPS



**USS Florida (SSGN 728)**

▲ USS Florida (SSBN 728/SSGN 728), an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, was commissioned with the hull designation of SSBN 728; with her conversion to a cruise missile submarine, she was re-designated SSGN 728. Home-based in Kings Bay, Ga., USS Florida operates in the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility.



At least 32 ships have been named after the state of Florida, its cities, places, and people.

- Florida I (Sloop), 1824
- Florida II (Side-wheel Steamer), 1861
- Florida III (Steam Frigate), 1867
- Florida IV (Monitor No. 9), 1903
- USS Florida (BB 30), 1911
- USS Florida (SSBN 728), 1983
- Tallahassee (Monitor No. 9), 1903
- USS Biscayne (AVP 11), 1941
- USS Brevard (AK 164), 1945
- Calhoun (Side-wheel Steamer), 1862
- USS Caloosahatchee (AO 98), 1945
- USS Dade (APA 99), 1944
- USS De Soto County (LST 1171), 1958
- USS Everglades (AD 24), 1951
- USS Flagler (AK 181), 1945
- USS Floridian (No. 3875), 1919
- USS Gadsen (AK 182), 1945
- USS Jacksonville (SSN 669), 1981
- USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1945
- USS Key West (Stern-wheel Steamer), 1863
- USS Lafayette County (LST 859), 1945
- USS Lloyd (DE 209), 1944
- Miami I (Side-wheel Steamer), 1862
- USS Miami (CL 89), 1943
- USS Okaloosa (APA 219), 1944
- USS Orange County (LST 1068), 1945
- USS Orlando (PF 99), 1944
- Pensacola I (Screw Steamer), 1861
- USS Pensacola (Screw Steamer), 1917
- USS Pensacola (CA 24), 1930
- USS Pensacola (LSD 38), 1971
- USS Tortuga (LSD 26), 1945



◀ USS Tortuga was named after a group of small islands off the coast of Key West, Fla., and the naval base on Tortuga. Commissioned toward the end of World War II, she was en route to combat in the Pacific when she received news of Japan's surrender. Tortuga received five engagement stars for her service in the Korean War and eight for service during Vietnam.

## PEOPLE



**Capt. John W. Young**  
U.S. Navy (Ret.)  
NASA Astronaut

Capt. John W. Young graduated from Orlando High School in Orlando, Fla. He is a highly decorated Navy captain and the longest serving U.S. astronaut.



**Capt. Scott Speicher**  
U.S. Navy  
Killed in Action

Capt. Scott Speicher was a graduate of Westside High School in Jacksonville, Fla., and Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Speicher was shot down flying a combat mission in an F/A-18 Hornet during Operation Desert Storm.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Manufacturing was the primary Floridian contribution to the WWII effort. More than 9,000 men and women worked in shipbuilding in Tampa Bay, Fla., during WWII. This woman is welding for the Saint Johns River Shipbuilding Company during WWII in Jacksonville, Fla.

## PLACES



### Navy Installations in Florida:

- NAS Jacksonville
- NAS Pensacola
- NAS Whiting Field
- NAS Key West
- Naval Station Mayport
- NSA Panama City
- NSA Orlando
- Corry Station Naval Technical Training Center



### NAS Jacksonville



**NAS Key West**