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MARYLAND'S NAVAL HISTORY



SHIPS



USS Maryland (SSBN 738)

The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Maryland (SSBN 738) transits the Saint Marys River. Often referred to as "boomers," these subs are designed specifically for stealth and the precise delivery of nuclear warheads.



At least 40 ships have been named after the state of Maryland, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

USS Annapolis (PF 15) 1944
 USS Annapolis (SSN 760) 1992
 USS Antietam (CV 36) 1945
 USS Appalachian (AGC 1) 1943
 Baltimore (Cruiser No. 3) 1890
 USS Baltimore (CA 68) 1943
 USS Baltimore (SSN 704) 1982
 USS Buck (DD 420) 1940
 USS Buck (DD 761) 1946
 USS Caroline County (LST 525) 1944
 USS Catoctin (AGC 5) 1943
 USS Cecil (APA 96) 1944
 Chesapeake (Frigate) 1799
 USS Chincoteague (AVP 24) 1943
 USS Decatur (DDG 73) 1988
 USS Flusser (DD 368) 1936
 USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) 1987
 USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657) 1966
 USS Frederick (LST 1184) 1970
 USS Garrett County (LST 786) 1944

USS Germantown (LSD 42) 1986
 USS Hammann (DD 412) 1939
 USS Kent County (LST 855) 1944
 USS Lowry (DD 770) 1944
 USS Maddox (DD 731) 1944
 USS Maryland (SSBN 738) 1992
 USS Montgomery County (LST 1041) 1945
 USS Patuxent (AO 44) 1942
 USS Piedmont (AD 17) 1944
 Potomac (Frigate) 1831
 USS Prince Georges (AK 224) 1943
 USS Russell (DD 414) 1939
 USS Russell (DDG 59) 1995
 USS Semmes (DDG 18) 1962
 Severn (Screw Sloop) 1869
 USS St. Mary's (APA 126) 1944
 USS Sterett (DDG 104) 2008
 USS Talbot County (LST 1153) 1947
 USS Theodore E. Chandler (DD 717) 1946
 USS William M. Wood (DD 715) 1945

PEOPLE



Stephen Decatur Navy Commodore

Born in Sinepuxent, Md., Jan. 5, 1779, Decatur became one of the most lauded American naval heroes since John Paul Jones. During the Tripolitan War, Decatur's forces sailed into Tripoli harbor and boarded the captured U.S. frigate Philadelphia. After setting fire to the ship, Decatur and his men escaped without the loss of a single American. On Oct. 25, 1812, Decatur engaged and captured the British frigate Macedonian, an action that gained him further acclaim.



Lt. Milton E. Ricketts Medal of Honor Recipient

Born in Baltimore, Md., Lt. Ricketts was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Battle of Coral Sea, May 8, 1942. He was in charge of a damage control party aboard USS Yorktown (CV 5) that suffered many casualties from a bomb explosion. Despite mortal wounds, Lt. Ricketts deployed a fire hose and successfully contained the resulting fire before he died.



SO1 Patrick D. Feeks Bronze Star Recipient

A resident of Edgewater, Md., SO1 Patrick D. Feeks died in southern Afghanistan when the helicopter he was in was shot down by enemy fire. SO1 Feeks was assigned to SEAL Team 3 out of Coronado, Calif. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V and Purple Heart.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

Maryland, known as the "Old Line State" to honor the troops of the Maryland line who fought courageously during the Revolutionary War, was one of the original thirteen colonies.



Fort McHenry

On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on England, in part to "preserve free trade and Sailor's rights." In August 1814, British forces marched on Washington, defeated U.S. forces, and burned the Capitol. Then, on September 13-14, the British attacked Fort McHenry. The failure of the bombardment and sight of the American flag inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star-Spangled Banner."



U.S. Naval Academy

Established as the undergraduate college of our country's naval service Oct. 14, 1845, the Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The scenic campus, known as the Yard, is located in historic Annapolis, Md., where the Severn River flows into the Chesapeake Bay.