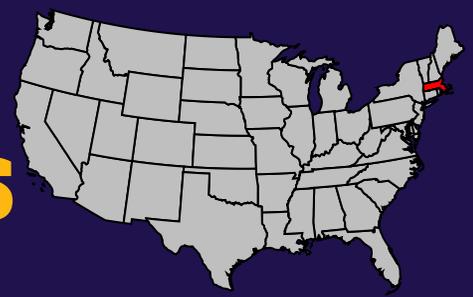




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SHIPS



USS Constitution

As America's "Ship of State," USS Constitution's journey began Oct. 21, 1797, when she was launched at Boston Harbor as one of the original six frigates built for the U.S. Navy. Constitution saw a great deal of action during her 58 years of active naval service, including engagements in the Quasi-War with France, the Barbary Wars, and the War of 1812 - winning 33 engagements. USS Constitution is crewed by a select group of active-duty U.S. Navy Sailors who share her story with visitors from around the world. She currently resides at Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston as the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat.

At least 80 ships have been named after the state of Massachusetts, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

- Boston I (Gondola), 1776
- Boston II (Frigate), 1777
- Boston III (Frigate), 1799
- Boston IV (Sloop-of-war), 1826
- Boston V (Protected cruiser), 1887
- USS Boston (CA 69), 1943
- USS Boston (SSN 703), 1982
- USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), 1986
- USS Bunker Hill (CV 17), 1943
- Concord I (Sloop-of-war), 1830
- Concord II (PG 3), 1891
- Concord III (No. 773), 1917
- USS Concord (CL 10), 1923
- USS Concord (AFS 5), 1968
- USS Constitution (Frigate), 1797
- USS Cuttyhunk Island (AG 75), 1945
- USS Dennis J. Buckley (DD 808), 1945
- USS Frank Knox (DD 742), 1944
- USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643), 1966
- Gloucester I (Gunboat), 1898
- USS Gloucester (PF 22), 1943
- Housatonic I (Screw sloop-of-war), 1862
- USS Housatonic (SP 1697), 1918
- USS Housatonic (AO 35), 1942
- USS John F. Kennedy (CVA 67), 1968
- USS Joseph P. Kennedy (DD 850), 1945
- Lexington I (Brigantine), 1776
- Lexington II (Sloop), 1826
- Lexington III (Sidewheel steamer), 1861
- USS Lexington (CV 2), 1927
- USS Lexington (CV 16), 1943
- USS Mannert L. Abele (DD 733), 1944
- Martha's Vineyard (IX 97), 1943
- Massachusetts I (Screw gunboat), 1845
- Massachusetts II (Screw steamer), 1861
- Massachusetts IV (BB 2), 1896
- USS Massachusetts (BB 59), 1942
- USS Quincy (CA 71), 1943
- USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), 2018

PEOPLE



Thomas Hudner Medal of Honor Recipient

Born in Fall River, MA, Capt. Thomas J. Hudner earned the Medal of Honor for his service in trying to save the life of Ens. Jesse L. Brown during the Korean War. Hudner crash landed his own aircraft to try to rescue Brown, who was wounded and pinned in his cockpit by aircraft wreckage after being shot down.



John F. Kennedy Navy Lieutenant & U.S. President

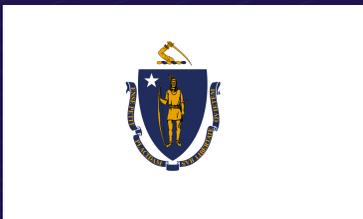
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was born May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Mass. He was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve in October 1941. During World War II, Kennedy was assigned to the South Pacific as commander of patrol torpedo boat 109 (PT 109). The boat was rammed and cut in half by a Japanese destroyer, and Kennedy directed the rescue efforts of the survivors and brought three to safety. After his naval service, Kennedy went on to become the youngest elected U.S. president in 1960 at the age of 43.



Chris Cassidy Navy Capt., SEAL & Astronaut

Christopher J. Cassidy was born Jan. 4, 1970, in Salem, Mass. Cassidy, a U.S. Navy SEAL, has been deployed twice to both the Mediterranean and Afghanistan, and is a recipient of Bronze Star with combat "V" and Presidential Unit Citation. He was selected by NASA in 2004 and is a veteran of two space flights, STS-127 and Expedition 35. In 2015, Cassidy was appointed as the chief of the Astronaut Office.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

The state seal bears the coat of arms of the Commonwealth encircled with the words, "Sigillum Reipublicae Massachusettensis," which means "the seal of the Republic of Massachusetts."

Massachusetts is rich in U.S. naval history, from the launch of USS Constitution in Boston Harbor to the training of the U.S. Navy's future Sailors in their many educational institutions throughout the state. Here are just a few places, past and present, where the U.S. Navy has had a presence in Massachusetts:

- Charlestown Navy Yard
- Navy Operational Support Center Quincy, Mass. (present)
- Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Programs:
 - Boston University
 - Boston College
 - Northeastern University
 - College of the Holy Cross
 - Harvard University
 - Worcester Polytechnic University
 - Worcester State University
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Tufts University
- Naval Air Station Chatham, Mass. (1917-1922)
- Naval Air Station Squantum, Mass. (1917/1923-1953)
- Naval Air Station South Weymouth (1942-1997)
- U.S. Naval Hospital Boston, Chelsea, Mass. (1836-1974)



Nurses' quarters. U.S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., June 2, 1919.