

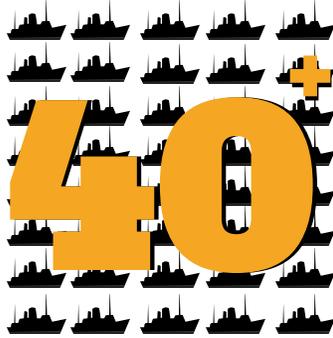


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SHIPS



USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier is named in honor of the nation's 16th president. The ship commissioned Nov. 11, 1989 in Norfolk, VA. The ship's motto is "Shall Not Perish," a line from Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address in 1863. The aircraft carrier has participated in multiple operations in the Middle East, including Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn.

At least 40 ships have been named after the state of Illinois, its cities, places, and people. They include:

- USS Abraham Lincoln I (SSBN 602), 1961
- USS Abraham Lincoln II (CVN 72), 1989
- Chicago I (Cruiser), 1889
- USS Chicago II (CL 29), 1931
- USS Chicago III (CA 136), 1945
- USS Chicago IV (SSN 721), 1986
- USS Columbia VIII (SSN 771), 1995
- USS Cromwell (DE 1014), 1954
- USS Damon M. Cummings (DE 643), 1944
- Galena I (Ironclad Screw Steamer), 1862
- Galena II (Screw Steamer), 1880
- USS Galena III (PC 1136), 1943
- Illinois I (Battleship No. 7), 1901
- USS Illinois II (SSN 786), 2016
- USS Knudson (APD 101), 1944
- USS Lester (DE 1022), 1957
- USS Paul G. Baker (DE 642), 1944
- Peoria I (Sidewheel Steamer), 1866
- Peoria II (Gunboat), 1898
- USS Peoria III (PF 67), 1945

- USS Peoria IV (LST 1183), 1970
- USS President Lincoln (Steamer), 1917
- USS Pulaski County (LST 1088), 1945
- USS Purdy (DD 734), 1944
- USS Putnam I (Destroyer No. 287), 1919
- USS Putnam II (DD 757), 1944
- USS Ray K. Edwards (ADP 96), 1945
- USS Rockford (PF 48), 1944
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), 2003
- Springfield I (Sternwheel Gunboat), 1863
- USS Springfield II (ID. No. 2575), 1918
- USS Springfield III (CLG 7), 1944
- USS Springfield IV (SSN 761), 1993
- USS Stockdale III (DDG 106), 2009
- USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN 631), 1964
- Wabash I (Screw Frigate), 1856
- USS Wabash II (Id. No. 1824), 1918
- USS Wabash III (AOG 4), 1943
- USS Wabash IV (AOR 5), 1971
- USS Walter X. Young (APD 131), 1945

PEOPLE



William S. White
"Golden Thirteen" Ensign

The Honorable William S. White was born in Chicago, IL. After earning a law degree from the University of Chicago, White served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 as a public information officer. He was one of the first African American naval officers, one of the group known as the "Golden Thirteen." After his service, White became an appellate and juvenile court judge in Illinois before passing away in February 2004.



John P. Cromwell
Captain

Capt. John P. Cromwell was born in Henry, IL. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1924 and then attended submarine school. During World War II, Cromwell served aboard USS Sculpin (SS 191), which was sunk by Japanese forces in 1943. Cromwell remained on the submarine as it went down to prevent the Japanese from obtaining his sensitive knowledge of future operations. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



James Bond Stockdale
Vice Admiral

Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale was born in Abingdon, IL, and attended the Naval Academy. On Sept. 9, 1965, his plane was shot down over North Vietnam and Stockdale was held in captivity at the "Hanoi Hilton" and "Alcatraz." He became a leader of the American captives until his release in February 1973. Stockdale received the Medal of Honor for his efforts. He passed away in July 2005.

PLACES



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Naval Station Great Lakes

Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago, IL, opened in July 1911. It grew rapidly as a training station for new Sailors and trained one million of the four million Sailors who served in World War II. In 1997, Great Lakes underwent a massive expansion to become the only training facility to transform recruits into Sailors. This expansion included thirteen new barracks and was finished in 2010.



University of Illinois Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps

The University of Illinois NROTC educates and trains students for service as commissioned officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. NROTC was established at Illinois' flagship university in 1945. The school is one of the few universities in America with tri-service ROTC.

Naval Air Station Glenview

In November 1945, the Naval Air Reserve Training Command was established at NAS Glenview, flying 412,000 flight hours in its first year. In 1947, a command operations center school was established to train naval and Air Force officers. The air station closed in 1995.

Did You Know...?

Chicago's Navy Pier was used as a naval training center in World War I and World War II and is named to honor veteran Sailors.