



THE NAVAL HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA



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SHIPS



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

USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

USS North Carolina (SSN 777), commissioned May 3, 2008 in Wilmington, NC, is the fourth ship to be named after the state, and the fourth submarine of the Virginia class. The first vessels to be built in the post-Cold War era, the submarines were equipped with improved stealth features, sophisticated surveillance capabilities, and special warfare enhancements. USS North Carolina is home to 132 crew, including 15 officers and 117 enlisted Sailors.

USS Anderson (DD 411), 1939
 USS Asheville I (Gunboat 21), 1920
 USS Asheville II (PF 1), 1942
 USS Asheville III (PGM 84), 1966
 USS Asheville IV (SSN 758), 1991
 USS Blue Ridge I (ID 2432), 1918
 USS Blue Ridge II (AGC 2), 1943
 USS Blue Ridge III (LCC 19), 1970
 USS Branch (DD 197), 1920
 USS Charlotte III (PF 60), 1944
 USS Charlotte IV (SSN 766), 1994
 Chatham I (Screw Steamer), 1864
 USS Chatham II (No. 2510), 1918
 USS Chatham III (AK 169), 1945
 USS Graham (DD 192), 1920
 USS Graham County (LST 1176), 1958
 USS Greensboro (PF 101), 1945
 USS Guilford (APA 112), 1945
 Hatteras I (Screw Steamer), 1861
 USS Hatteras II (Steamer), 1917

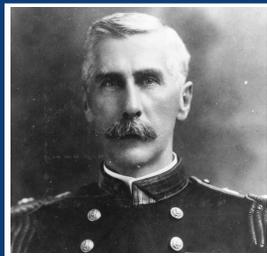
USS James K. Polk (SSBN 645), 1966
 USS Kitty Hawk I (APV 1), 1941
 USS Kitty Hawk II (CVA 63), 1961
 USS Kleinsmith (APD 134), 1945
 USS Lee County (LST 888), 1944
 USS Lincoln County (LST 898), 1944
 New Berne (Screw Steamer), 1863
 North Carolina I, 1824
 North Carolina II (AC 12), 1908
 USS North Carolina III (BB 55), 1941
 USS North Carolina IV (SSN 777), 2008
 USS Onslow (AVP 48), 1943
 USS Piedmont (AD 17), 1944
 Raleigh I (Frigate), 1776
 Raleigh II (Cruiser No. 8), 1894
 USS Raleigh III (CL 7), 1924
 USS Raleigh IV (LPD 1), 1962
 USS Rocky Mount (AGC 3), 1943
 USS Stanly (DD 478), 1942
 USS Watauga (AOG 22), 1944

PEOPLE



John Branch, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy 1829-1831

John Branch, Jr., was born in Halifax County, NC. Branch held several local and national political positions on behalf of North Carolina throughout his career and was also selected to serve as Secretary of the Navy. While in his post, Branch initiated several reforms to strengthen the naval fleet, protect American commerce, and project power in the Far East. USS Branch (DD 197) was named in his honor.



Edwin Alexander Anderson
Medal of Honor Recipient

Edwin A. Anderson was born in Wilmington, NC. Capt. Anderson was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action during landing operations at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in April 1914. Anderson also earned the Distinguished Service Medal before retiring as admiral after 40 years of service in the U.S. Navy. USS Anderson (DD 411) is named after him.



Josephus Daniels
Secretary of the Navy 1913-1921

Josephus Daniels was born in Washington, NC. As editor and publisher of the Raleigh, NC, *News and Observer*, he became a major editorial voice in the South. He was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Wilson in 1913. A number of his naval reforms included abolishing the officer's wine mess, the introduction of women into the service, and establishment of service schools aboard ships and stations.

PLACES

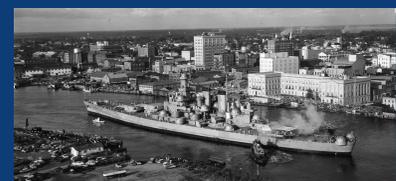


Navy Operational Support Center Raleigh



Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Raleigh's Sailors support the fleet's readiness by providing administrative support, training, and customer service to Navy Reserve personnel who support the Navy and Marine Corps team.

The Battleship North Carolina Museum Ship



The third USS North Carolina (BB 55) was commissioned April 9, 1941, and received 12 battle stars for her service during World War II. She was decommissioned in 1947, but you can still visit this historic museum ship today in Wilmington, NC.

Did You Know...?

Kitty Hawk, NC, is located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and is well known for being "first in flight." It was here the Wright brothers spent three years experimenting on early aircraft models in order to achieve sustained powered flight. The town is also the namesake for the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CVA 63).