



THE NAVAL HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA



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SHIPS



At least 25 ships have been named after the state of Oklahoma, its cities, places, and people. They include:

- USS Carr (FFG 52), 1985
- USS Chikaskia (AO 54), 1943
- Cimarron I (SwGbt), 1862
- USS Cimarron II (AO 22), 1939
- USS Custer (APA 40), 1943
- USS Evans III (DE 1023), 1957
- USS Garfield County (LST 784), 1944
- Grant County (LST 1174), 1957
- USS Greer County (LST 799), 1944
- USS Haskell (APA 117), 1944
- USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1945
- USS Kenneth D. Bailey (DD 713/DDR 713), 1945
- USS Lincoln County (LST 898), 1944
- USS Pontotoc (AVS 7), 1945
- USS Muskogee (PF 49), 1944
- Neosho I (Monitor), 1863
- USS Neosho II (AO 23), 1939
- USS Neosho III (AO 48), 1942
- USS Neosho IV (AO 143), 1954
- USS Oklahoma (BB 37), 1916
- USS Oklahoma City I (CL 91), 1944
- USS Oklahoma City II (SSN 723), 1988
- USS Tulsa (PG 22), 1923
- USS Tulsa (LCS 16), 2019
- USS Will Rogers (SSBN 659), 1967

USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723)

The second ship to bear the name of the state's capital, USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), was commissioned in 1988. Her motto is "The Sooner, The Better" underscoring the value of the Navy's ability to project power abroad. Oklahoma City is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. She is assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15.

PEOPLE



Ernest E. Evans
Commander

Oklahoma native and captain of USS Johnston, Evans posthumously earned the Medal of Honor for actions in the Battle off Samar. Spotting the large Japanese fleet in the distance, he ordered his ship to port and charged them, knowing it would not survive the encounter. His actions contributed to the victory in Leyte Gulf.



Paul H. Carr
Gunner's Mate Third Class

Born in Checotah, OK, Carr received the Silver Star posthumously for his actions in the Battle of Samar, as the captain of the gun mount aboard USS Samuel B. Roberts (DE 413). The guided missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) is named for him.



Greg Slavonic
Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Raised in Oklahoma City, Slavonic enlisted in the Navy after graduating from Oklahoma State University. During his 34-year career in the Navy, he advanced to the rank of rear admiral before retiring in 2005. He helped raise more than \$1 million for the USS Oklahoma Memorial at Pearl Harbor and was the chief of staff for a U.S. Senator from Oklahoma. He currently serves as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

PLACES



OKLAHOMA

Did You Know...?

The Osage shield on the state flag is covered by two symbols of hope: the plains-style pipe representing Native Americans and an olive branch, representing European Americans.



Strategic Communications Wing One

Located on Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, OK, the Strategic Communications Wing consists of three squadrons and a Wing staff that employs more than 1,300 active-duty Sailors and 100 contractors to provide maintenance, security, operations, administration, training and logistic support for the E-6 Mercury aircraft fleet. The Wing's primary mission is to receive, verify and retransmit Emergency Action Messages to U.S. strategic forces.



Navy Operational Support Centers

A Navy Operational Support Center, or NOSC, is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to two Reserve units. There are two NOSCs in Oklahoma: NOSC Tulsa and NOSC Oklahoma City.

