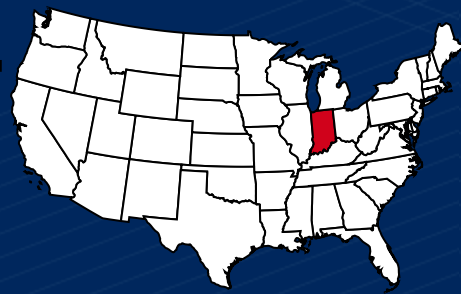




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SHIPS



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USS Indianapolis (CA 35)

In the final days of World War II, Indianapolis completed a top-secret mission to deliver components of the atomic bomb used in Hiroshima to U.S. forces in the theater. After completing the mission, the ship was heading toward Leyte, an island in the Philippines, when it was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine just after midnight on July 30, 1945. Only 316 of the ship's 1,195 crew survived. The final resting place of Indianapolis wasn't found until August 18, 2017. The future USS Indianapolis (LCS 17) is set to be christened in April 2018, and will serve to honor the sacrifices of all veterans.

At least 35 ships have been named after the state of Indiana, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

- USS Benton County (LST 263), 1943
- USS Boone County (LST 389), 1942
- USS DeKalb County (LST 715), 1944
- USS Elkhart (APA 80), 1945
- USS Floyd County (LST 762), 1944
- USS Gridley (DDG 101), 2007
- USS Hamilton County (LST 802), 1944
- USS Henry County (LST 824), 1944
- Indiana I (Battleship No. 1), 1895
- USS Indiana II (BB 58), 1942
- PCU Indiana III (SSN 789)
- USS Indianapolis I (Steamer), 1918
- USS Indianapolis II (CA 35), 1932
- USS Indianapolis III (SSN 697), 1980
- PCU Indianapolis IV (LCS 17), 2018
- USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1945
- USS Jennings County (LST 846), 1945
- USS Johnson County (LST 849), 1945

- USS Lake County (LST 880), 1945
- USS Lawrence County (LST 887), 1944
- USS Montgomery County (LST 1041), 1945
- USS Morgan County (LST 1048), 1945
- USS Orange County (LST 1068), 1945
- USS Pulaski County (LST 1088), 1945
- USS Shelby (APA 105), 1945
- USS Spangler (DE 696), 1943
- USS Steuben County (LST 1138), 1945
- Vincennes I (Sloop of War), 1826
- USS Vincennes II (CA 44), 1937
- USS Vincennes III (CL 64), 1943
- USS Vincennes IV (CG 49), 1985
- Wabash I (Screw Frigate), 1856
- USS Wabash II (ID 1824), 1918
- USS Wabash III (AOG 4), 1943
- USS Wabash IV (AOR 5), 1971

PEOPLE



Charles Vernon Gridley
Captain

Born in Logansport, IN, Gridley served as captain of Olympia (Cruiser No.6). Leading Olympia during the Battle of Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, Gridley's ship played a pivotal role in assuring U.S. victory in the battle.



William Badders
Chief Machinist's Mate

Entering service out of Indianapolis, IN, Badders was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during rescue and salvage operations on USS Squalus (SS 192), following her sinking on May 23, 1939. He was the senior member of the rescue chamber crew during the rescue of Squalus survivors and served as a diver during the salvage effort.



Donald Edward Williams
NASA Astronaut

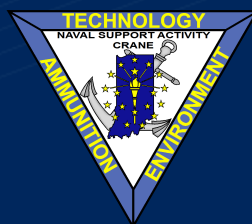
A native of Lafayette, IN, Williams received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program at Purdue University and became a naval aviator. He served on two space shuttle flights, logging a total of 287 hours and 35 minutes in space.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

The wood for USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, is grown in Crane, IN?



NSA Crane Indiana

Naval Support Activity Crane was originally established in 1941 under the Bureau of Ordnance as the Naval Ammunition Depot for the production, testing, and storage of military weaponry. Today, NSA Crane is home to several tenant commands, including the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division and the Crane Army Ammunition Activity.



NOSC Indianapolis

Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Indianapolis is one of 24 NOSCs in the Navy Region Midwest Reserve Component Command, which encompasses an eight-state region. A NOSC is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to Navy Reserve units.



Heslar Naval Armory

Located in Indianapolis, IN, it was built in 1938 to house the Indianapolis Naval Reserve. It is named for Capt. Ola F. Heslar, who founded the Indiana Naval Forces.