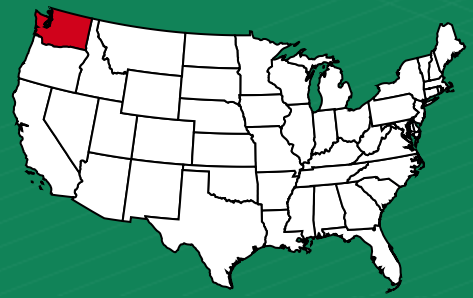




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SHIPS



USS Washington (SSN 787)

Named in honor of the state of Washington, USS Washington (SSN 787) was commissioned Oct. 7, 2017. The fourth ship with this namesake, the Virginia-class attack submarine is better capable to operate in littoral waters. Additionally, they can be configured to support special operations forces (SOF) by converting a torpedo room into an area for SOF personnel and equipment.

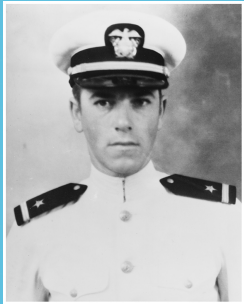
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At least 42 ships have been named after the state of Washington, its cities, places and people. A few of those include:

USS Bellingham (ID 3552), 1918
USS Benton County (LST 263), 1955
USS Camano (AG 130), 1947
USS Cape Johnson (AP 172), 1944
USS Chehalis (AOG 48), 1944
USS Chehalis (PGM 94), 1969
USS Chelan County (LST 542), 1955
USS Chiwawa (AO 68), 1942
USS Commencement Bay (CVE 105), 1944
USS Copeland (FFG 25), 1982
USS Douglas County (LST 731), 1955
USS Everett (PF 8), 1944
USS Garfield County (LST 784), 1957
USS Grant County (LST 1174), 1957
USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730), 1984
USS Hoquiam (PF 5), 1944
USS James E. Kyes (DD 787), 1946
USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1955
USS Kepler (DD 765), 1947
USS Lincoln County (LST 898), 1955
USS Monaghan I (Destroyer No. 32), 1911

USS Monaghan II (DD 354), 1935
Olympia I (Cruiser No. 8), 1895
USS Olympia (SSN 717), 1984
USS Ozette (YTB 541), 1945
USS Point Defiance (LSD 31), 1955
USS Puget Sound (AD 38), 1968
USS Puget Sound (CVE 113), 1945
USS Quileute (YTB 540), 1945
USS Rainier (Schooner), 1917
USS Richard B. Anderson (DD 786), 1945
USS Richland (YFD 64), 1944
USS Spokane (CL 120), 1946
Tacoma II (Cruiser No. 18), 1904
USS Thurston (AP 77), 1942
USS Van Voorhis (DE 1028), 1957
USS Vancouver (LPD 2), 1963
USS Wahkiakum County (LST 1162), 1955
Washington VII (Armored Cruiser No. 11), 1906
USS Washington (BB 56), 1941
USS Whidbey (AG 141), 1947
USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41), 1985

PEOPLE



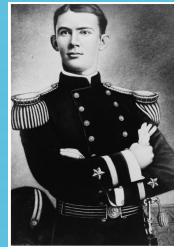
Bruce Avery Van Voorhis, Commander, U.S. Navy

Born in Aberdeen, WA., Bruce Avery Van Voorhis was killed in action July 6, 1943 when his PBV-5 patrol bomber was caught in the blast of its own bombs during a reconnaissance mission against the Japanese in the Pacific. Van Voorhis was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted to commander. In 1957, the destroyer escort USS Van Voorhis (DE 1028) was named in his honor.



Richard F. Gordon Jr. Captain, U.S. Navy

Richard F. Gordon was born in Seattle, WA. Gordon earned his naval aviation wings in 1953. Throughout his naval career, Gordon logged more than 4,500 hours of flying time and flew at least five different aircraft. He became an astronaut in 1963. Before his retirement in 1972, Gordon completed two space flights, one as the command module pilot on Gemini XI, and logged more than 315 hours in space.



John Robert Monaghan Ensign, U.S. Navy

John Robert Monaghan was born in Chawelah, WA, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1895, the first from the state of Washington. In April 1899, during the Second Samoan Civil War near Apia, Samoa, he was killed on a reconnaissance mission while defending his wounded commander and comrade, Lt. Philip Lansdale, when their detachment was attacked by rebel Samoans. Two ships were named in his honor: USS Monaghan I (Destroyer No. 32) and USS Monaghan II (DD 354).

PLACES



Did You Know...?

Washington is the only state to be named after a president. President George Washington, a proponent of early American sea power, is quoted as saying, "It follows then as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious."



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

NAS Whidbey Island is the premier naval aviation installation in the Pacific Northwest and home to all Navy tactical electronic attack squadrons flying the EA-18G Growler.



Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton

As the host command for the U.S. Navy's fleet throughout the Pacific Northwest, it provides installation services, programs, and facilities to meet the needs of its hosted warfighting commands, tenant activities and personnel.



Naval Magazine Indian Island

NAVMAG Indian Island provides operational ordnance logistics in support of U.S. Navy, joint, and allied forces, emphasizing safety, accuracy and efficiency.



Naval Station Everett

Everett is the U.S. Navy's most modern shore installation, dedicated in 1994. It was efficiently designed to homeport a carrier strike group, including one nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and six surface ships.