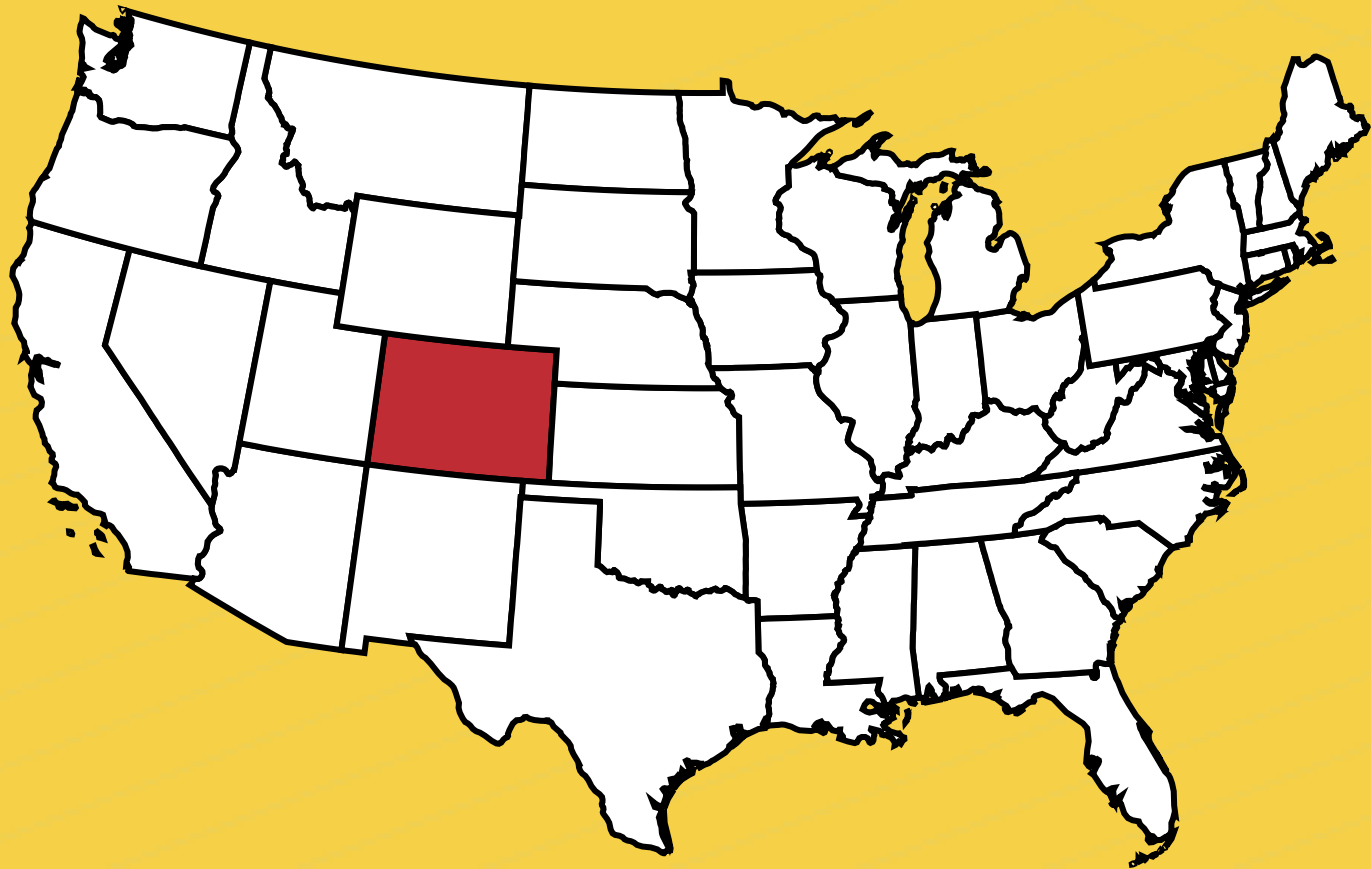




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SHIPS



USS Colorado (BB 45)

Named after the state of Colorado, she was the lead ship of the Colorado class of battleships and the third naval ship named for the 38th state. Before sailing west to participate in WWII, Colorado conducted defensive patrols off California. During the war, she supported landings and provided pre-invasion bombardment for major engagements from Tarawa to Okinawa. For her service during WWII, Colorado was awarded seven battle stars.



At least 32 ships have been named after the state of Colorado, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

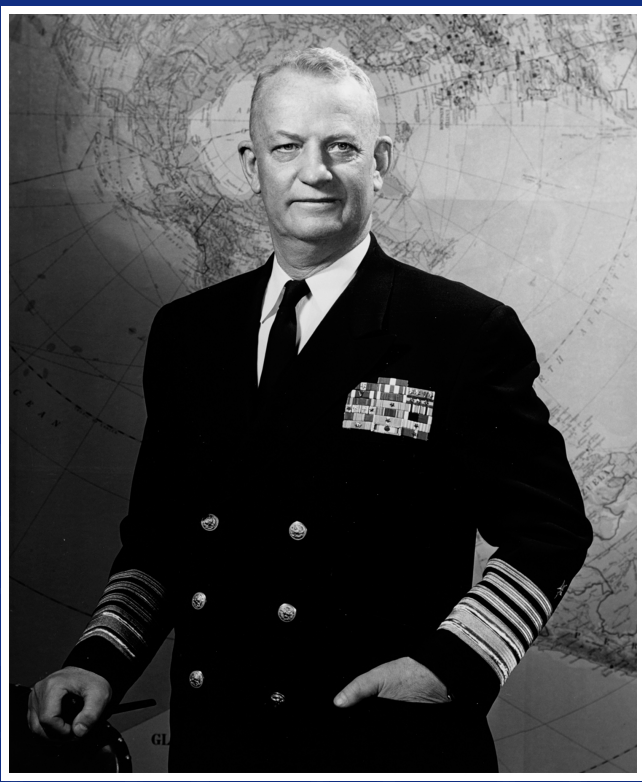
- USS Alamosa (AK 156), 1943
USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), 1989
USS Boulder (LST 1190), 1970
USS Boulder Victory (AK 227), 1944
Cimarron I (Steam Gunboat), 1862
USS Cimarron II (AO 22), 1939
Colorado I (Screw Frigate), 1858
Colorado II (Armored Cruiser No. 7), 1905
USS Colorado III (BB 45), 1923
USS Colorado IV (SSN 788), 2018
USS Custer (APA 40), 1942
Denver I (Cruiser No. 14), 1902
USS Denver II (CL 58), 1942
USS Denver III (LPD 9), 1968
USS Douglas County (LST 731), 1944
USS Fremont (APA 44), 1943
- USS Garfield County (LST 784), 1944
USS Hinsdale (APA 120), 1944
USS Hyman (DD 732), 1944
USS Jefferson County (LST 845), 1944
USS Lake County (LST 880), 1945
USS Lakewood Victor (AK 236), 1944
USS Laramie (AO 16), 1919
USNS Laramie (T-AO 203), 1995
USS Lincoln County (LST 898), 1944
USS Park County (LST 1077), 1945
USS Pitkin County (LST 1082), 1945
Pueblo I (Armored Cruiser No. 7), 1905
USS Pueblo II (PF 13), 1944
USS Pueblo III (AGER 2), 1945
USS Sedgwick County (LST 1123), 1945
USS Summit County (LST 1146), 1945

PEOPLE



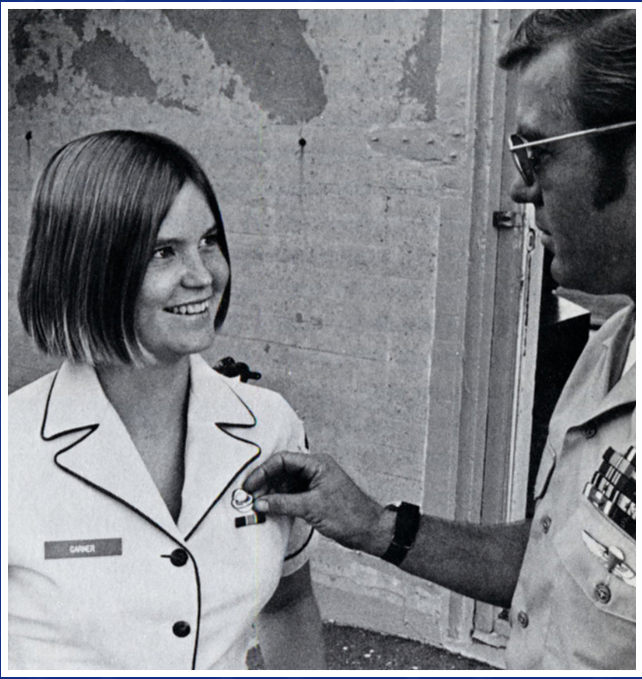
John Kerry, Secretary of State

Born in Aurora, Colo. Dec. 11, 1943, Kerry began his naval career at Officer Candidate School, U.S. Naval Training Center, Newport, R.I. on Aug. 19, 1966. He served onboard the USS Gridley (DLG 21) on a Western Pacific deployment in 1968 in support of the Vietnam War. He would later serve as officer-in-charge of a Swift boat, completing multiple tours in Vietnam. For his service, Kerry was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Heart medals.



Arleigh Burke, Admiral

Born in Boulder, Colo. Oct. 19, 1901, Burke graduated from the Naval Academy in 1923. Between tours of duty in various battleships and destroyers, he earned the nickname "31-Knot Burke" for pushing Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23 to 31 knots. DESRON 23 participated in more than 20 engagements; destroyed a Japanese cruiser, nine destroyers, and a submarine; and accounted for some 30 enemy aircraft. After a number of commands post-World War II, he was appointed as the Chief of Naval Operations by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and served in the position for an unprecedented six years. The U.S. Navy's Arleigh Burke class of destroyers is named in his honor.



Kati Garner, U.S. Navy's first female SCUBA diver

Born in Colorado Springs, Colo. May 9, 1953, Garner joined the U.S. Navy in 1972 at the age of 19. She was working in the Personnel Office at Recruit Training Center, San Diego, when she learned the Navy was seeking female divers. Finding a trainer and mentor, Chief Signalman Bob Diecks, she trained for four weeks before attending dive school. She graduated on Nov. 30, 1973, qualifying as the U.S. Navy's first female SCUBA diver.

PLACES



Did You Know...?

USS Pueblo (AGER 2) was captured by North Korea in 1968 in the state's territorial waters off Wonson. The ship's status is still listed as "active, in commission."



Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Denver

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