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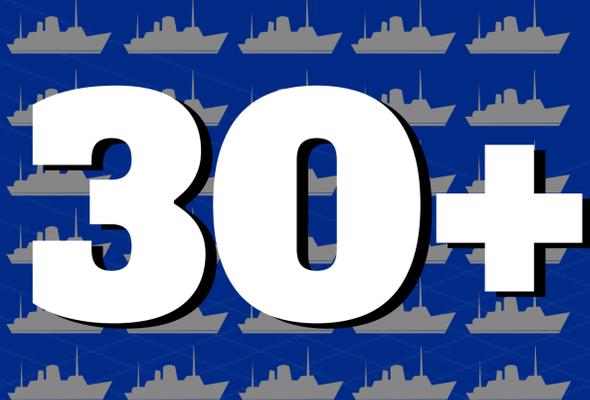
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SHIPS



USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735)

The fourth Pennsylvania was laid down March 2, 1987, and commissioned on Sept. 9, 1989, with Capt. R. Michael Camp (Blue Crew) and Capt. A. Lee Edwards (Gold Crew) in command. Designed for stealth and often referred to as "boomers," SSBNs like Pennsylvania provide the United States with its most survivable and enduring nuclear strike capability.

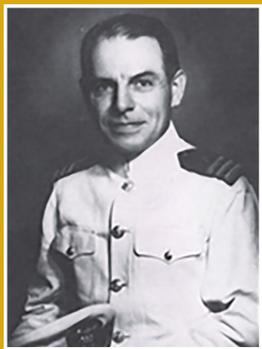


More than 30 ships have been named after the state of Pennsylvania, its cities, places and people. A few of those include:

- USS Allentown (PF 52), 1944
- USS Barton (DD 599), 1942
- USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640), 1965
- USS Borie (DD 215), 1920
- USS Cassin (DD 372), 1936
- USS Chester (CA 27), 1930
- USS Cummings (DD 365), 1936
- USS Drexler (DD 741), 1944
- USS Estocin (FFG 15), 1981
- USS Franklin (CV 13), 1944
- USS George C. Marshall (SSBN 654), 1966
- USS Germantown (LSD 42), 1986
- USS Gettysburg (CG 64), 1991
- USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26), 2016
- USS Lawrence County (LST 887), 1944

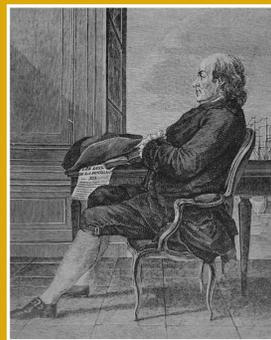
- USS Manayunk (AN 81), 1945
- USS Pennsylvania (BB 38), 1916
- Philadelphia I (Gondola), 1776
- USS Philadelphia (CL 41), 1937
- USS Philadelphia (SSN 690), 1977
- Pittsburgh I (Sidewheel Gunboat), 1862
- USS Pittsburgh (CA 72), 1944
- USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720), 1985
- USS Pocono (AGC 16), 1945
- USS Reading (PF 66), 1944
- USS Scranton (SSN 756), 1991
- USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51), 1987
- USS Uniontown (PF 65), 1944
- USS Valley Forge (CG 50), 1986
- USS William R. Rush (DD 714), 1945

PEOPLE



George S. Rentz Commander, U.S. Navy

George Snavely Rentz was born in Lebanon, PA, and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy from 1917-1942, during both World Wars. While serving on USS Houston (CA 30), during the Battle of Sunda Strait, Rentz gave his own life to save five of his fellow shipmates after the Houston was sunk. Rentz was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the only U.S. Navy chaplain so honored during World War II. USS Rentz (FFG 46) was named in his honor.



Benjamin Franklin, Governor of Pennsylvania

Benjamin Franklin moved at an early age to Philadelphia where his countless talents contributed to his roles as a statesman, diplomat, scientist, editor-author and philosopher. During the Revolution he was appointed American Minister Plenipotentiary to the French Court and served as the Navy's representative in Europe. He helped bring the war to British shores, supporting Lambert Wickes' raids and enabling John Paul Jones to perform his daring feats. His visionary sea-going policies helped build a strong foundation for our Navy.



Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. Captain, U.S. Navy

Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. helped set multiple world records, including the space endurance record which placed the United States ahead of the Soviets for man-hours in space. Following his 1953 graduation from Princeton University, Conrad entered the Navy and became a naval aviator. In September of 1962, NASA selected him to be an astronaut. He commanded the Gemini XI mission, setting the world's altitude record. For his final mission, Conrad commanded Skylab II, the first manned mission to the space station.

PLACES



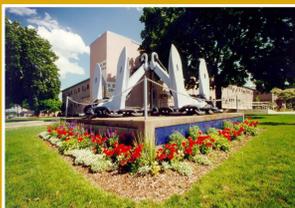
Did You Know...?

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had its own Navy. On July 6, 1775, the Pennsylvania State Navy (PSN) was formed for the defense and safety of Philadelphia's waterborne approach – the Delaware River. As the conflict wound down, the PSN was disbanded.



Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Philadelphia Division

NSWC Philadelphia Division focuses on full spectrum machinery systems support, with emphasis on commonality and cyber security. About 1,745 civilian engineers, scientists, technicians and support personnel work there and there are more than 100 laboratories and test sites on station.



Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg

NSA Mechanicsburg is located in Central Pennsylvania. The various land uses at NSA fall into four functional areas: administrative; housing and community facilities; warehousing; and open storage. Some 40 tenant commands are located on the 806-acre complex.



Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC)

A NOSC is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to Navy Reserve Units. There are six NOSCs in Pennsylvania, located in Avoca, Ebensburg, Erie, Harrisburg, Lehigh Valley, and Pittsburgh.