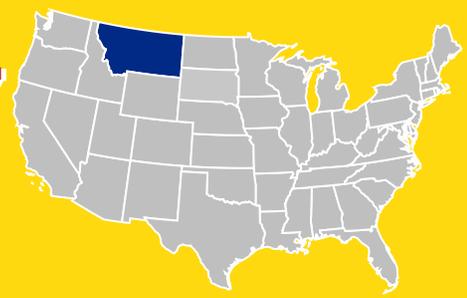




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## SHIPS



### USS Helena (SSN 725)

USS Helena (SSN 725) is the fourth U.S. Navy ship named for the capital city of the state of Montana. She is a Los Angeles-class nuclear submarine, commissioned in 1987 in New London, CT. Helena is known for her participation in Iceex (Ice Exercise) 2009 in which she and USS Annapolis (SSN 760) were tested for their adaptability within arctic conditions on the Beaufort Sea in the Arctic Ocean.



At least 30 ships have been named after the state of Montana, its cities, places, and people. A few of those ships include:

- USS Beaverhead (AK 161), 1945
- USS Big Horn River (LSMR 402), 1945
- USS Billings (LCS 15), 2019\*
- USS Broadwater (APA 139), 1954
- USS Butte II (AE 27), 1968
- USS Cree (AT 84), 1943
- USS Custer (APA 40), 1943
- USS Dawson (APA 79), 1945
- USS Fallon (APA 81), 1945
- USS Fergus (APA 82), 1945
- USS Gallatin II (APA 169), 1944
- USS Garfield County (LST 784), 1944
- USS Glacier III (AK 183), 1945
- USS Havre (PCE 877), 1944
- Helena I (Gunboat NO. 9), 1897
- USS Helena II (CL 50), 1939
- USS Helena III (CA 75), 1945
- USS Helena IV (SSN 725), 1987
- USS Lake Frances (Str), 1918
- USS Marias (AO 57), 1944
- USS Missoula (APA 211), 1944
- Montana (ACR 13), 1908
- USS Montana II (SSN 794), 2020\*
- USS Park County (LST 1077), 1945
- USS Pondera (APA 191), 1944
- USS Richland (AK 207), 1945
- USS Salish (ATA 187), 1944
- USS Shelton (DE 407), 1944
- USS Shelton II (DD 790), 1946
- USS Wheatland (AKA 85), 1945

\*Expected commission dates

## PEOPLE



**Jay L. Johnson**  
Admiral

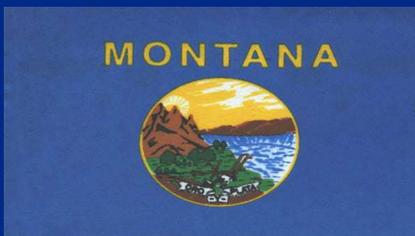
Admiral Jay Lynn Johnson was born in 1946 in Great Falls, MT. Before retiring on July 21, 2000 as the 26th Chief of Naval Operations, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 and was designated a naval aviator in 1969. Johnson served two combat tours in Vietnam and later commanded Fighter Squadron 84. He next commanded Carrier Air Wing One and led its squadrons in a 1986 strike on Libya. In 1994 Adm. Johnson took command of the U.S. Second Fleet and retired shortly after.



**Winifred Quick Collins**  
Captain

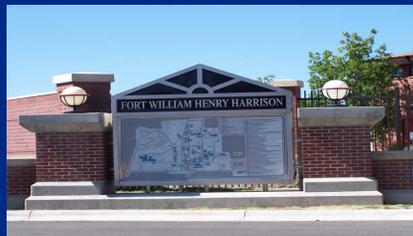
Captain Winifred Quick Collins was born in Great Falls, MT, in 1911. After graduating from the University of Southern California in 1935, she went on to graduate from Harvard/Radcliffe with an MBA. She was a pioneer in gender equality and women's rights within the Navy. She was one of the first members of WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) and one of the first female ensigns in the Navy. She retired in 1962 as a captain, the highest rank women could hold at the time.

## PLACES



### Did you know...?

Fort William Henry Harrison, located near Helena, MT, is home to the Montana U.S. Naval Reserve Command. It was established in 1982 and is named after William Henry Harrison, the 9th president of the United States.



### NOSC Billings

The larger of the two Naval Operational Support Centers in Montana, the mission of NOSC Billings is to provide outstanding full time support for Navy Reservists to ensure maximum readiness in the event of a partial or full mobilization.

