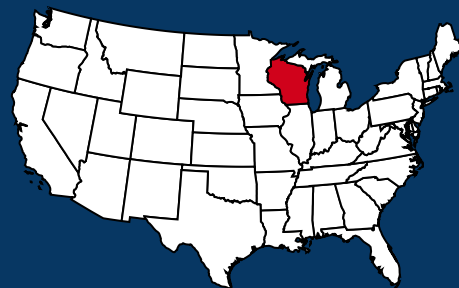




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## SHIPS



# 65+

### USS Milwaukee (LCS 5)

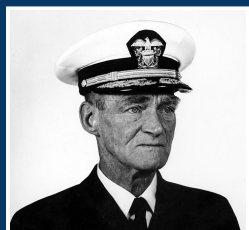
USS Milwaukee (LCS 5) is the fifth ship to be named for the city of Milwaukee, the largest city in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has a long history of ship building dating back to the 19th century. USS Milwaukee (LCS 5) is the fifth Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and the third of the Freedom variant. She was commissioned Nov. 21, 2015. The primary missions for the LCS include countering diesel submarine threats, littoral mine threats, and surface threats.

At least 65 ships have been named after the state of Wisconsin, its cities, places, and people. A few of those ships include:

USS Beatty I (DD 640), 1942  
 USS Beatty II (DD 756), 1945  
 USS Dane (APA 238), 1945  
 USS Green Bay (PG 101), 1969  
 USS Green Bay II (LPD 20), 2009  
 USS Kenosha (AK 190), 1945  
 USS Kewaunee I (PC 1178), 1944  
 USS Lafayette County (LST 859), 1945  
 USS Leahy (DLG 16), 1962  
 USS Manitowoc I (PF 61), 1944  
 USS Manitowoc II (LST 1180), 1970  
 USS Marinette County (LST 953), 1944  
 USS Marquette (AKA95), 1945  
 Mendota I (Side Wheel Gunboat), 1864  
 Milwaukee I (Monitor), 1864

Milwaukee II (C 21), 1906  
 USS Milwaukee III (CL 5), 1923  
 USS Milwaukee IV (AOR 2), 1969  
 USS Milwaukee V (LCS 5), 2015  
 USS Mitscher I (DL 2), 1953  
 USS Mitscher II (DDG 57), 1994  
 USS Namakagon (AOG 53), 1945  
 USS Newman (DE 205), 1943  
 USS Racine I (PF 100), 1945  
 USS Racine II (LST 1191), 1971  
 USS Scribner (APD 122), 1944  
 USS Walworth County (LST 1164), 1953  
 Winnebago I (Monitor), 1864  
 Wisconsin I (Battleship No. 9), 1901  
 USS Wisconsin II (BB 64), 1944

## PEOPLE



**Marc A. Mitscher**  
Admiral

Marc Andrew Mitscher was born in Hillsboro, WI on Jan. 26, 1887. He was a naval aviation pioneer and served as commander of the Fast Carrier Task Force in the Pacific during World War II. Mitscher was captain of USS Hornet (CV 8) during the Battle of Midway. During his service, he was awarded the Navy Cross with two gold stars.



**James H. Flatley, Jr.**  
Vice Admiral

James Henry Flatley, Jr. was born in Green Bay, WI on June 17, 1906. He was a U.S. Navy aviator and tactician who served prominently in the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Guadalcanal campaign of World War II. For his service during the war, Flatley was awarded the Navy Cross and Distinguished Flying Cross.



**Abraham DeSomer**  
Medal of Honor Recipient

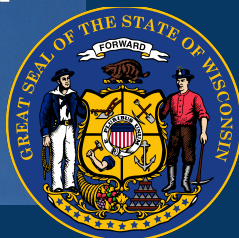
Born in Milwaukee, WI on Dec. 29, 1884, Abraham DeSomer enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a gunner and was later commissioned as an officer. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions and extraordinary heroism during the American intervention at Veracruz, Mexico, April 21-22, 1914.

## PLACES

### WISCONSIN



1848



### Did you know...?

The coat of arms of Wisconsin shows a Sailor holding a coil of rope and a yeoman resting on a pick. The figures represent labor on water and land.



### Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

The purpose of the NROTC Program is to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Navy's unrestricted line, the Navy Nurse Corps, and the Marine Corps. University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Marquette University, and Milwaukee School of Engineering offer an NROTC program.



### Navy Operational Support Centers

A Navy Operational Support Center, or NOSC, is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to Navy Reserve Units. There are three NOSC's in the state of Wisconsin: NOSC Milwaukee, NOSC Green Bay, and NOSC Madison.