

Preparing for Commissioning and Beyond



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USS NANTUCKET (LCS 27)

“Gray Lady of the Sea”

First of Light, First to Fight

A Message from the Committee Chairman

The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Council of the Navy League of the United States formed the NANTUCKET Commissioning Committee in September 2019 to work with the US Navy to plan the events surrounding the commissioning of a new US Navy Littoral Combat Ship named in honor of the strong maritime heritage and traditions of Nantucket.

The commissioning ceremony is a time-honored event in the life of every US Navy ship. Dignitaries, other special honored guests, and the general public are welcomed to a ceremony steeped in tradition in which the vessel becomes a United States Ship and its Commanding Officer and crew formally come aboard and bring the ship to life.

While the US Navy underwrites many aspects of the commissioning, the host city's committee takes responsibility for planning and supporting events and activities for the crew and their families during their visit to Boston. We also hope to make lasting connections between the Ship, her crew, and the Nantucket community that will continue throughout the Ship's years of service in the fleet.

The impressive festivities surrounding the week-long celebration will inspire everyone who participates. As you learn more about the Ship and our plans for the commissioning, I hope you will consider generously supporting our efforts.



CDR Robert S. Gerosa, Jr., USN (Ret.)
Chairman, USS NANTUCKET Commissioning Committee

About USS NANTUCKET (LCS 27)

On February 13, 2018, Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer named the 14th ship of the FREEDOM-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) in honor of the maritime history of Nantucket, Massachusetts. USS NANTUCKET (LCS 27) will be the 4th US Navy ship to be named in honor of the island.

The island has a deep connection to sailing and maritime traditions, serving as a whaling hub in the 1800s and as the home of generations of American sailors. In the late-18th and early-19th century, Nantucket was the whaling capital of the world and one of the wealthiest communities in America. A typical crew of 21 men on a 2 to 3 year voyage to the Pacific Ocean could kill and process 40 to 50 whales that rendered about 34 barrels of oil each. Between 1760 and 1869, Nantucket's whaling fleet produced over 1 million barrels of oil from sperm whales alone. In addition to providing oil and candles for lighting homes, factories, and city streets across the country and overseas, the whaling industry produced oil for lubricating fine machinery, bones for corset busks, ingredients for perfume, and raw material for umbrella stays, shoe horns, fishing rods, etc.

Manned by a crew of 94 officers and enlisted personnel, the LCS is a transformational class of surface combatant ship designed to defeat growing asymmetric near-shore threats and to provide access and dominance in the coastal water battlespace. A fast, maneuverable and networked surface combatant, the LCS provides the required warfighting capabilities and operational flexibility to execute missions. Once commissioned in Fall 2024, USS NANTUCKET will join other ships of the FREEDOM-variant as part of LCS Squadron Two based in Mayport, Florida.

Ship Statistics:

Lead Contractors:	Lockheed Martin, Fincantieri Marinette Marine, and Gibbs & Cox
Length	387.6 feet
Beam (Overall)	57.7 feet
Draft	14.1 feet
Full Load Displacement	3,500 metric tons
Speed	40+knots

Supporting the Crew of the USS NANTUCKET, Now and Into the Future!

While the employees of Lockheed Martin, Fincantieri Marinette Marine and Gibbs and Cox as well as their various suppliers have been engaged in building the USS NANTUCKET, it is the officers and sailors who will ultimately bring the Ship to life and operate it in defense of our nation's sovereignty. The all-volunteer crew of USS NANTUCKET hail from all parts of our great diverse nation, and share a common mission to serve our country.

The Commissioning Committee's most important role is to plan activities and events for the crew while the ship is in Massachusetts, and to provide support to the crew and their families. Massachusetts is highly regarded throughout the fleet for the warm reception service members receive when visiting our great Commonwealth. The Commissioning Committee is committed to providing the men and women serving aboard the USS NANTUCKET a five-star experience; an experience which reflects the appreciation the residents of Nantucket, Boston and Massachusetts have for their service and sacrifice.

Activities and Events for the Crew

The Commissioning Committee plans a host of activities for crew member participation during their week in Boston. It coordinates feedback and suggestions from the crew as the Commissioning date approaches.

Building Connections with Nantucket, Now and into the Future

The Commissioning Committee will work with Nantucket community groups to build strong, lasting connections between the Ship, the crew and island residents. The work to build these connections will begin long before the Ship is commissioned. As the crew reports to the Pre-Commissioning Unit in Mayport, FL and Marinette, WI, the Committee is working with the Ship's leadership to identify opportunities for the crew to visit and/or engage with members of the Nantucket community and learn about the island's rich maritime heritage. After USS NANTUCKET is delivered to the Navy and commissioned in Boston, the Committee will continue its efforts to ensure long-lasting connections to the island and its residents via port calls/visits by the Ship and her crew as its schedule and fulfilling its mission permits.

Plankowner Gifts

Plankowner is the term given to officers and crew assigned to a ship at the time it is commissioned. In times of wooden sailing ships, plankowners were entitled to a plank of wood from the ship when it was decommissioned. Plankowners of USS NANTUCKET will each receive specially designed and individually engraved plaques, special command ball caps, and other gifts from the Commissioning Committee to commemorate their important role in bringing the ship to life.

Supporting the USS NANTUCKET into the Future

The Commissioning Committee works to ensure that the efforts made today will have a lasting impact on the crew of the USS NANTUCKET, and build a legacy of support well into the future. The Commissioning Committee will make a significant contribution to the USS NANTUCKET's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Fund, and to the USS NANTUCKET's Family Readiness Group (FRG) on behalf of our donors. These funds provide support for activities for the crew and their family members throughout the year in port and at sea. The Commissioning Committee will also endow a scholarship through the Anchor Scholarship Foundation to support the crew and their families' higher education goals now and in the future. We are referring to these donations collectively as the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.



The Commanding Officer and Crew Members from Pre-Commissioning Unit NANTUCKET visit the Shipwreck and Lifesaving Museum to learn about the island's maritime heritage during a visit in June 2022. U.S. Navy Photograph by LT Anthony Junco.



Blazon

Shield. Azure (Dark Blue), a whale's tail couped Proper, below three mullets in chief chevronwise reversed Argent, the mullet in center larger than the other two.

Crest. From a wreath of the colors Argent and Azure (Dark Blue), upon a grassy mound, the Sankaty Lighthouse surmounting the sun; all Proper.

Motto. A scroll Azure, doubled Or, the inscription "DOMINAE GRISEAE MARIS" Argent.

Symbolism

Shield. The colors depicted represent the professional attributes the United States Navy wants to foster within each individual service member. White and gray represent peace and sincerity. Blue refers to truth and loyalty. The three stars honor former ships of the same name. Adapted from the Massachusetts State Flag, the bolder star in center denotes Massachusetts as one of the original 13 colonies that helped create the Union ratifying the Constitution. The whale fluke has two meanings, the first being the vast wealth the whaling industry brought to the island of Nantucket and the United States, creating trade and economic growth. The second meaning is derived from the infamous *Moby Dick* story. The author, Herman Melville, was inspired by the story of the sinking of the whaleship *ESSEX*, under the command of George Pollard, Jr. The well-known encounter of the *ESSEX* and a mighty sperm whale led to the notably known book *Moby Dick*.

Crest. The wreath adopts the first-named metal and color from the shield and blazon. The Sankaty Lighthouse is an iconic building that sits at the island's far Eastern shore, lighting the way for ships into port. Sitting behind the lighthouse, the sun alludes to the geographical location of Nantucket, expressing how the first light of dawn touches there before any other area in Massachusetts. Yellow conveys the binding love that endures for a service member's loved ones back home. The red stripe on the lighthouse symbolizes military strength.

Supporters. The double-flue harpoon is the tool used for conquering massive whales. The cutlass symbolizes the Navy's strength and willingness to defend our country and pay the ultimate sacrifice.

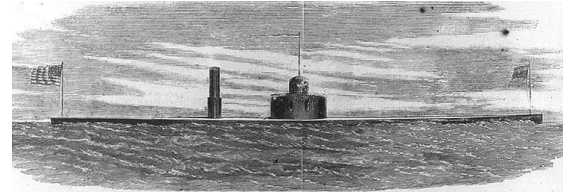
Motto. The ship's Latin motto, "DOMINAE GRISEAE MARIS," translates to Nantucket's nickname, "Gray Lady of the Sea." This nickname comes from the thick fogs that regularly roll in from the sea and blanket the island, reflecting the gray hue from the cedar shingles that patina in the weather.

Seal. The coat of arms as blazoned in full color on a white oblong disc within a dark blue designation band, edged with a yellow chain border and bearing the name "USS NANTUCKET" at the top and "LCS 27" at the base.

Previous Ships Named for Nantucket

Three previous ships have been named in honor of the great maritime history of Nantucket.

The first USS NANTUCKET served in the US Navy's South Atlantic Blockading Squadron during the Civil War. A PASSAIC-class, single-turret monitor, it was built by Atlantic Iron Works in Boston, Massachusetts. Commissioned on February 26, 1863 under the command of Commander Donald McNeil Fairfax, the Monitor NANTUCKET primarily operated in the waters around Charleston, South Carolina. She participated in assaults on Confederate-held forts in Charleston Harbor in April and July 1863 and again in May 1864. While on blockade duty at sea in mid-September 1863, the NANTUCKET captured the British steamer JUPITER.



The first USS NANTUCKET. Lithograph by Endicott & Company, New York, published circa the mid-1860s. Courtesy of Charles Moran, 1935. U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command Photograph.

Following the end of the Civil War, NANTUCKET was decommissioned at Philadelphia Navy Yard, where she remained in ordinary for about a decade until it was transferred to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1875. She was briefly placed in commission for six months in 1882 and for four months in 1884 while operating along the northern east coast. NANTUCKET was eventually transferred to the North Carolina Naval Militia in 1895 before returning to US Navy service during the Spanish-American War while stationed in Port Royal, South Carolina. Eventually condemned as unfit for further service, the first NANTUCKET was sold on November 14, 1900 to Thomas Buller & Co. of Boston.

During World War I, two ships named in honor Nantucket served simultaneously in the US Navy, although neither were ships of war.

The first to enter the naval service in World War I was the wooden light ship NANTUCKET. Built for the Lighthouse Service in 1907, it was transferred along with the rest of the Lighthouse Service to the US Navy by an Executive Order on April 11, 1917. While serving in the Navy, it continued its peacetime role of warning shipping away from Nantucket Shoals and guarding nearby waters against German U-boats. The Navy returned Light Ship NANTUCKET to the Commerce Department on July 1, 1919.

The second ship named for Nantucket to serve in the Navy during the Great War was the iron-hulled, screw steamer with full-rig auxiliary sail built by Harlan and Hollingsworth between 1873 and 1876 in Wilmington, Delaware and initially served as the fourth USS RANGER. Serving as RANGER, the ship served in the Atlantic Squadron and on the Asiatic Station before conversion to a survey vessel in 1880. Over the next two decades it was placed in and out of commission serving along the Pacific coast and in the Asiatic Station before transferring to Boston in 1909 when she was decommissioned and loaned to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a school ship. RANGER was renamed ROCKPORT (October 30, 1917) and eventually NANTUCKET (February 20, 1918). While serving as NANTUCKET, the ship operated as a gunboat in the First Naval District and a training ship for Navy midshipmen. Designated PG-23 in 1920 and then IX-18 in 1921, the Ship was returned to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a school ship. On November 11, 1940, the Ship was transferred to the Maritime Administration for final disposition as a school ship for the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York and was stricken from the Navy list at the end of the month.



USS NANTUCKET (PG-23), 1873-1940
Formerly USS RANGER and USS ROCKPORT, then loaned to the State of Massachusetts for use at Massachusetts Nautical School, 1933. Courtesy of Mr. Gershone Bradford. Naval History and Heritage Command Photograph.

Sources:

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Meet the Ship's Sponsor: Polly Spencer

As the wife of the 76th Secretary of the Navy, Polly traveled with her husband visiting sailors and Marines and their families around the country and overseas. She witnessed their unwavering dedication and the countless sacrifices they and their families make each day and how deserving they are of our nation's gratitude. Polly cites this experience and being the Sponsor of the USS NANTUCKET as highlights of her career.

Polly anchored her ties to Nantucket in 1976 when she lived there year-round raising her three children, two of whom were born on Island. She owned and operated a children's clothing store and later a toy store. With her children, son in law and grandsons all living in New England, two on Nantucket, Polly seizes every opportunity to visit her Nantucket home.

Since leaving Washington DC, Polly and her husband now call a beautiful farm in Virginia home. Her many hobbies include knitting, needlepoint, cooking and bird watching. Polly knits prayer cloths for her church and has taken up picking litter from the sides of the road. Studying to become a Master Gardener promises to open several volunteer opportunities for her in the local community.



Ship's Sponsor Polly Spencer (center) with her daughters and Matrons of Honor Sarah Minella (right) and Amy Ambrecht (left). Courtesy of Lockheed Martin.

Meet the Matrons of Honor: Sarah Minella & Amy Ambrecht

Sarah Minella, the eldest daughter of Polly Spencer, was born in Vermont but has lived most of her life on Nantucket. She is excited to be a Matron of Honor of the future USS NANTUCKET. A University of California at Santa Barbara graduate, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of New Hampshire. Opportunities to travel the world sparked her love of exploration. She enjoys experiencing different cultures, meeting new people and listening to their stories and spending time in nature. Sarah's different employment positions include snowboard instructor in Maine and Oregon, a wilderness therapy instructor and working as a mason. Recently, she expanded her travel options in a personally designed and custom outfitted sprinter van. Though Sarah is always planning her next adventure, she calls Nantucket home.

Amy Ambrecht, Polly Spencer's daughter, was born and raised on Nantucket. She attended Tabor Academy in Marion MA and graduated from the Carroll School of Management, Boston College, with a major in Marketing. A move to New York City launched her professional career in the fashion industry which was instrumental in opening Ladybird Lingerie on Nantucket. Amy met her husband, Reeves, while playing tennis on Nantucket. They were married at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on the island. They currently reside in Cohasset MA with their three sons: Reeves, Mercer, and Miller. Her busy family life includes watching the boys on sports fields and in hockey rinks. Running, skiing, tennis, baking and reading fill her free time. Enjoying summers and off-season on Island are especially treasured by the entire family.

A Typical Commissioning Week

Please note: Commissioning donors will be invited to select events during the week prior to the commissioning. Donors will not be invited to all the events outlined below.

Monday - Thursday

This time is reserved for activities and events for crew members and their families to enjoy the hospitality of the host community. The Ship may also offer public tours of USS NANTUCKET during this time.

Friday

Sponsor's Luncheon

(mid-day)

The Sponsor's Luncheon provides an opportunity for the crew to meet the Ship's Sponsor: Mrs. Polly Spencer. Sponsorship represents a lifelong relationship with the ship and her crew. While this bond begins with the ship's christening and the initial (plankowner) crew, it extends throughout the ship's service life. The Ship's Sponsor also participates in the Keel Laying/Authentication Ceremony and the Christening Ceremony. The Commissioning Committee presents special gifts to the Sponsor to thank her for taking on this important life-time responsibility.



Ship's Sponsor Polly Spencer christens USS NANTUCKET at Fincontieri Marinette Marine in Marinette, WI on August 7, 2021. Courtesy of Lockheed Martin

Chairman's Reception

(evening)

This formal event hosted by the Commissioning Committee's Chairman is a tradition in which members of the Commissioning Committee, Senior Officers from the USS NANTUCKET and selected special guests thank leading donors for their support of the Commissioning Events and USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Saturday

Platform and Distinguished Guests Assembly Breakfast

(morning)

This exclusive gathering briefs platform guests and other VIPs on what to expect during the commissioning ceremony and post-commissioning events. Upon completion, transportation to the pier for seating will be provided.

Commissioning Ceremony

(morning)

This official United States Navy event culminates in the ship's commissioning and entry into the fleet as it is brought to life by the crew.

Post-Commissioning Reception

(late-morning into early-afternoon)

Following the official commissioning ceremony, all ceremony guests are invited to the public reception for refreshments and photo opportunities. The crew of USS NANTUCKET may also offer public tours of the ship during this time.

Opportunities to Support the Commissioning

Admiral - \$100,000

- Premier placement seating for up to 14 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 14 guests to attend the Chairman's Reception and the Platform and Distinguished Guests Assembly Breakfast.
- A 3' x 5' American flag flown on USS NANTUCKET.
- An honorary plankowner plaque for your home or corporate office.
- A framed photograph of USS NANTUCKET.
- Up to 14 commemorative coins, 14 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 14 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Full-page, premier placement recognition ad in the Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Visibility as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website homepage, including corporate logo and website link.
- Corporate logo to appear on donor recognition signage at all Commissioning Committee supported events.
- Posts on the Commissioning Committee's Facebook page thanking you for your support, including corporate logo (one post per quarter).
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Captain - \$50,000

- Premier placement seating for up to 12 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 12 guests to attend the Chairman's Reception and the Platform and Distinguished Guests Assembly Breakfast.
- A 3' x 5' American flag flown on USS NANTUCKET.
- An honorary plankowner plaque for your home or corporate office.
- A framed photograph of USS NANTUCKET.
- Up to 12 commemorative coins, 12 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 12 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Full-page recognition ad in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Visibility as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website homepage, including corporate logo and website link.

- Corporate logo to appear on donor recognition signage at all Commissioning Committee supported events.
- Posts on the Commissioning Committee's Facebook page thanking you for your support, including corporate logo (one post per quarter).
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Commander - \$25,000

- Premier placement seating for up to 10 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 10 guests to attend the Chairman's Reception and the Platform and Distinguished Guests Assembly Breakfast.
- A 3' x 5' American flag flown on USS NANTUCKET.
- An honorary plankowner plaque for your home or corporate office.
- Up to 10 commemorative coins, 10 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 10 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Half-page recognition ad in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Visibility as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website, including corporate logo.
- Corporate logo to appear on donor recognition signage at all Commissioning Committee supported events.
- Post on the Commissioning Committee's Facebook page thanking you for your support, including corporate logo (one post upon receipt of donation or pledge commitment).
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.



Construction of ship sections underway at Fincantieri Marinette Marine in Marinette, Wisconsin. Courtesy of Lockheed Martin.

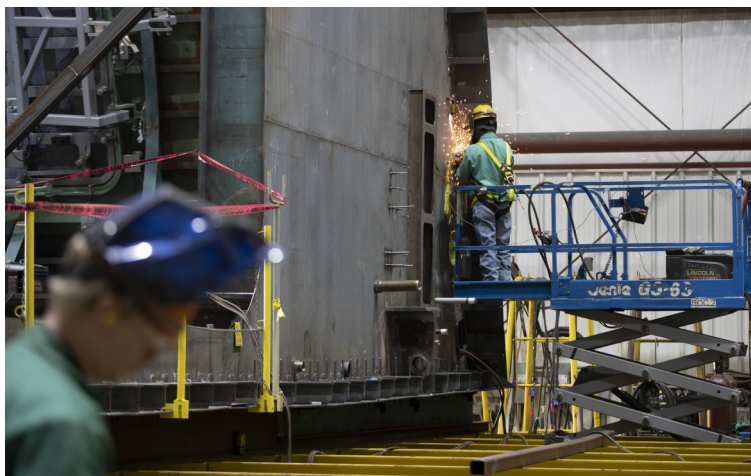
Opportunities to Support the Commissioning

Lieutenant - \$10,000

- Premier placement seating for up to 8 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 8 guests to attend the Chairman's Reception and the Platform and Distinguished Guests Assembly Breakfast.
- An honorary plankowner plaque for your home or corporate office.
- Up to 8 commemorative coins, 8 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 8 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Recognition (including corporate logo) on donor list in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Visibility as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website.
- Name to appear on donor recognition signage at all Commissioning Committee supported events.
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Ensign - \$5,000

- Seating for up to 4 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 4 guests to attend the Chairman's Reception.
- Up to 4 commemorative coins, 4 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 4 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.



Construction of ship sections underway at Fincantieri Marinette Marine in Marinette, Wisconsin. Courtesy of Lockheed Martin.

As planning for the commissioning ceremony and associated events continues, there may be additional opportunities for donors of the commissioning committee's efforts to participate in other events or activities during the week.

Not able to support us at one of these levels? Donations at any level are appreciated.

A portion of all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The USS NANTUCKET Commissioning Committee is a committee of the Massachusetts Bay Council, Navy League of the United States. The Massachusetts Bay Council is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our tax identification number is 04-2783171.

- Listing as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website and in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Name to appear on donor recognition signage at all Commissioning Committee supported events.
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Chief Petty Officer - \$2,500

- Seating for 4 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 2 commemorative coins, 2 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 2 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Listing as a donor on the Commissioning Committee's website and in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Petty Officer - \$1,000

- Seating for 2 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Up to 2 commemorative coins, 2 USS NANTUCKET ship's crest lapel pins, and 2 USS NANTUCKET ball caps.
- Listing as a donor in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Seaman - \$500

- Seating for 2 guests in the reserved VIP section for the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Listing as a donor in Commissioning Committee's donor recognition publication to be distributed at Commissioning Committee supported events during the week.
- Contribution made to the USS NANTUCKET Crew Fund.

Navy League of the United States - Massachusetts Bay Council



Founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt the Navy League is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that provides a powerful voice to educate and inform the American people and Congress on the importance of our Sea Services to our nation's defense, well-being and economic prosperity, and works to better the conditions under which members of the sea services live and serve, as well as educate our youth in the customs and traditions of our maritime services.

The Massachusetts Bay Council of the Navy League supports young people through its interest in youth-oriented programs in the community including sponsorship of six US Naval Sea Cadet Corps divisions and support of college NROTC, NJROTC and MCJROTC programs at local high schools. It supports active-duty military personnel through adoption of ships, installations, units, and a vigorous individual service member recognition and awards programs. It has forged and maintains a close working relationship with USS CONSTITUTION, USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116), Navy Talent Acquisition Group New England, the First Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Sector Boston, Coast Guard Base Boston, and Coast Guard Sector Southeast New England including Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Islands. It is actively involved in commissioning and change of command ceremonies, awards, and other recognition programs on ships and military installations.

Along with many other programs supporting the sea services, the Navy League sponsors commissioning ceremonies, aspects of which are not funded by the US defense budget. The Massachusetts Bay Council has a long history of coordinating the commissioning ceremonies for ships for both the Navy and Coast Guard. It has been directly involved in planning and sponsoring the commissioning ceremonies for the USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13) in 1980, USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) in 1986, USS RAMAGE (DDG 61) in 1995, USS PREBLE (DDG 88) in 2002, USS SAMPSON (DDG 102) in 2007, USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754) in 2015, USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) in 2018, USCGC WILLIAM CHADWICK (WPC 1150) in 2022, and USCGC WARREN DEYAMPERT (WPC 1151) in 2023.

Supporting the Sea Services

The Navy League has grown from its roots to become the foremost citizen's organization to serve, support, and stand with all U.S. sea services – the Navy, Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and the U.S. Flag Merchant Marine. Decade after decade, the Navy League has demonstrated its leadership in advocating superior sea power to safeguard U.S. national security, protect American economic interests, and ensure freedom of the seas.

Our Mission

- To enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families;
- Inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services;
- Support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services.



The commissioning ceremony of USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) with over 6,000 guests in attendance in December 2018. This is the last commissioning ceremony that the Massachusetts Bay Council supported. Photograph by Joseph Kelley. Courtesy of USS THOMAS HUDNER Commissioning Committee.

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The littoral combat ship USS FREEDOM (LCS 1), the Navy's newest commissioned ship, prepares to leave its mooring next to USS CONSTITUTION in Boston following a three day port visit in December 2008. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Mark O'Donald/Released).

Donations

We would be happy to discuss the options for support and recognition.

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