

# "Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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## Marinette Marine Launches NSF Arctic Research vessel RV *Sikuliaq*



The Keel was laid for the National Science Foundation research ship RV *SIKLUIAQ* on 11 April 2011 at Marinette Marine. The 261' vessel was Christened on 13 October 2012. The vessel will operate in the Arctic. She will be home ported in Seward, AK and operated by the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The Alaska Region research vessel will be able to break ice up to 2 ½ feet thick. It will replace the *R/V Alpha Helix*. According to news reports, the vessel was funded by "shovel ready" money. The research vessel is expected to enter service in early 2014.

## Two additional anniversaries for 2013

- USS RONALD REAGAN CVN-76 10th Anniversary 7-12-13 Norfolk
- USS HARRY S. TRUMAN CVN-75 15th Anniv. 7-25-13 Norfolk

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries

If you are inclined to collect or produce cachets for 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversaries of nuclear submarines, the following list was supplied by Wolfgang Hechler:

- USS Thomas Jefferson SSBN-618 1-4-13
- USS Lafayette SSBN-616 4-23-13
- USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN-617 6-27-13
- USS Andrew Jackson SSBN-619 7-3-13
- USS Barb SSN-596 8-24-13
- USS Nathan Hale SSBN-623 11-23-13
- USS James Monroe SSBN-622 12-7-13
- USS Woodrow Wilson SSBN-624 12-27-13

There are no plans by me to request pictorials for these anniversaries.

## First Sailors Report to PCU John Warner

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By Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Cragg, Commander, Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs



NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (NNS) — More than two dozen Sailors have reported to the Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) *John Warner* (SSN 785) since early November. PCU Warner is the 12th Virginia-class attack submarine and is currently under construction in Newport News, Va. PCU *John Warner's* leadership team consisting of Commanding Officer Cmdr. Dan Caldwell; Executive Officer Lt.

Cmdr. Doug Dreese and the Chief of the Boat, Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SS) David Veneszee are among those who have reported to the submarine. The reporting marked another milestone in the construction phase of the submarine. "On behalf of the first crew members to report to PCU *John Warner*, we collectively look forward to achieving the many milestones during our boat's construction from the keel laying to the christening and ultimately her commissioning," said Caldwell, a native of Milford, Ohio. Caldwell said as more crew members arrive, they will collectively look forward to the submarine's next major milestone during its construction phase, which will be its keel laying, scheduled for March 16, 2013. PCU *John Warner* is named in honor of former U.S. Senator John Warner of Virginia for his lifetime of service to the Navy and the nation. Warner emphasized the important role of PCU *John Warner* will play in years to come. "The sponsor, Jeanne Warner, and I are deeply humbled and honored to be forever a part - in spirit - of the crew of this extraordinary vessel as she sails the seven seas in the cause of freedom," said Warner. Caldwell further reflected on the impact Warner has had to the military, in particular, the submarine force. PCU *John Warner* is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries in Newport News, Va., in partnership with General Dynamics Electric Boat Corporation. Sen. Warner was instrumental in developing this construction-teaming concept which was later codified into law.