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Coast Guard Cutter Dallas decommissioned

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Coast Guard Cutter Dallas WHEC-716 a 378-foot high endurance cutter home ported in Charleston, SC was decommissioned Friday March 30 after 45-years of service in a ceremony presided over by Vice Adm. Robert C. Parker, commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area. "Legacy cutters like Dallas have delivered great value to the American people, but a new and more capable cutter fleet is vital to our ability to continue to provide frontline operations as we have for more than two-hundred years," said Parker. "Today marks the final chapter in the distinguished history of the Cutter Dallas — it is a very special day." Coast Guard Cutter Dallas is scheduled to be transferred through the Foreign Assistance Act to the Philippine government for service in their navy.

Editors Note: Dallas will be named BRP Ramon Alcaraz PF-16. A chapter decommissioning cover for the USCGC DALLAS is in progress. \$2.50 plus SASE.

Navy Names Zumwalt-class Destroyer USS Lyndon B. Johnson DDG-1002

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced April 16 the next Zumwalt-class destroyer will be named the USS Lyndon B. Johnson DDG-1002. The selection of Lyndon B. Johnson, designated DDG 1002, continues the Navy tradition of naming ships

after presidents and honors the nation's 36th president.



USS Lyndon B. Johnson is the 34th ship named by the Navy after a U.S. president. "I am pleased to honor President Johnson with the naming of this ship," Mabus said. "His dedication to a life of public service included bravely stepping forward to fight for his country during our entry into World War II." A Texas congressman, Johnson was the first member of Congress to enlist in the military following the start of World War II. After his naval service, Johnson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1948, where he served as both minority and majority leader before being elected vice president on November 8, 1960. Following President John F. Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22 1963, Johnson succeeded to the presidency, finished the remaining term, and was reelected for a full term as president, by the greatest percentage of total popular vote (61 percent) ever attained by a presidential candidate.

General Dynamics deliver US nuclear sub early

MarineLink.com, May 3

General Dynamics Electric Boat today delivered the nuclear-powered attack submarine *Mississippi* (SSN-782) to the U.S. Navy 363 days ahead of contract schedule (on June 2) and more than \$60 million below target cost. Electric Boat is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics. John Holmander, vice president and Virginia program manager for General Dynamics Electric Boat, noted that *Mississippi* was at the most combat-ready state of any Virginia-class submarine at delivery. He credited the Navy, the shipbuilders and the supplier base for achieving significant shipbuilding

benchmarks with the delivery of *Mississippi*. *Mississippi* is the ninth ship of the Virginia Class, the most advanced submarines in the world. These ships are providing the Navy with the capabilities it requires to retain its undersea dominance well into the 21st century. *Mississippi* will join the fleet in a commissioning ceremony June 2 in Pascagoula, MS 39567. **Ed. Note:** Commissioning pictorial cancel was designed by Greg Cielski. Postmaster at Pascagoula has approved the cancel. There is a thirty day grace period.

Secretary of the Navy Announces LHA 7 Will Be Named USS Tripoli

DOD news release

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced today the selection of *USS Tripoli* (LHA-7) as the name for the Navy's next large-deck amphibious assault ship. The *USS Tripoli* will be the third ship to bear the name *Tripoli*. The name commemorates the capture of Derna in 1805 by a small force of U.S. Marines and approximately 370 soldiers from 11 other nationalities. The battle, later memorialized in the Marines' Hymn with the line "to the shores of Tripoli", brought about a successful conclusion to the combined operations of the First Barbary War.



T-JHSV 3 renamed by SecNav

Less than two months after her Keel Laying, SecNav Ray Mabus has renamed *USNS Fortitude* the *USNS Millinocket*. Chapter K/L covers will read *Millinocket*. Our cachet was designed by Wolfgang Hechler. Design of the cachet was inspired by a local Native American tribe, the Abenacki Indians. Covers are 2.50 plus SASE.