

"Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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Building a new breed of ship –
 USS ZUMWALT DDG-1000



PEO logo/crest for the Zumwalt class project.



Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, USN famous for his "Z Grams"

While the ship was under construction for months, PEO laid the keel of the ZUMWALT on 17 November 2011.



Decatur Chapter cover for the Keel Laying of USS Zumwalt (\$2.50)

Her next event will be the christening at Bath Iron Works in

Bath Maine but no date has been set yet. Not only is the ship "different" but construction methods are decidedly unique. Several different contractors are "building" major sections of the new ship; her gun is being developed and built by BAE systems in Fridley, MN. Recent news says BAE is relocating to Kentucky.



BAE4762 Advanced Gun System for DDG 1000



Artist conception of the BAE AGS for DDG-1000 class destroyers



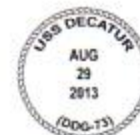
Deckhouse on a barge enroute Bath Maine

Her deckhouse was built by Huntington Ingalls Industries in Gulfport, Mississippi and barged to Bath Iron Works in Bath Maine.



Note "tumblehome" construction in artist's rendition

Increased costs during design stage and during construction will bring this class of ship to a halt after three ships are funded. The next DDG-1000 class ship will be named *USS MICHAEL MONSOOR DDG-1001*. The Monsoor keel was laid on 23 May 2013. She will be followed by the *USS LYNDON B. JOHNSON DDG-103*, whose construction started on 4 April 2012. It would appear that even though the class will end at three ships, shipbuilding will enter a new phase of development that will be utilized in future construction.



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