

"Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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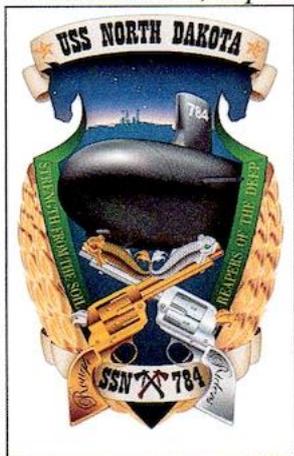
September 11, 2013

Honoring those souls lost on 9-11

Deposit Balance \$ _____

USS North Dakota to be Commissioned Next May

The Bismarck Tribune, Sep 11



BISMARCK, N.D. — The USS North Dakota goes into service May 31 (2014). The secretary of the Navy says the commissioning ceremony will be that day for the \$2.6 billion nuclear-powered submarine. It will be the first time in almost 100 years that a military vessel has carried the name of North Dakota. Boat sponsor Katie Fowler will officially "bring the boat to life" when she gives the command to "man the ship" toward the end of the ceremony. She'll christen the North Dakota on Nov. 2 (2013) in Groton, Conn., which marks the end of the shipbuilding process and officially launches the boat and formalizes its name. The attack submarine will have 120 sailors and 15 officers. It's designed to launch missiles, carry commando teams and perform reconnaissance missions.

PT-109 Anniversary

	Lt.jg John F. Kennedy, Commanding
	Sunk by IJNS AMAGIRI Lt.Cdr. Kohei Hanami, Commanding Norfolk VA 23513

USS New Jersey chapter had a design made for the 70th

Anniversary of the sinking of **Motor Torpedo Boat PT-109**, commanded by LTJG John F. Kennedy in 1943. The craft was sunk by a Japanese destroyer **IJN Amagiri** 天霧 aka "Heavenly Mist" off Blackett Strait south of Kolombangara.



Member Wolfgang Hechler designed a crest to be used on anniversary covers of the incident for Decatur Chapter.

Some future pictorial cancels planned

	USS GERALD R. FORD CVN-78
	Christening Sta. Newport News, VA 23607 Nov 11 2013

	USS MINNESOTA (SSN-783) Commissioning Sta.
	September 7 2013 Norfolk VA 23513

	USS NORTH DAKOTA SSN-784 Christening Sta.
	Groton, CT 06340 November 2 2013

	Christening Sta. Bath ME 04530
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	USS BUFFALO SSN-715 30th Anniversary Sta.
	November 5 2013 Norfolk VA 23513

	20th Anniversary Station Norfolk VA 23513
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	5th Anniversary Sta. Groton CT 06340 Oct 25 2013
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	USS CONNECTICUT SSN-22 15th Anniversary Sta. Dec 11 2013 Groton CT 06340
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Two designs have also been submitted by Mike Brock and USS Olympia Chapter, USCS.

GUNNER'S MATE STATION
USS FORD FFG 54 DECOMMISSIONING
U.S. NAVAL STATION EVERETT
OCTOBER 31, 2013
EVERETT, WA 98201



Catching up

I was preoccupied with my wife's injuries from a serious fall and got behind in producing cachets. In the last few days, with her health recovering, I have been back to the printing press and will be mailing out covers in record fashion in the next two to three weeks.

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: **CGCOVERGUY**

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