

# Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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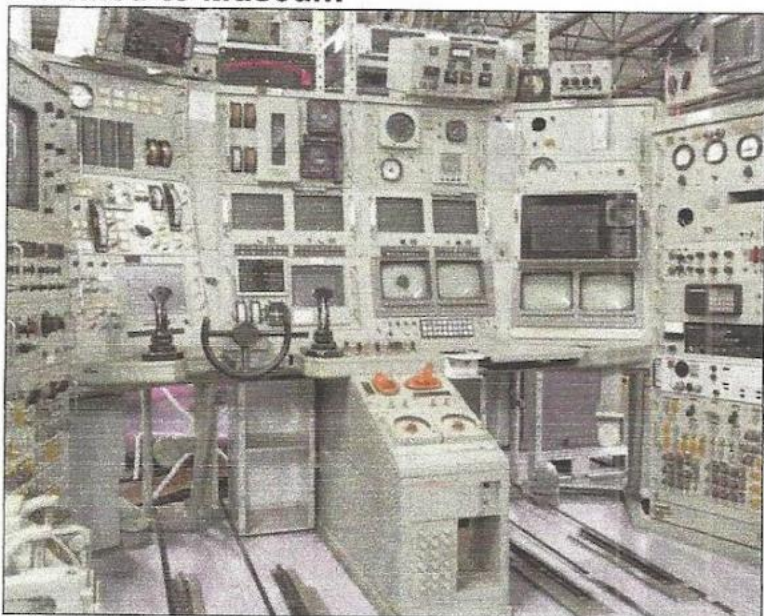
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## China Coast Guard Changes Departments



DefenseWorld reports that, "The China Coast Guard will be absorbed into the country's Central Military Commission (CMC), effective July 1, after the transfer of command from the State Oceanic Administration, local media reports." "The coast guard will reportedly be integrated into the PLA Navy as an auxiliary branch." "People's Daily revealed that the Coast Guard ships would be armed with more powerful small diameter cannons instead of water cannon. Under the leadership of the CMC, ship crews could also be authorized to carry fire arms."

## Nuclear Submarine NR-1 Control Room Donated to Museum



The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility donated the control room of the experimental nuclear research submarine, NR-1, to the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport. The control room was removed from NR-1 during the recycling process at the shipyard and reassembled

for transfer to the museum. Launched on Jan. 25, 1969, NR-1 was the only nuclear-powered research submarine ever built and carried out classified and unclassified operations for almost 40 years.

## Russian Amphibious Landing Ship Commissioned – 14 years after keel was laid

The vessel *Ivan Gren* is the first amphibious assault ship designed and built in Russia's modern history. It is the Project 11711 lead ship developed by the



Nevskoye Design Bureau in St. Petersburg in northwest Russia. The construction of the ship lasted more than 20 years because of various modifications introduced by the Navy. After an order of the Russian Navy's commander-in-chief was read out to assign the ship to the Kola Flotilla's 121st brigade, Navy Deputy Commander-in-Chief for Armament Vice-Admiral Viktor Bursuk handed over the St. Andrew's flag to ship captain Viktor Vasilyev. The ship *Ivan Gren* was laid down by the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad in west Russia in December 2004 and launched in May 2012. Its shipbuilders sea trials started in 2016. The state acceptance report was signed on June 2.

## Cover commemorating the Trump-Un Summit in June



Cover is postmarked at the U S Navy FPO in Singapore on the date of the summit. Only five were done, one in my collection and the rest go to eBay with proceeds to the chapter. It seems like more summits will be held with Un and perhaps those locations will also afford collectors a chance to send to the FPO post office locations for cancels on the date of the summits.

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

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