

# Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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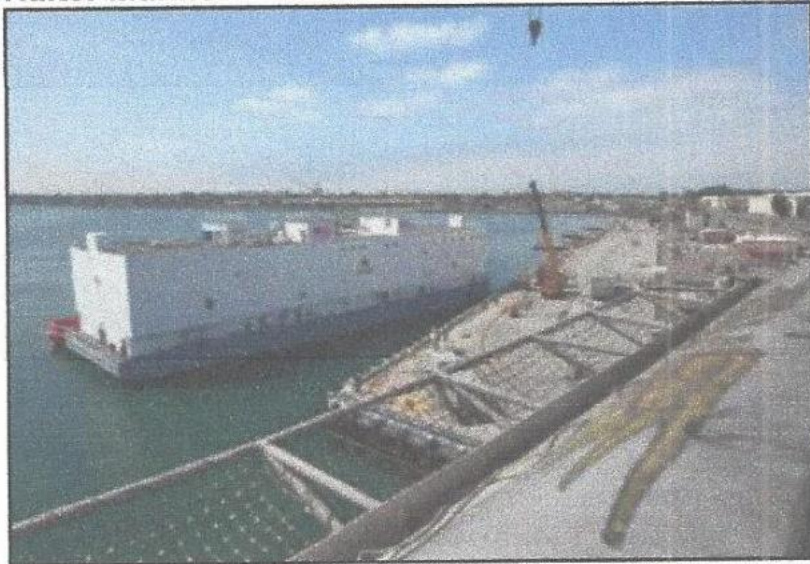
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## US Navy orders more barracks ships from VT Halter Marine



The US Naval Sea Systems Command has awarded VT Halter Marine a \$39.8 million contract for the construction of additional units of the new class of barracks ships, the Auxiliary Personnel Lighter – Small (APL(S)). VT Halter Marine received a \$77.9 million contract in September 2018 to design and build the first two units. This contract modification is for the first of four additional craft that will be built. As these craft are similar to accommodation barges used in the commercial oil and gas industry, APL(S) are being acquired as a commercial item.

## Fast Frigates – Guided Missile (FFG's) are coming back



Artist's rendering of the Austal USA FFG(X) bid from SNA 2019. Austal USA Image

The U S Navy, while embracing two variants of the LCS for many years, may be conceding that the LCS class of ships are under armed and under armored. To this end, contracts are about to be let to build ten new FFG class vessels. Our complete fleet of FFG's were decommissioned in the last decade. Some were

transferred to foreign navy's but the void was there. Five shipyards are said to be preparing bids on the new FFG's. Huntington Ingalls Industries, Austal USA, Lockheed Martin, Fincantieri Marine and General Dynamics Bath Iron Works were awarded \$15 million each last year to refine their own frigate parent designs.

## US Navy awards towing, salvage and rescue ship design and construction contract



The Secretary of the US Navy Richard V. Spencer on Tuesday announced the name of the new class of towing, salvage, and rescue ship currently being built for the navy. The first of the new class of ships will be named *USNS Navajo (T-ATS 6)* in honor of the major contributions the Navajo people have made to the armed forces. Designated T-ATS 6, the new class of vessels will be based on existing commercial towing offshore vessel designs and will replace the current T-ATF 166 and T-ARS 50 class ships. "The Navajo people have fought and served our armed forces with honor and valor in nearly every major conflict since the birth of our nation, so it is fitting and right to name a new class of ship in their honor," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "The Navajo class of towing, salvage, and rescue ships will serve our nation and continue the legacy of the Navajo people, and all Native Americans." The contract includes options for potentially seven additional vessels, and each additional ship will be named in honor of prominent Native Americans or Native American tribes. Gulf Island Shipyards, Houma, LA was awarded a \$63.5 million contract for the detail design and construction of the new towing, salvage and rescue ship which will be based on existing commercial towing offshore vessel designs and will replace the current T-ATF 166 and T-ARS 50 class ships in service with the US Military Sealift Command.

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

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