

# Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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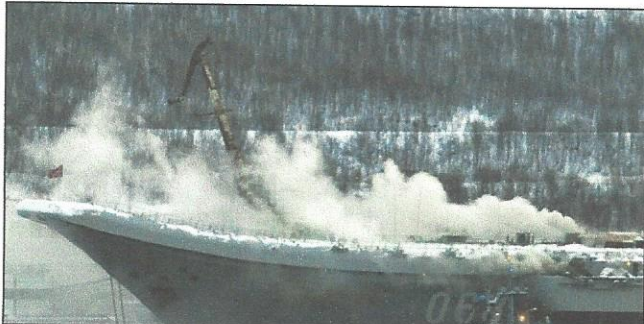
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## Russian vessel fire



Reports are that the fire aboard *ADMIRAL KUZNETSOV* was extensive enough that the carrier will probably never sail again. The incident took in December 2019, while the big ship was dockside at the 35th Ship Repair Plant in Murmansk. According to Russian state media, the fire broke out during "repair works in the first power unit" by workers of the Zvyozdochka Ship Repair Center. A large plume of black smoke was visible from the upper deck.

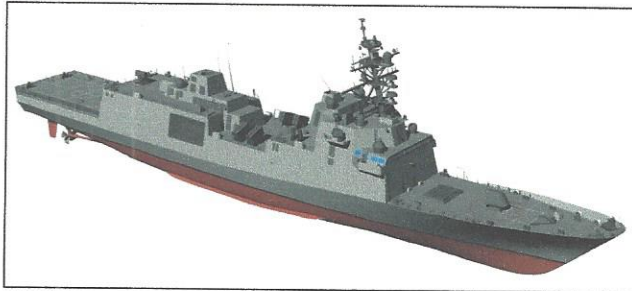


RIA Novosti reports, "the cause of the fire was that the spark fell into the hold during welding, and the remains of fuel oil caught fire there." The fire then spread to an area of 120 square meters. As of nine hours ago, the fire had reportedly spread to 600 meters, with the ship's diesel fuel on fire.

## Navy awards FFG-X contract

The FFG(X) program is a Navy program to build a class of 20 guided-missile frigates (FFGs). Congress funded the procurement of the first FFG(X) in FY2020 at a cost of \$1,281.2 million (i.e., about \$1.3 billion). The Navy's proposed FY2021 budget requests \$1,053.1 million (i.e., about \$1.1 billion) for the procurement of the second FFG(X). The Navy

estimates that subsequent ships in the class will cost roughly \$940 million each in then-year dollars. Four industry teams were competing for the FFG(X) program. On April 30, 2020, the Navy announced that it had awarded the FFG(X) contract to the team led by Fincantieri/Marinette Marine (F/MM) of Marinette, WI.



F/MM was awarded a fixed-price incentive (firm target) contract for Detail Design and Construction (DD&C) for up to 10 ships in the program—the lead ship plus nine option ships.

## Navy awards Polar Security cutter contract

The Coast Guard Polar Security Cutter (PSC) program is a program to acquire three new PSCs (i.e., heavy polar icebreakers), to be followed years from now by the acquisition of up to three new medium polar icebreakers.



On April 23, 2019, the Coast Guard-Navy Integrated Program Office for the PSC program awarded a \$745.9 million fixed-price, incentive-firm contract for the detail design and construction (DD&C) of the first PSC to VT Halter Marine of Pascagoula, MS, a shipyard owned by Singapore Technologies (ST) Engineering. VT Halter was the leader of one of three industry teams that competed for the DD&C contract. The first PSC is scheduled to begin construction in 2021 and be delivered in 2024, though the DD&C contract includes financial incentives for earlier delivery.