



Honoring History and Innovation: The Naming of the USS Atlanta (SSN 813)

On a momentous day at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro officially announced the name of the latest Virginia-class nuclear-powered attack submarine: USS Atlanta (SSN-813). This event not only marks a significant milestone for the U.S. Navy but also serves as a tribute to Atlanta's rich naval history and its deep-rooted connection to military service.

The Virginia-class submarines represent the cutting edge of naval warfare, with USS Atlanta (SSN 813) being part of a lineage that has already seen 22 vessels commissioned. The USS Atlanta name carries profound historical significance, honoring both the city of Atlanta and five previous Navy vessels that had the name, each with a unique story showcasing our naval legacy.

A Tribute to Previous Vessels

The first USS Atlanta, captured during the Civil War, set a precedent for the name's

resilience/ Subsequent vessels, including the USS Atlanta (CL-51), a light cruiser that fought valiantly at Guadalcanal, and the USS Atlanta (SSN-712), a Los Angeles-class submarine, further cemented the name's legacy within naval history. Each vessel contributed to the Navy's evolution and operational readiness, showcasing the spirit of Atlanta in service to our nation.

Civil Recognition and Presidential Legacy

The naming ceremony underscored the historical ties between Atlanta and the Navy, a relationship significantly enhanced by the contributions of President Jimmy Carter. As the only US president qualified to serve on a nuclear submarine, Carter's legacy in military service and public life resonates deeply within the Navy community. At the age of 100, his presence reminds us of the vital role that leadership plays in shaping our naval forces.

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Advanced Submarine Classes

The USS Atlanta will join the ranks of Virginia-class submarines, known for their versatility and advanced technology. This class complements the older Los Angeles-class submarines, which have served with distinction, and the more specialized Seawolf-class, designed for advanced missions. The integration of these submarines into the Navy's fleet ensures continued superiority in naval warfare, a vital component of national security.

Mission-Ready for the Future

As an attack submarine, USS Atlanta (SSN 813) will play a crucial role in various mission profiles, from engaging enemy vessels to conducting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) operations. With capabilities to project power through missile strikes and support naval operations, the new Atlanta is poised to enhance the Navy's operational flexibility in a rapidly evolving maritime landscape. In conclusion, the naming of USS Atlanta (SSN 813) is a testament to the Navy's tradition of honoring its history while embracing the future of naval warfare. It stands as a symbol of resilience, innovation and the enduring partnership between the city of Atlanta and the United States Military.

Save the Date!

January 30, 5PM Installation
Dinner
Under the Cork , 5600 Roswell
Road

March 16,
Fayetteville County High School
US Navy Band

May 26,
Memorial Day
Marietta, GA

TBD
Youth Awards Banquet

October, TBD
250th Navy Anniversary Ball

November 11,
Veterans Day Parade

December 13,
Army Navy Game Toys for Tots

Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Jim Klynman



HAPPY NEW YEAR my fellow Navy Leaguer's.

Each year we all have thoughts and wishes for the coming year. Many of us may set goals, others may make a to do list. Whichever person you are, whatever you do, keep in mind that our Lord is there with you. We are never alone in this world! We have a divine savior who is always with us.

Please join me in prayer for all our military serving around the world that they return home safely to their loved ones.

Please help guide the leaders of our organization in this coming year to continue our growth.

I pray that all continue with good health, including your families near and far.

Lastly Thank the Lord for our daily blessings.

God Bless

"Have a great day or create one."

Legislative Affairs

Your "Voice to Congress"

You have an easily accessible opportunity to communicate with your Congressional Representatives and Senators. Make your voice heard on issues that are important to supporting our Maritime Services. Simply go to the [Navy League | Voice to Congress \(quorum.us\)](http://www.quorum.us) homepage and find the latest Navy League Legislative Affairs priority "campaign" issues on the home page under "Take Action Now."

Click on one of the listed issues and you will find a summary of "The Issue," "The Solution," and "Why You Should Take Action" through contact with your Representative and/or your Senators. Moreover, you will find a prepared letter that you can send immediately, with your desired edits. Featured current issues are:

- Defend Jones Act Jobs
- Support Pay Our Troops Act (H.R. 9699)
- Appropriate an Adequate Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion Budget
- Co-sponsor the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act!

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Where are they now?

In this edition of Where Are They Now we are featuring Colonel Troy Pierce. Pierce is a 1997 graduate of Harrison High School where he participated in the North Cobb / Harrison NJROTC program all four years under the leadership of CDR Frank Campbell.

“There are so many opportunities to vector into stormy waters while in High School. One or two degrees in the wrong direction and we can find ourselves on the wrong path. Mentors like CDR Frank Campbell, opportunities to learn leadership, and a group of amazing friends set me on a course that I remain extremely grateful for,” said Pierce. “While in the program I found my passion in Orienteering. I enjoyed the challenge of navigating through the woods while under the clock.. Our team traveled all over the United States and we even won the National Championships one year,” he added.

Upon Graduation from the Citadel, Pierce enlisted in the United States Air Force. The passion created in Orienteering led him to select a career as a Navigator. Navigating low level flights and reading contour maps was second nature to Pierce.

Colonel Pierce is now the Commander, 715th Air Mobility Operations Group (715 AMOG), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The 715 AMOG provides forward-deployed command and control, aerial port, and aircraft maintenance support to Department of Defense organic and contracted commercial aircraft executing airlift and air refueling missions throughout the Pacific theater. The group is comprised of approximately 875 U.S. military, civilian and local national personnel in three squadrons, one detachment and two operating



locations spread across Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and Australia.

Colonel Pierce entered the Air Force in 2001 after he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from The Citadel. His operational and staff assignments include Agile Combat Employment Cross-Functional Team Lead and Airpower Strategist for Headquarters Air Force; Strategic forum planner for Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Future Operations Planner for United States Southern Command; Contingency Response Squadron Commander; and C-130 Formal Training Unit Instructor/Evaluator.

Colonel Pierce is a Senior Navigator with more than 2,500 hours in the C-130E/H aircraft.



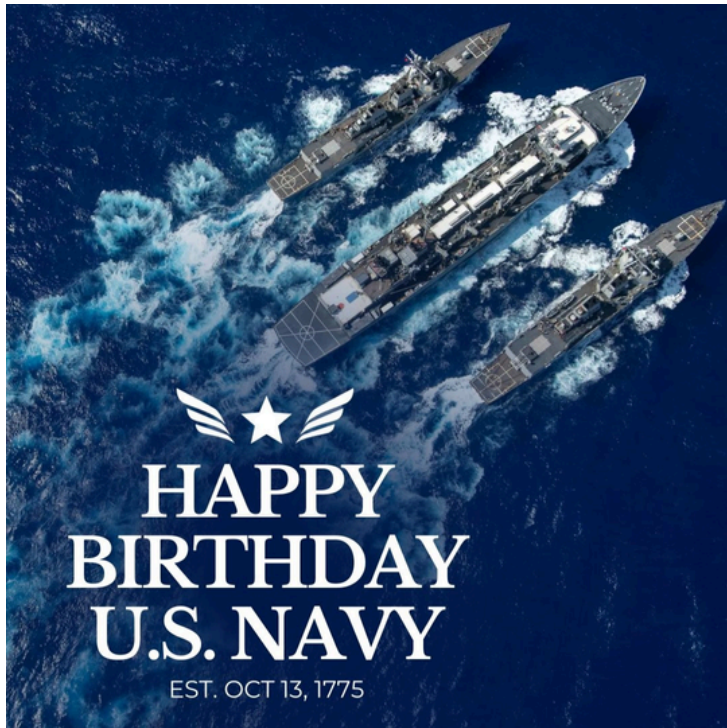
A Big Win for Toys for Tots: Thanks to Captain Jones

We did it! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and the leadership of Captain Jones, the Atlanta Metropolitan Navy League has made a significant impact this holiday season by collecting 210 toys for the Hall County Toys for Tots campaign. This successful drive reflects the heart of our community and the shared commitment to spreading joy to children in need.

Captain Jones led the charge with enthusiasm, rallying our unit to come together for a cause that truly makes a difference. The toys collected will help brighten the holidays for families who may otherwise have struggled to provide gifts for their children. It's moments like this that show the power of our collective effort and the positive change we can create when we work together.

This accomplishment is not just a number—it's 210 reasons for children to smile this Christmas, and it's a reminder of the spirit of giving that defines our Navy League family. Every toy donated will bring happiness and hope, showing the true strength of our community's compassion. Thank you to everyone who contributed—you've made a lasting impact!

But the work doesn't stop here. We hope this success will inspire even greater participation next year, as we aim to surpass this year's total and spread even more holiday cheer. Let's keep up the momentum, continuing to support worthy causes and helping those in need throughout the year. Together, we can make the holidays brighter for even more children and families in our community.



[Click here for the US Navy 249th Birthday Video](#)



Celebrating 249 Years of Service: Honoring the U.S. Navy's Legacy

On October 13, 2024, the United States Navy celebrates its 249th birthday, marking nearly two and a half centuries of service to the nation. Established in 1775 by the Continental Congress during the Revolutionary War, the Navy was tasked with defending American interests and securing its independence. From its early days with a small fleet of warships, the Navy has grown into one of the most powerful and influential maritime forces in the world, shaping the course of American history and global security.

The Navy's legacy is rooted in the bravery and sacrifice of its sailors, who have been at the forefront of key moments in U.S. military history. From pivotal battles in the Revolutionary War to the strategic victories of World War II, the Navy's contributions have been essential in ensuring American freedom and protecting global trade routes. Beyond combat, the Navy has also played a significant role in humanitarian missions, disaster relief, and fostering international cooperation, demonstrating its versatility and commitment to global stability.

Today's U.S. Navy is a modern and sophisticated force, combining cutting-edge technology with highly trained personnel. Its fleet of advanced warships, submarines, and aircraft ensures America's ability to project power across the globe. The Navy's strategic presence, from humanitarian assistance to peacekeeping operations, remains unmatched, positioning it as a cornerstone of U.S. military readiness and influence on the world stage. The Navy continues to adapt, innovate, and lead, ensuring its readiness to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

As the Navy approaches its 249th anniversary, it also celebrates the diversity and strength of its personnel. From its origins as an institution dominated by men of European descent, the Navy today reflects the full spectrum of American society. Sailors from all backgrounds contribute to its success, making the Navy a symbol of unity, innovation, and resilience. As we honor the service and sacrifice of past, present, and future sailors, the U.S. Navy stands strong as a vital force for peace, freedom, and security around the globe.



Atlanta Navy League Celebrates 249th U.S. Navy Birthday with Sold-Out Gala

On October 26th, 2024, the Atlanta Navy League hosted a spectacular celebration marking the 249th birthday of the United States Navy at the Marriott Northwest Atlanta Galleria. The sold-out formal dinner brought together community leaders, Navy supporters, and military personnel to honor the Navy's rich history and its crucial role in safeguarding American freedoms. The event was a fitting tribute to nearly two and a half centuries of service, resilience, and innovation.

The evening featured inspiring speeches from notable Navy figures and local dignitaries, who reflected on the Navy's enduring legacy and its continued global impact. Attendees were treated to a traditional Navy cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing unity within the Navy community. The ceremony also included a heartfelt toast to active-duty sailors and fallen heroes who have sacrificed their lives in service to the nation.

Guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner while connecting with fellow supporters of the Navy, sharing stories of service and admiration for the men and women in uniform. The formal setting created an atmosphere of camaraderie and pride, underscoring the Navy's integral role in both national and international security. It was a night where the community came together to celebrate not just a branch of the military, but the values and dedication it represents.

As the Navy looks ahead to its 250th anniversary in 2025, the Atlanta Navy League's 249th birthday celebration was a resounding success. It was an evening that reinforced the Navy's unmatched tradition of excellence and service, and a reminder of the ongoing commitment of the Navy to global peace and security.

See you on the 250th Birthday Celebration! Watch out for the announcements soon!

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