



# Sub Club Guide

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# Introduction

## **What is the Purpose of a Sub Club Guide?**

The Naval Submarine League (NSL) takes pride in supporting submarines, the crews, and their families. Part of our mission is to educate the public about the many opportunities to get involved with our submarine crews. To ensure our knowledge about Sub Clubs is readily available and easily digested, we created this easy-to-read Guide that shows anyone can form a Sub Club.

Thoughtful and consistent support for the crew and their families benefits crew morale. There are many ways to facilitate this, and it has been proven that with a little bit of planning and enthusiasm, Sub Clubs are successful. Currently, the United States has 67 submarines in service, but only 18 have the support of a dedicated association or Sub Club. (See Appendix A for a list of established Sub Clubs and the contact information for each.). There are seven Submarine Commissioning Committees supporting an additional 7 boats that will hopefully continue the support post-commissioning in the form of a Sub Club. The NSL would like each boat to have a Sub Club or Association

The NSL sees value in boosting these numbers. Making an easy-to-use guide on how to start a Sub Club is a project we are happy to share. We hope you find this helpful, and we value your feedback. Once established a Sub Club has few requirements to keep it going.

## **What is a Sub Club?**

A Sub Club is a multifunctional association. It builds the morale of the submarine crew and their families, and it helps establish community relationships to support submariners and educate the public.

Sub Clubs are for anyone who wants to support the Navy, our submarines, and their crews. Sub Clubs are normally established in a location that has a connection with the submarine's namesake. Working with the leadership of the submarine helps build a relationship between the crew and its namesake city, state, honored American, or a historical submarine and the Sub Club. However, some namesakes are in parts of the United States that have little Navy connection, and a Sub Club allows for opportunities to learn more about these fascinating Navy vessels. The education includes their history, mission, and the lives of the men and women aboard them. The adopting community develops a special connection to this unique part of our military that is personal, fun, and rewarding. Unsurprisingly, Sub Clubs have proven to be great assets for communities. They bring people together in a special way to meet a common goal and those involved with Sub Clubs have boasted of a new vitality of patriotism and camaraderie.

A typical Sub Club will have varying degrees of engagement. Whether your volunteers are interested civilians, the parents of the crew's families located across the nation, or organizations that just want to support the crew, virtually anyone can participate. A Sub Club is designed to offer support to the submarine and her crew.

## **Submarine Crew and Family Benefits**

- Crew members enjoy an enhanced sense of purpose when they know citizens care enough about what they do to thank them through their participation in a Sub Club.
- By participating in activities that involve civic leadership, the submarine crew establishes a more personal relationship with the community, placing faces to names and making a connection between the crew and the civilian community. This interaction ultimately shares the mission of the submarine to the namesake community.
- Many members of the crew may be single individuals who lack the extra support that their married counterparts are fortunate to enjoy.
- Local sponsors can donate items to make the submarine feel appreciated.
- The crew's morale, well-being, and recreation are vital for encouraging a healthy atmosphere onboard. Stress-relieving activities also create alternative bonding moments for the crew.
- Navy families welcome consistent and purposeful help. Often the families will not be local to the namesake Sub Club but the club's support from a distance is encouraging.

## **Sub Club Membership and Community Benefits**

- Enhanced visibility for members within the local namesake community.
- Personal satisfaction for directly supporting our military.
- An opportunity to support military service.
- Opportunity to enhance education about the Navy, submarines, and what submariners do.

# Launching a Sub Club

*“Starting a Sub Club is not one size fits all.”*

- Gary Frymire 2021 President, USS VERMONT Support Group

Below are points and questions to consider that are meant to spark conversation and initiate thought as to what it will take to start your Sub Club. There will be key differences in how you proceed which will depend on whether you have the resources of a commissioning committee and can continue building that relationship.

## **Identify a Submarine in Need of a Sub Club**

Does your state have a namesake submarine? Do you have a personal connection with a submarine? Does this submarine already have a Sub Club or Association?

## **Communicating Your Intent to the Navy**

This step can be perceived as the most daunting if you are not familiar with the Navy. You may not know who to contact and may be intimidated by the red tape when coordinating with any part of the Department of Defense. The NSL can help you start this process and walk you through the best way for your chosen submarine. Please contact us by calling 703-256-0891 or emailing [outreach@navalsubleague.org](mailto:outreach@navalsubleague.org). There are also times when the Navy will initiate this contact first. A CO may reach out to the community of the Navy name-sake city or state or make the connection while visiting.

## **Choosing Sub Club Representatives**

Designate a person or small committee to maintain communication and build a rapport to demonstrate the validity of your intentions. This will aid in consistency and building a relationship. Ideally, the Sub Club will have a Naval Submarine League member who is local to the homeport of the submarine and can volunteer as a local liaison with the boat. This connection is beneficial because you can have direct contact with the boat and input on the appropriateness and legality of Sub Club donations to the crew.

## **What are the Positions Involved with Supporting Submariners and their Families?**

**Commanding Officers (CO)** are crucial to getting approval and documenting policies impacting the submarines and sailors. You will need to formally connect with the CO to ensure your validity. The CO is responsible for the well-being of the crew and its performance in the fleet. The Command Sponsors, Ombudsmen, and Family Readiness Groups are specifically tasked with the acclimation and continuing support.

**Executive Officers (XO)** are second-in-command. All ships, aviation squadrons, and shore units and installations have an XO who is responsible to the captain for all ship's work, drills, exercises, personnel organization, and the policing and inspection of the ship.

The tours of the CO, XO, and COB will be shorter than the lifespan of the Sub Club. For example, the CO changes about every 30 months. However, the tours of a sub's CO and XO are staggered, which helps maintain support continuity of the Sub Club relationship. It will be important to note that one CO or XO may be attuned to the importance of the Sub Club but the next may not have the bandwidth to engage continuously. A good way to remain active in communicating with the submarine's CO is to attend the change in command ceremonies.

**Chief of the Boat (COB)** serves as a command-level senior enlisted leader. They have a significant role in every aspect of command-wide readiness and mission accomplishment. They report directly to the commanding officer and work closely with the executive officer in the formulation and implementation of all policies concerning the morale, welfare, job satisfaction, discipline, utilization, and training of enlisted personnel. The COB is often more accessible than the CO or XO. Many Sub Clubs find this connection to be most valuable.

**Command Sponsor and Indoctrination Program** provides incoming personnel with meaningful pre-arrival communication, adequate support upon arrival, and relocation assistance to meet the Sailor's needs. The goal of the program is to facilitate a smooth transition and assimilation into the new command. Command sponsor responsibilities begin when a Service member receives PCS (Permanent Change of Station) orders; early engagement is key to the success of the program. While it is an All-Hands program, the overall responsibility for the program lies with the Command Master Chief. Command Master Chiefs oversee the Command Sponsor Program. This entity can be helpful when the submarine is at sea and out of communication.

The objectives of the **Command Representation Program** are to improve the exchange of information, customize services to meet the needs of the command, and increase awareness and use of Fleet and Family Support Programs and services by commands, Sailors, and families.

**The best way to maintain communication with a deployed submarine you wish to support is to establish connections with the following individuals and organizations:**

**Fleet and Family Support Program (FFSP)** provide services to family members, increased individual assistance and consultation, more varied educational programs, more proactive outreach, and delivery of family support services in locations most conducive to family member engagement. The submarine's leadership takes this program seriously because it supports crisis, command leadership training, counseling, advocacy, and deployment readiness assistance. As you communicate with the Navy, the FFSP will generally be out of the scope of the Sub Club, but it is useful to be aware of the internal processes.

**Work and Family Life Program (WFL)** programs directly support mission readiness by preparing service members and their families for the physical, emotional, interpersonal, and logistical demands of the military lifestyle. Our programs and services include Deployment Readiness Support, Individual Augmentees Spouse and Family Support, Ombudsman Program, Transition Assistance, Relocation Assistance, Family Employment, Personal Financial, Emergency Response, Webinar Classes, Life Skills, and Exceptional Family Member Program.

The Ombudsmen Program is important to Sub Clubs because the Ombudsmen will be the only connection of the Sub Club to the WFL.

**Ombudsman** is an official representative of the Commanding Officer and plays a vital role in establishing and maintaining current and accurate communication between the command and its family members. There can be two per submarine. They go through extensive training to improve family readiness by advising the CO and the COB on matters affecting Sailors and their families. Over time, they network in conferences and meetings to better understand the scope of the support needed. This makes the Ombudsmen vitally important to a Sub Club.



**Family Readiness Groups** “are command-sponsored organizations of Service members, civilians, employees, family members and volunteers belonging to a unit.” They provide support, assistance, and a network for communication among Family members. Coordinating with the FRG will be the easiest route because while the Navy cannot solicit, this group will know what individuals need. The most coordination will be possible if you foster a working relationship with the Ombudsmen and the FRG. For example, Sub Clubs can support halfway packages during deployment and homecoming events, especially for single sailors who may not have anyone waiting for them on the pier.

## **Identify Potential Supporters and Members**

The Club’s success will rely on the support of the community. Keep in mind you do not have to limit your community based on location. Parents of sailors, the family of the namesake submarines, or historical subs can be enthusiastic members. Schools, restaurants, businesses, high schoolers who need to earn volunteer requirements, and veterans are organized groups that are often looking for a cause. Other organized partners like social groups and foundations can be of immense help too.

Social media is an effective way to search for interested parties. Simply connecting with people or organizations makes finding national support easy. Consider using multiple types of social media platforms to reach more people.

## **Commissioning Committees**

Recent Virginia-class submarines often have established clubs built upon the work of commissioning committees. If the submarine is new or currently under construction, the Commissioning Committee is the perfect shortcut. If you are a part of the committee and want to continue support post-christening or build a substantial relationship with the committee members you will have access to resources such as a personal relationship with the submarine’s sponsor.

## **A Non-Profit status will allow for Donations**

Once you have identified a submarine and interested members you will want to establish a non-profit organization with tax-exempt [e.g., 501(c) (3)] status which makes donations more attractive to donors. When established as a legal entity organized and operating for social benefit, the Sub Club will be able to fundraise and accept donations. While establishing a nonprofit is a state-specific process, many details of what you will need will be consistent no matter the state, and the tax-exempt status is a federal process. To learn more about 501(c) (3) status, please visit [www.501c3.org/](http://www.501c3.org/).

There are preparatory steps to filing for tax-exempt status. While the preparations appear daunting, there are many examples and helpful people. The Club will need to decide on a name, incorporate (state specific), develop by-laws, develop a conflict-of-interest policy, hold a Board Meeting and elect officers before submitting a Form 1023 or Form 1023EZ. IRS approval may take several months.

## Initial Sub Club Meetings

There are many ways to hold meetings! Decide how and where you will meet. Combining in-person and virtual platforms will reach a larger number of people. A simple setup of a laptop with a camera, Zoom, and a ‘virtual member organizer’ to monitor and include the virtual participation will suffice.

First meeting topics can be:

- Name of the organization
- Determine how you want to operate the organization, potential board members and officers, and contact persons
- Plan your agenda and prepare your materials
- Determine what companies can sponsor through financial commitments, goods, or services
- Market through traditional means and social media
- Determine how you will collect information and disseminate it to members

**Bonus!** Celebrate the birth of your club with your community. Find a way to make the most of the moment with current and prospective members in a way that fits the culture of the new club. An example of this can be a BBQ or Ice Cream Social, a Zoom Cocktail Hour, a dinner, or a Picnic. This will be determined by the culture you wish to create for your Sub Club.

## Membership Requirements and Policies to Consider

There are various ways to formally create a Sub Club. The most technical aspect you will need to consider is whether the Sub Club needs to function as a non-profit. Some Sub Clubs operate as a Chamber of Commerce committee. Others are part of a Navy League Council or a USSVI Base. And yet others are standalone independent organizations. Depending on the route you choose, there will be different forms of administration. For example, if the Sub Club is going to claim the IRS tax-exempt or non-profit status 501 (c) (3) they need to incorporate, and that corporation can be with or without members. Non-profits will need by-laws that spell out the types of memberships, dues, officers, and committees, in addition to a conflict-of-interest policy, etc.

Your Sub Club’s success will be reliant upon the relationships maintained. It is most effective if everyone knows what to expect, feels appreciated, and what boundaries exist. It may be the best approach to start with what guidelines will need to be in place in case of the worst-case scenario for security. Then you can focus on the culture you want to foster.

Here are some examples of topics to cover:

**Types of Membership** - You may want to consider only one form or multiple levels of membership. Different levels of membership can capture more support. They can range from minimal engagement to committed participation and leadership, donations only, recipient of newsletters, business partnership through sponsorship, volunteers, officers, board members, etc. Make sure there is a way for people to join the Sub Club online through the website.

**Fees or Dues** - Some Clubs have an initiation fee, followed by annual dues. Dues may be one set price or broken down into various levels, perhaps with some type of ship-related gift for each level. Your club will need to determine the requirements of membership to ensure that you are consistently represented.

**Officers** - you may want to establish a regular rotation of term limits. What is your voting process? Is there a background check?

**Privacy** - provide a policy of security and privacy of personal and contact information. Ask permission to share.

**Communication** - consider offering a consistent way to communicate to potential members, members, donors, and sponsors. Designate one way to communicate with the Navy or people of influence.

## **Fundraising**

Many of the support ideas are possible without funding. Small gestures can go a long way in improving crew morale and supporting families. Establishing a type of membership fee will help to cover Club expenses and outreach activities. Additional fundraising efforts could be made for specific events with specific goals. It is recommended that until you establish a consistent system of fundraising, start with small and meaningful gestures. Most often, gifts of money and services will need to be coordinated through the Family Readiness Groups and Sponsor Command. More specifically, coordinate all gifts and donations with the FRG and Ombudsmen.

## **Fiscal Responsibilities**

Money, donations, and gifts will all need to be strictly governed. You want to maintain the trust of your members and donors and protect the Navy. Consider who will be allowed to receive money and have access to funds. i.e., will only the treasurer be handling funds? Will there be a consistent process of donor appreciation? You will also need to check your state's requirements for reporting.

## **Website Development**

An attractive Sub Club website that is easy to maneuver and is frequently updated is essential for keeping members and crew informed and attracting new members. Information on the submarine and its history, the Club and its mission, and tabs to join and donate are all necessary components. Other items to include could be sponsor recognition, a list of board members, contact information, and details about Sub Club events and activities. Pictures of these events can enhance the site and bring it to life. Also, consider adding links to local and national Navy sites, the ship's store to purchase merchandise, and the Club's Facebook page, if one is established.

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# Traditions

The secret ingredient to a successful, well-valued Sub Club is to establish traditions. Implementing local and boat-specific goals ensures that the inevitable changes of command in the Navy will not change a club's involvement. The crew and their families will value consistency and personal touch. There will be more substantial ways to support but a simple and cost-effective way to start is by establishing a niche that your Sub Club is known for. Below are a few examples of successful and meaningful Sub Club traditions.



## USS Vermont SSN 792

The USS Vermont Support Group sponsors an ongoing project with the FRG called the 'Sunshine Bag.' This bag is filled with goods local to only Vermont. The recipients appreciate this fun tradition, and these bags are particularly useful. They carve out a lane for the sub-club to be needed and offer the Vermont Support Group business sponsors a chance to visibly be involved with a small meaningful gesture.

*"Most of the "tastes of Vermont" come from our partnership with the VSFA (Vermont Specialty Foods Association). The Vermont Strong license plates are no longer commercially available, but the Vermont DMV makes them for us to distribute to our new "Honorary Vermonter" crew members."*

*"We get 50 pints of syrup from a different Vermont county producer each year through a partnership with the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association (VMSMA). There's an Honorary USS VERMONT Plank Owner certificate that moves to the new provider's sugar house each year."*

*Gary Frymire, President, USS VERMONT Support Group*



The VSG also provides "Dewey Bears" from Vermont Teddy Bear to each new crew member's babies.

# 786 CLUB

USS ILLINOIS

## USS Illinois SSN 786

A tradition that the 786 Club upholds is quarterly luncheons. These luncheons are an important activity and benefit for 786 Club members.

The luncheons help keep us engaged with one another and with the Club's mission between visits. Our guest speakers increase our knowledge and awareness of what's going on in the Navy and onboard the USS ILLINOIS. Meeting agendas normally include a briefing of Club business, an update from the boat, and a presentation from our guest speaker. We normally have 75 – 125 members and guests in attendance. This level of interest has helped us secure important speakers from the Navy and the boat to share their latest experiences and thinking. [...] The benefits extend beyond the luncheons. Our guest speakers also use their visits for other Navy outreach work in our communities. They will visit local V.A. Hospitals, grade school classrooms, NROTC units at High Schools and Universities, and also visit Naval Station Great Lakes. [...]

To date, luncheons have all been held at the Union League Club of Chicago. These luncheons are a unique opportunity to hear from and talk to the leaders of our Navy.

During the Covid Pandemic, 786 Club could not hold in-person meetings, so they held a series of podcasts instead, which included:

- VADM Frederick “Fritz” Roegge, President National Defense University, Washington D.C. on *“What is the National Defense University and How Does It Support Our National Defense?”*
- 786 Club Board Member Bob Ryan with a fun podcast *“Happy Hour from the Union League Club of Chicago”* which ended with toasts to the USS ILLINOIS
- The Fourth Birthday Party of the USS ILLINOIS on October 16, 2021, with the CO and COB serving cake purchased by the 786 Club to the crew alongside the pier at Pearl Harbor
- Former CO, CDR Ron Hatt, with the COB, Ombudsman, and President of the FRG transmitting from Pearl Harbor on what their roles are and how to make a submarine ready for deployment into “Harms Way”
- Chairman Len Wass, retired Submarine Captain, on a podcast to the University of Chicago Military Affinity Group on the topic of “Uncommon Mentoring” featuring 3 of his 4 main mentors as a young man coming from the U.S Submarine Force.







## USS North Carolina SSN 777

The SSN 777 Club maintains the tradition of “The Time Aboard” Plaque Program.

The SSN 777 Club is proud to honor each departing crew member, enlisted and officer, with a special memento of their time served aboard the USS North Carolina SSN 777. During a departing ceremony in the homeport of Hawaii, each member is presented with a plaque made from the original teak decking of the Battleship North Carolina BB 55, reaffirming the bond of boat and state.

In the center of each plaque is a 777 coin. The plaques are inscribed with name, dates of service aboard the 777, and identification of the teak as being from BB 55.

Launching this popular program for the acquisition and production of plaques relied on the timely support of the retail store staff at the Battleship North Carolina; the skills of Chuck Dean at [Fine Wood Designs](#); and [Kids Making It](#), a nonprofit woodworking mentoring program in Wilmington.

It's a great feeling to let the crew know they are appreciated by their friends in North Carolina. If you would like to help support the efforts of the SSN 777 Club, please [Donate here \(ssn777club.org/donate\)](https://ssn777club.org/donate) and know that your support is greatly appreciated.” The plaques cost about \$75 per plaque but the lasting meaning for the sailor is priceless.



## USS Nebraska SSBN 739

The Big Red Sub Club supports USS Nebraska SSBN-739. Their newsletter is a notable example of a unique name, fun logo, and covers the efforts to bring the crew to visit the Great State of Nebraska. Because of their fundraising, the Big Red Sub Club covers the cost of lodging, travel, meals, tickets, and other incidentals for crew visits to the Great State of Nebraska. Click below for a look at one of the USS Nebraska newsletters:

[bigredsubclub.com/wp-content/uploads/Jan-2016-BRSC.pdf](https://bigredsubclub.com/wp-content/uploads/Jan-2016-BRSC.pdf)



## USS New Mexico SSN 779

For many years, the Navy League New Mexico Council has simultaneously supported three submarines with three separate Sub Clubs.

On one rare occasion in October 2014, the ship schedules lined up perfectly and the Sub Clubs managed to get all three COs plus 5 or 6 crew members from each boat in NM at the same time. Activities included radio & TV interviews, reception with the Governor, photo ops in the State Capital, balloon rides, and a Wild West visit to a movie ranch.



*Three Crews in Capitol Rotunda*



*Three COs with Radio Talk Show Host*



*CDR Tim Poe (USS Santa Fe), CDR Todd Moore (USS New Mexico) and CDR Trent Hesslink (USS Albuquerque) at the Bonanza Creek Movie Ranch Saloon*

Sub Clubs are in a unique position to convey the history and culture of their namesake cities and states to the officers and crew of their submarines, either by crew visits to the namesake or direct support such as instilling a Southwest theme in the crew's mess and living quarters, providing sailor of the year plaques, updating command boards, ballcaps, state flags, challenge coins, etc., and in the case of New Mexico subs, green chile and pinon nut flavored coffee.

## USS Wisconsin SSBN 827

The WI SUB Association has a 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale inflatable sub to take to veteran groups and community parades. To further engage and educate the local community they also plan to sponsor STEM activities.





## Closing Statement

Hopefully, this Sub Club Guide is an easy-to-read overview of what a Sub Club can be and how to can start one. You can start small and grow your support of the Submarine, crew, and family in many ways. The NSL values your feedback. Please send any comments and updates on your progress of your own Sub Clubs to [outreach@navalsubleague.org](mailto:outreach@navalsubleague.org).

*“It is neither complicated nor time-consuming to start and to maintain a Club. Support for the 777 is not difficult to generate. The 777 is well-known to the Governor and his staff as well as the NC Secretary for Veteran and Military Affairs.*

*The key to Club success is the commitment of a small group of individuals; simple, consistent communication with donors; a reliable contact with the Boat. Over 4 years, our principal points of contact have been the CO, the XO, the COB, the FRG. As rotations are frequent, visiting with the command and FRG every 12 to 18 months is encouraged.”*

*-Chris Perrien, former Executive Director of 777 Club*

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## Appendix A – Submarines with Sub Clubs

We are happy to update as the list grows. If you know of or have started a Sub Club, please email [outreach@navalsubleague.org](mailto:outreach@navalsubleague.org).

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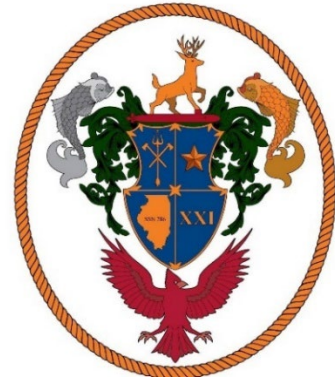
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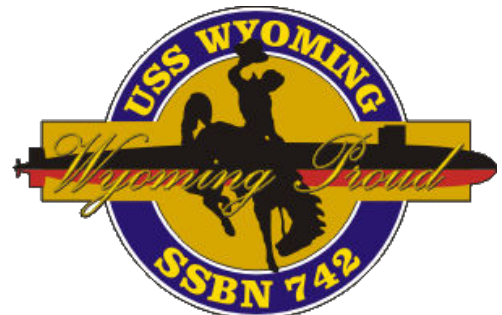
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## Appendix C – Submarines Without Sub Club or Commissioning Committee

	U.S. Submarine	Commission	Homeport	Decommission
1.	<a href="#">USS Alabama (SSBN 731)</a>	1985	Bangor, WA	
2.	<a href="#">USS Alaska (SSBN 732)</a>	1986	Kings Bay, GA	
3.	<a href="#">USS Albany (SSN 753)</a>	1990	Norfolk, VA	
4.	<a href="#">USS Alexandria (SSN 757)</a>	1991	San Diego, CA	2026
5.	<a href="#">USS Annapolis (SSN 760)</a>	1992	San Diego, CA	
6.	<a href="#">USS California (SSN 781)</a>	2011	Groton, CT	
7.	<a href="#">USS Cheyenne (SSN 773)</a>	1996	Pearl Harbor, HI	
8.	<a href="#">USS Columbia (SSN 771)</a>	1995	Pearl Harbor, HI	
9.	<a href="#">USS Columbus (SSN 762)</a>	1993	Pearl Harbor, HI	
10.	<a href="#">USS Connecticut (SSN 22)</a>	1998	Bremerton, WA	
11.	<a href="#">USS Florida (SSGN 728)</a>	1983	Kings Bay, GA	2026
12.	<a href="#">USS Georgia (SSGN 729)</a>	1984	Kings Bay, GA	
13.	<a href="#">USS Greeneville (SSN 772)</a>			
14.	<a href="#">USS Hampton (SSN 767)</a>	1993	San Diego, CA	
15.	<a href="#">USS Hartford (SSN 768)</a>	1994	Groton, CT	
16.	<a href="#">USS Hawaii (SSN 776)</a>	2007	Pearl Harbor, HI	
17.	<a href="#">USS Helena (SSN 725)</a>	1987	Norfolk, VA	2025
18.	<a href="#">USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730)</a>	1994	Bangor, WA	
19.	<a href="#">USS Jefferson City (SSN 759)</a>	1992	San Diego, CA	
20.	<a href="#">USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23)</a>	2005	Bangor, WA	
21.	<a href="#">USS John Warner (SSN 785)</a>	2015	Norfolk, VA	
22.	<a href="#">USS Key West (SSN 722)</a>	1987	Apra Harbor, GU	2024
23.	<a href="#">USS Louisiana (SSBN 743)</a>	1997	Bangor, WA	
24.	<a href="#">USS Maine (SSBN 741)</a>	1995	Bangor, WA	
25.	<a href="#">USS Maryland (SSBN 738)</a>	1992	Kings Bay, GA	
26.	<a href="#">USS Michigan (SSGN 727)</a>	1982	Bangor, WA	
27.	<a href="#">USS Minnesota (SSN 783)</a>	2013	Pearl Harbor, HI	
28.	<a href="#">USS Mississippi (SSN 782)</a>	2012	Pearl Harbor, HI	
29.	<a href="#">USS Missouri (SSN 780)</a>	2010	Pearl Harbor, HI	
30.	<a href="#">USS Montpelier (SSN 765)</a>	1993	Norfolk, VA	
31.	<a href="#">USS Nevada (SSBN 733)</a>	1986	Bangor, WA	
32.	<a href="#">USS New Hampshire (SSN 778)</a>	2008	Groton, CT	
33.	<a href="#">USS Newport News (SSN 750)</a>	1989	Norfolk, VA	2026
34.	<a href="#">USS North Dakota (SSN 784)</a>	2014	Groton, CT	
35.	<a href="#">USS Ohio (SSGN 726)</a>	1981	Bangor, WA	2026
36.	<a href="#">USS Oregon (SSN 793)</a>	2022	Groton, CT	
37.	<a href="#">USS Pasadena (SSN 752)</a>	1989	San Diego, CA	2025

38.	<a href="#">USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740)</a>	1994	Kings Bay, GA	
39.	<a href="#">USS San Juan (SSN 751)</a>	1988	Groton, CT	2024
40.	<a href="#">USS Scranton (SSN 756)</a>	1991	San Diego, CA	2026
41.	<a href="#">USS South Dakota (SSN 790)</a>	2019	Groton, CT	
42.	<a href="#">USS Springfield (SSN 761)</a>	1993	Pearl Harbor, HI	
43.	<a href="#">USS Tennessee (SSBN 734)</a>	1988	Kings Bay, GA	
44.	<a href="#">USS Texas (SSN 775)</a>	2006	Pearl Harbor, HI	
45.	<a href="#">USS Toledo (SSN 769)</a>	1995	Groton, CT	
46.	<a href="#">USS Topeka (SSN 754)</a>	1989	San Diego, CA	2024
47.	<a href="#">USS Virginia (SSN 774)</a>	2004	Groton, CT	
48.	<a href="#">USS Washington (SSN 787)</a>	2017	Norfolk	
49.	<a href="#">USS West Virginia (SSBN 736)</a>	1990	Kings Bay, GA	

**Submarines Under Construction without support**

[PCU Barb \(SSN 804\)](#)

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[PCU Tang \(SSN 805\)](#)

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