

USS UTAH SSN 801

Commissioning Committee

In the fall of 2015, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced the naming of *USS Utah* (SSN 801), a Virginia-class submarine.

Virginia-class submarines are nuclear powered and provide defenses against enemy submarines, gather intelligence and conduct covert missions.

USS Utah will build on the legacy of the first Navy ship of that name, a battleship commissioned 108 years ago that is famous for its crew's heroic actions at Pearl Harbor.

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

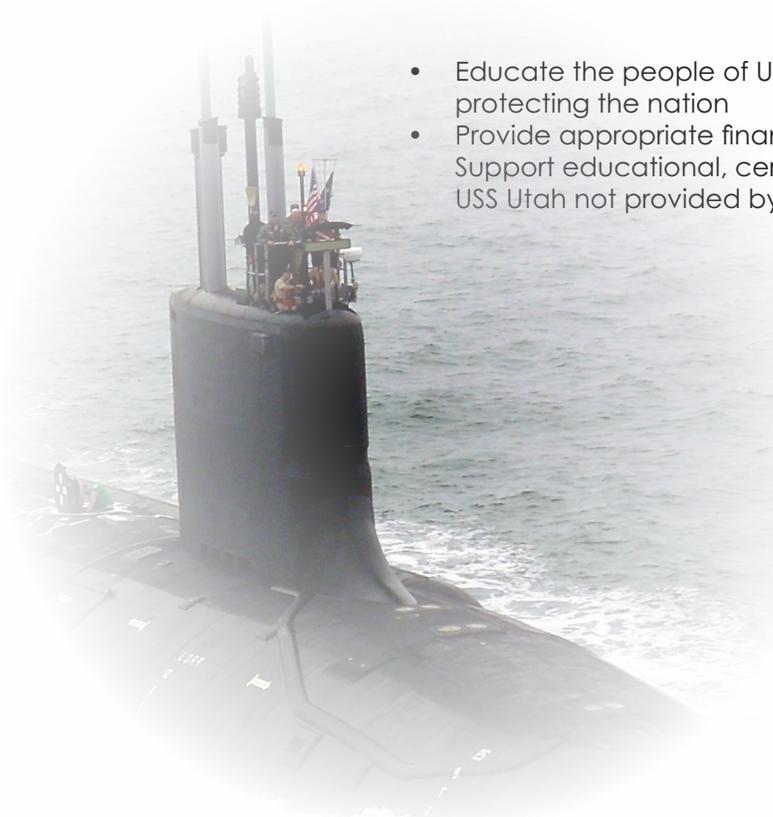
The USS Utah Commission Committee is a nonprofit group of Utahns who support the future commissioning and sailors of the **USS Utah** (SSN 801).

An entirely volunteer-run organization, the committee:

- Educate the people of Utah about the *USS Utah* and its role in protecting the nation
- Provide appropriate financial support not provided by the U.S. Navy Support educational, ceremonial, operational and other needs of the USS Utah not provided by the U.S. Navy

COMMITTEE PURPOSE

- Raise \$400,000 in public and private funds
- Celebrate Utah's role in sustaining seapower
- Supports customary gifts, ceremonies & other events
- Building lasting relationship between state and ship



1911



USS UTAH COMMISSIONED

USS Utah (BB-31) was a dreadnought battleship completed in August 1911. *Utah* was one of the first ships to arrive in Veracruz in 1914 during the Mexican Revolution. After the US entered WWI, *Utah* was stationed in Bantry Bay, Ireland.

1931

RECLASSIFICATION

USS Utah is demilitarized and converted into a target ship and re-designated as AG-16 to help train the fleet.

1941



ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

Utah was hit by two Japanese torpedoes and immediately started flooding. She sank in just a few minutes, losing 64 members of her crew. Due to the heroic actions of Sailors onboard that ship, 461 members of the ship community survived.

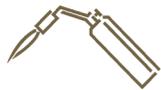
2015



USS UTAH ANNOUNCED

Then-Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announces *USS Utah* (SSN 801), a Virginia-class submarine.

2021



KEEL LAYING

This ceremony commemorates the start of construction of a ship. Although there is no true 'keel' on an SSN, the sponsor initials a steel plate that is mounted in the ship.

2022



CHRISTENING

This ceremony marks when a ship is solemnly dedicated, named, and committed to the sea. These ceremonies have come to be public occasions with thousands celebrating the new ship.

2023



COMMISSIONING

This ceremony marks the formal induction of the ship into the fleet. Usually 6,000 people attend this culminating event which includes noted dignitaries and speakers.

THE NAVY IN UTAH TODAY

- Utah is home to ~**23,000 Navy and Marine Corps veterans**, and nearly **1,000 current service members**
- Shipbuilding contributes more than **\$45 million a year** to the gross national product of the state of Utah