



**USS WASHINGTON (SSN 787)**



# Purpose

- Provide Ship Status
- Discuss Ship Visit
- Our “Ask”





# USS Washington (SSN 787)



- Fourteenth Virginia Class Submarine
  - Building Yard - Huntington Ingalls Newport News
  - Keel Laid - November 22, 2014 Norfolk VA
  - Christening - February 2016
  - Commissioning - Fall 2016
- Sponsor: Elizabeth Mabus
- Commanding Officer: CDR Jason Schneider
- Executive Officer: LCDR Brian M. Rhoades
- Chief of the Boat: ITSCM(SS) Adam Burchette

1<sup>st</sup> Warship Named for the State since WWII





# Characteristics



- Length: 377 feet
- Beam: 34 feet
- Displacement: 7800 tons
- Speed: > 25 knots
- Max operating depth: >800 feet
- Propulsion: S9G Reactor producing 40,000 SHP
- 33 year service life
- Cost: \$2,600,000,000.00
- Crew: 120 enlisted, 14 officers
- Armament: Torpedoes, Tomahawk missiles





# History



The USS Washington (SSN 787) is the first ship since World War II and the only submarine to be named after the State of Washington.

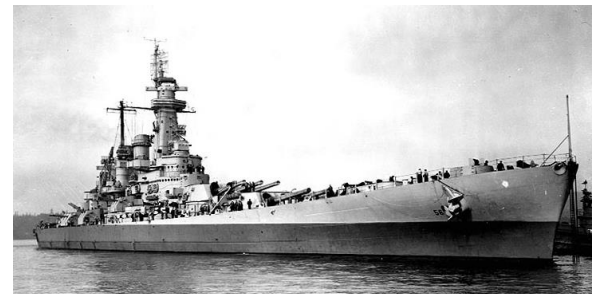
## **USS Washington (ACR-11) 1906-1916**

A Tennessee Class Armored Cruiser the USS Washington displaced 15,900 Tons and was 504 feet in length. Washington (ACR-11) saw service in both Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, and provided Convoy escort service in WW I . It was renamed USS Seattle in 1916 and decommissioned in 1946.



## **USS Washington (BB-56) 1941-1960**

A Carolina Class Battleship the USS Washington displaced 36,000 Tons with a length of 729 feet. Washington (BB-56) engaged the Japanese Battleship Kirishima in the first head-to-head confrontation of battleships in the Pacific war at the Battle of Savo Island .Washington earned 13 battle stars during World War II in operations that had carried her from the Arctic to the western Pacific.





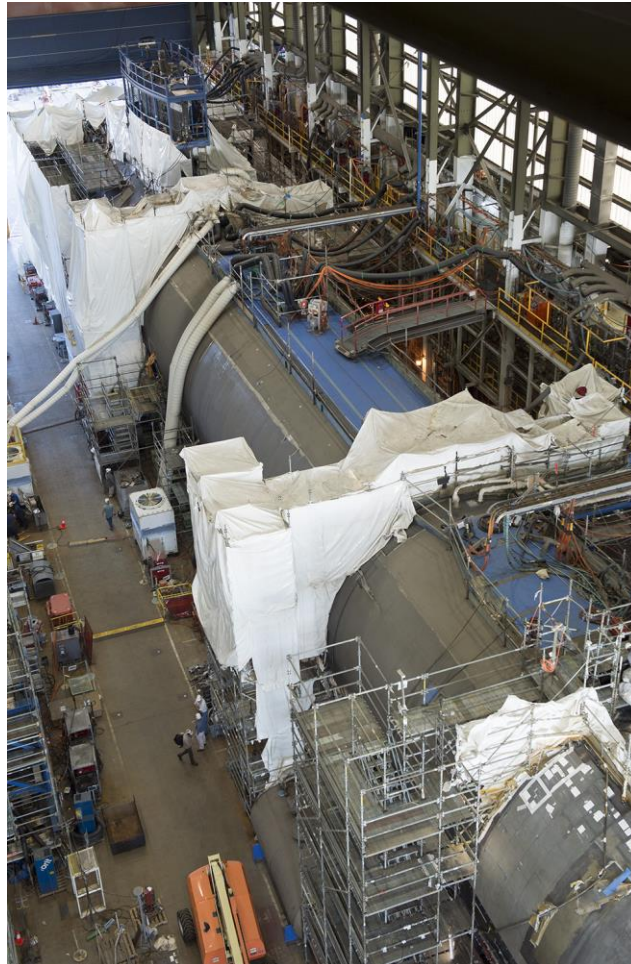
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# Current Status





# Modular Construction



Newport News Shipbuilding builds the stern, habitability and machinery spaces, torpedo room sail and bow. Electric Boat builds the pressure hull, engine room and control room. Both build the reactor plant and alternate on the final assembly.







# Ceremonial Milestones for USS Washington



- Naming Ceremony
  - Commemorates the naming of a ship
  - Named on 13 Apr 2012; Ceremony on 7 Feb 2013 in Seattle, WA
- Keel Laying Ceremony
  - Formal recognition that a ship has started construction
  - 22 Nov 2014, Newport News Shipbuilding
- Christening Ceremony
  - Ceremonially recognizes the ship is floating
  - Planned Jan/Feb 2016
- Commissioning Ceremony
  - Represents the acceptance of the ship by the United States Navy and her entry into the active fleet
  - Planned for Fall 2016
- De-Commissioning Ceremony
  - Marks the end of the ship's active service life
  - Anticipated in 2046

"This is a Navy state, a Navy state by tradition. I want to thank the U.S. Navy and its leadership for being great partners with Washington State."

- Governor of Washington,  
Jay Inslee, 7 Feb 2013



# Commissioning Committee



## Honorary Co-Chairs

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Mayor Patty Lent

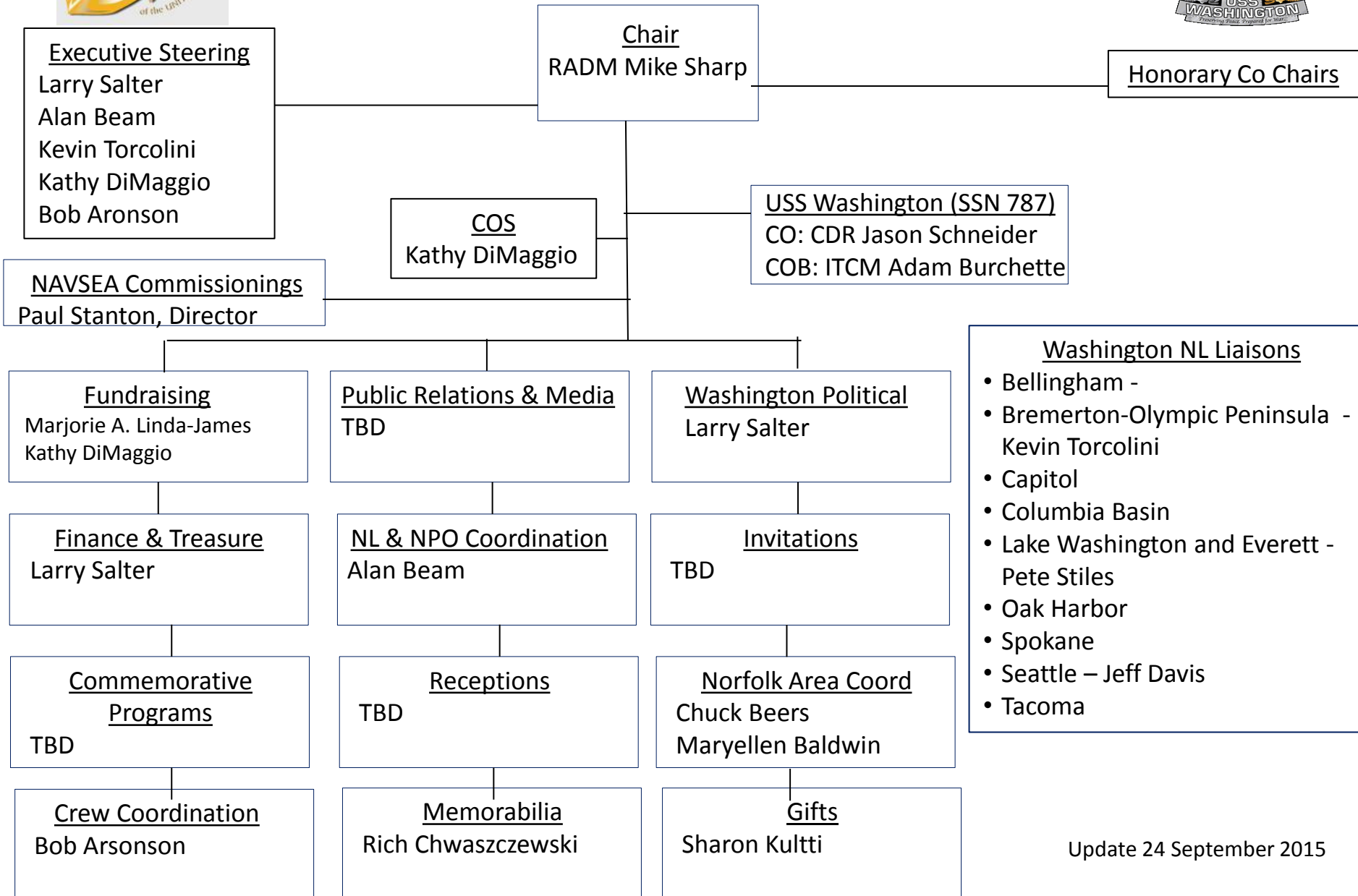
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# USS Washington Commissioning Committee







# Objectives



- Provide a memorable Commissioning Ceremony for the USS Washington
- Raise awareness within the State about the construction of SSN 787 and her commissioning
- Promote lasting relationships between the State of Washington and the crew of USS Washington
- Finance appropriate events and activities associated with these objectives by supplementing the limited funds provided by the Navy.

**Our State Our Boat!**



# Events



## **Washington State Reception**

- Recognize Officers and Crew
- Venue: Cocktail Party in WA
- Attendees: Officers and Crew, Commissioning Committee, Elite Sponsors

## **Chairman's Reception**

- Recognize Officers and Crew
- Venue: Cocktail Party
- Attendees: Officers and Crew, Key Sponsors

## **Commissioning Ceremony & Reception**

- Provide Commemorative Programs, VIP travel, reception
- Venue: Pier side

## **VIP Breakfast**

- Gathering Event for Ship
- Venue: Breakfast
- Attendees: Key Sponsors

## **Commissioning Committee's Reception**

- Recognize Officers and Crew
- Venue: Cocktail Party
- Attendees: Officers and Crew, Commissioning Committee, Elite Sponsors

## **Namesake Relationship**

- Provide Officers and Crew the ability to build a relationship with their Namesake

## **Crew Memorabilia**

- Provide Officers and Crew Memories
- Items: Commissioning Coins, Crew Book, Plankholder Plaques and Certificates

## **Sponsor Luncheon**

- Honor Ship's Sponsor
- Attendees: Ship's Sponsor & Guests



# Ship Visit



- 9 – 13 Nov 2015
- Coordination with NAVCO
- Proposed Events:
  - Kitsap & King County Veteran's Day Events
  - Navy League Luncheons
  - NROTC Submarine Brief
  - SeaHawks Game
  - Political Visits





# Fundraising Goals



## Goals

2015: Attain \$25,000 in donations

2016: Attain \$475,000 in donations

To Date: \$6,105.00

## Approach

Defense Contractor Sponsorships	\$65,000
Corporate Sponsorships	\$120,000
Government Grants	\$20,000
Foundation Grants	\$50,000
Other “Veteran Organizations”	\$20,000
Navy League Councils	\$225,000*
- Members/Individual	
- Affiliates	

\*Large Councils - \$37,000; Small Councils \$10,000

**Challenges for each Navy League Council**



# Our “Ask”



- Include USS Washington (SSN 787) in speaking engagements
  - “Did you know – the State of Washington will have a submarine named after the State”
- Suggest interested people
  - Contact the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League
  - Visit the USS Washington Commissioning Committee website:



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# How You Can Help



- Learn more, visit [www.usswashingtoncommissioning.org](http://www.usswashingtoncommissioning.org)
- Tell your friends, family & co-workers about the USS Washington (SSN 787) our State's Ship
- Ask everyone to Be a Part of Naval History - Donate

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