



IDAHO'S NAVAL HISTORY



SHIPS



At least 9 ships have been named after the state of Idaho, its cities, places, and people. A few of those ships include:

USS Boise (CL 47), 1938
 USS Boise (SSN 764), 1992
 Idaho I (Steam Sloop), 1867
 Idaho II (Battleship No. 24), 1908
 USS Idaho (SP 545), 1917
 USS Idaho (BB 42), 1919
 USS Idaho (SSN 799), named 2015
 USS Pocatello (PF 9), 1944
 USS Twin Falls (T-AGM 11), 1945



USS Idaho (BB 42), 1919

USS Idaho (BB 42), a New Mexico-class battleship, was the fourth ship to be named for the 43rd state admitted to the union. She saw extensive service in the Pacific Theater of World War II, including the invasion of the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, and Iwo Jima, and the bombardment of Saipan and Peleliu. She also supported battle maneuvers in Leyte Gulf until finally anchoring in Tokyo Bay during the Japanese surrender. Idaho received seven battle stars for World War II service alone. She was decommissioned July 3, 1946.

PEOPLE



Gurdon H. Barter Medal of Honor Recipient

Gurdon H. Barter is one of the 18 Medal of Honor recipients that are buried in Idaho. Born in 1843, Barter enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Landsman on board the steam frigate Minnesota during the American Civil War. During the land assault on Fort Fisher, North Carolina on January 15, 1865, Barter demonstrated superior courage, remaining in the combat area despite overwhelming enemy fire and the retreat of most of those around him. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his personal valor on that occasion. Gurdon H. Barter died April 22, 1900, and is buried at Viola Cemetery, Viola, Idaho.



Did You Know? The seal of the state of Idaho is the only state seal designed by a woman. Emma Edwards Green designed the seal, which was adopted in 1863.

PLACES

Farragut Naval Training Station and the Naval Reactors Facility



Bayview, Idaho is home to the former Farragut Naval Training Station, which was the second largest training facility in the world during World War II. From the early 1950s to the mid-1990s, the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) located within the Idaho National Laboratory trained nearly 40,000 Navy personnel in surface and submarine nuclear power plant operations with three nuclear propulsion prototypes including the first nuclear-powered submarine prototype, S1W. The facility continues to support the Navy by examining naval spent nuclear fuel and irradiated test specimens, which are used to develop new technology and to improve the cost effectiveness of existing designs. And nearby, Lake Pend Oreille, the fifth deepest lake in the United States, continues to conduct tests of large-scale submarine and surface ship prototypes in a setting with acoustic properties similar to that of the ocean.



Navy Operational Support Center

A Navy Operational Support Center, or NOSC, is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to Navy Reserve Units. There is a NOSC in Boise, Idaho.



University of Idaho Navy ROTC

The Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program educates and trains qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Navy's unrestricted line, the Navy Nurse Corps, and the Marine Corps.

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Puzzle Corner!

Word Search

Use the list below to find the words in the word search. You will find the words left to right, up and down, diagonally, and backwards. Don't forget to cross the words off your list as you find them!

H E W S C O I S P I J U O D N
L U K N C D W M O H A D I H K
O V W O R L D W A R I I O X S
V D C G Y T P M X P C P B H J
T L G E G W X F T A I W H W G
V Y T D X Q I A D J B X J E K
N T G H D O T N P C H M D I D
F J E S I O B S S U R H K B V
O U M C Q I H L Y W R U R J L
B W X S T E A M S L O O P X F
S E H J Y P I H S E L T T A B
K J R U S S P O C A T E L L O
Y P P N P X C U S G F B C Z Y
A L H A E C L K F E E N J A P
A U A N W C F C D D X T I X K

USS BOISE

STEAM SLOOP

IDAHO

USS POCATELLO

BATTLESHIP

WORLD WAR II

Unscramble the puzzles below to come up with words related to naval history of Idaho. If you need help, use the other side of this sheet for hints.

FTARAGUR VLANA NTRIGAIN TAIOSTN

YVAN IOATAPLOERN SPTRUPO ENRECT

NAYV ERRSVEE FCEORIF

GNAITNR RPOCS

Here is your chance to be creative and choose your own colors for the Naval History and Heritage Command logo. What colors will you choose?

