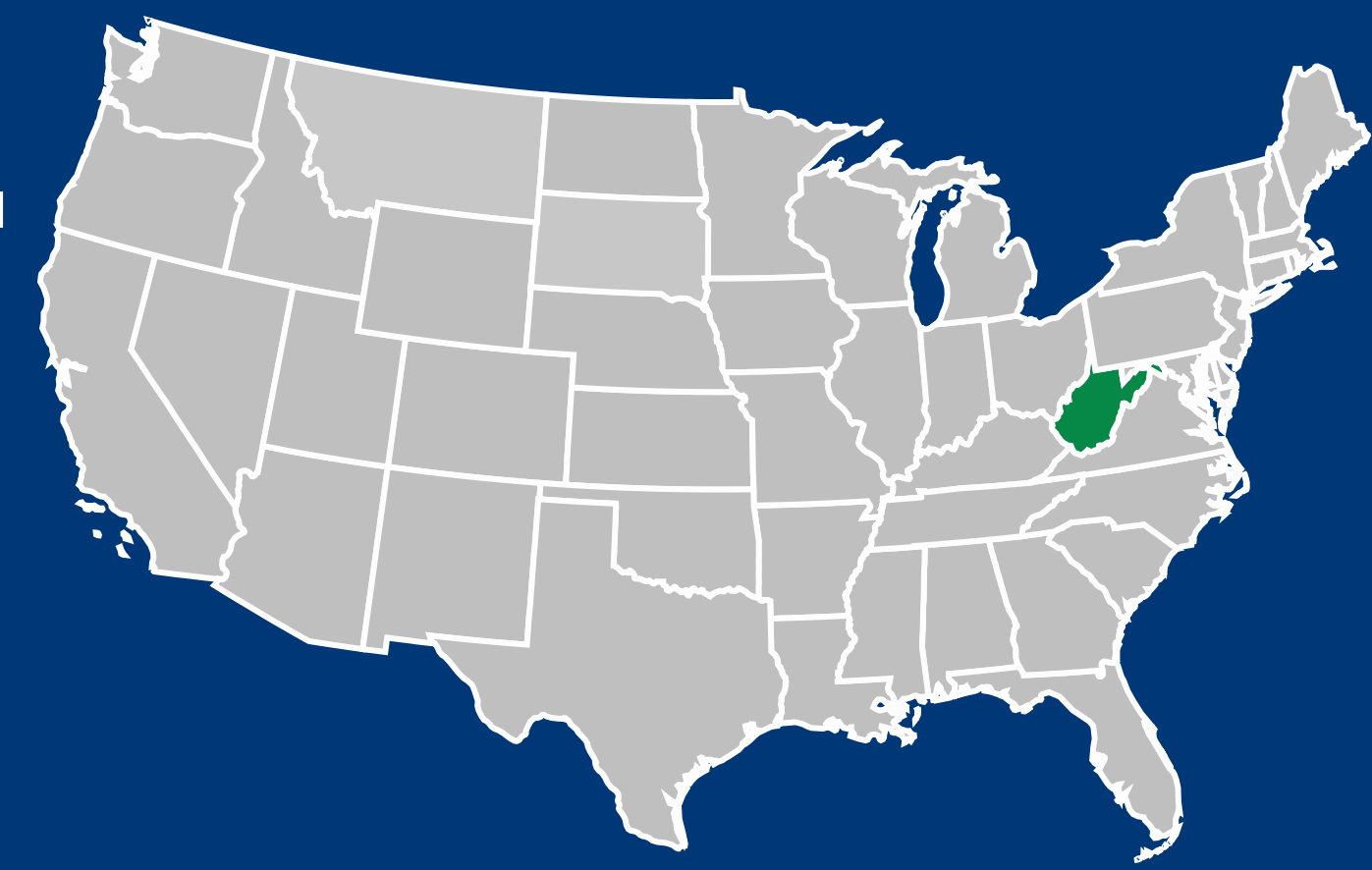




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SHIPS



At least 25 ships have been named after the state of West Virginia, its cities, places and people. A few of those ships include:

- USS Barr (DE 576), 1944
- USS Berkeley County (LST 279), 1943
- USS Blue Ridge II (AGC 2), 1943
- USS Blue Ridge III (LCC 19), 1970
- Charleston II (C 2), 1889
- Charleston III (C 22), 1905
- USS Claud Jones (DE 1033), 1959
- USS Hampshire County (LST 819), 1944
- USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), 1995
- Huntington I (Armored Cruiser No. 5), 1905
- USS Huntington II (CL 107), 1946
- Kanawha I (ScGbt), 1862
- Kanawha II (ScStr), 1898
- USS Kanawha III (AO 1), 1915
- USS Kanawha IV (AOG 31), 1944
- Monongahela I (ScSlp), 1863
- Shenandoah I (ScSlp), 1863
- USS Shenandoah II (ZR 1), 1923
- USS Shenandoah III (AD 26), 1945
- USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN 634), 1964
- USS Ulvert M. Moore (DE 422), 1944
- USS West Virginia II (BB 48), 1923
- USS West Virginia III (SSBN 736), 1990
- USS Yarnall I (DD 143), 1918
- USS Yarnall II (DD 541), 1943

USS West Virginia II (BB 48)

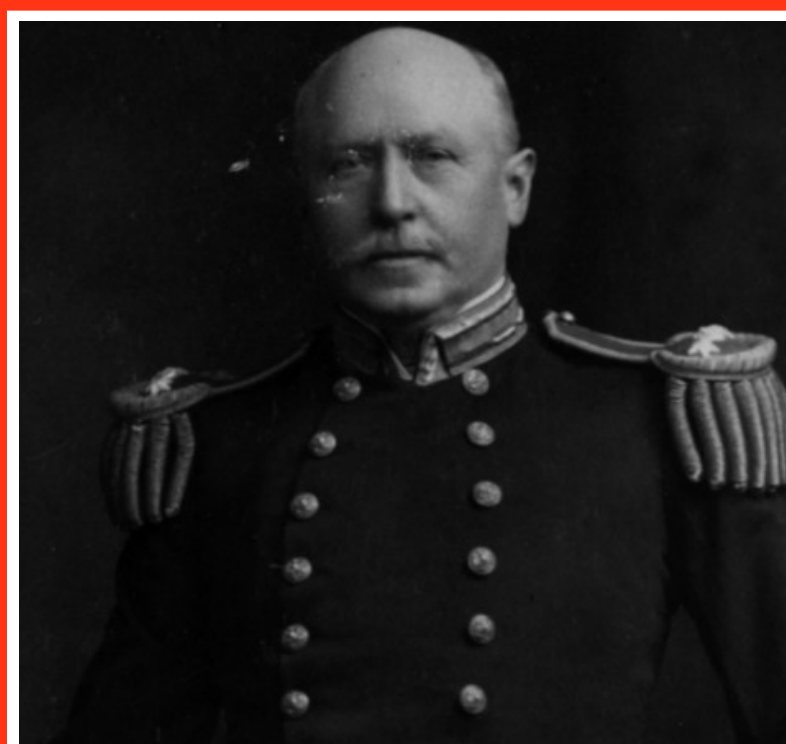
Commissioned on Dec. 1, 1923, USS West Virginia represented the height of naval technology for battleships due to its armored protection. Although Japanese torpedoes and bombs sank the ship during the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, it was refloated in May 1942 and played an instrumental role in the Pacific Theater for the remainder of World War II. The ship earned five battle stars for service during the war and decommissioned in January 1947.

PEOPLE



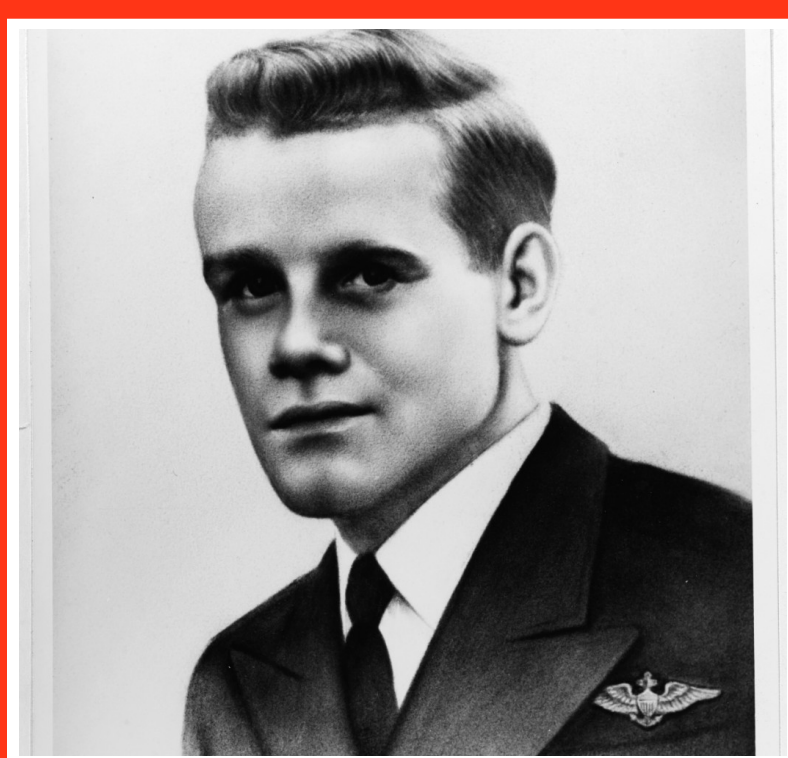
Claud Ashton Jones Rear Admiral

Born on Oct. 7, 1885 in Fire Creek, WV, Rear Adm. Jones graduated from the Naval Academy in 1906. He received the Medal of Honor for his actions while serving aboard USS Memphis (Armored Cruiser No. 10) when it encountered a hurricane near the Dominican Republic on Aug. 29, 1916. He was awarded the Legion of Merit before dying in Charleston, WV, on Aug. 8, 1948. USS Claud Jones (DE 1033) was named in his honor and commissioned Feb. 10, 1959.



French Ensor Chadwick Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. Chadwick was born in present day Morgantown, WV, in 1844. He was a well-rounded U.S. Navy officer, who served as president of the Naval War College from 1900 to 1903. Rear Adm. Chadwick was also responsible for writing multiple historical publications such as, "The Relations of the United States and Spain: the Spanish-American War," published in 1911, only eight years before his death in 1919.



Ulvert Mathew Moore Ensign

Ensign Ulvert Mathew Moore was born on Aug. 16, 1917, in Williamson, WV. He joined the United States Naval Reserves in October of 1940 and worked his way up to becoming an aviation cadet only a few months later in January of 1941. Ensign Moore was awarded the Navy Cross after being killed in action on June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway. USS Ulvert M. Moore (DE 422) was named in his honor and commissioned in 1944.

PLACES



Did you know...?

The first steamboat was launched by James Rumsey in the Potomac River at Shepherdstown, WV in 1787.



Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Eleanor

The mission of NOSC Eleanor is to generate mobilization readiness by providing administrative services, training support, and world class customer service to Reserve personnel in support of surge and operational requirements for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Forces.



NIOC Sugar Grove

After being acquired by the United States Navy in 1955, Sugar Grove, WV, became home to the Navy Information Operations Command for communications research. The topography of the land was prime for radio signals and frequency. Before closing in 2015, Sugar Grove boasted the largest active-duty Department of Defense facility in West Virginia.