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**This Is The Navy's Timeline For
Ridding Itself Of Four More Littoral
Combat Ships**



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To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Jim Barnes and I had a meeting yesterday at American Pie and discussed base issues. We weren't in a position to take any action because of our number, two. I have taken steps to change our meetings' schedule. On August 1, 2021, base meetings will be at the AIMM Patio Barge at 2:30 PM on the third Saturday of each month unless cancelled. Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2:30 PM will be our first under this policy. If necessary, I will do my best to contact those who reside outside a 25 mile radius first. The January meeting will be only for Base officers for planning purposes. All Officers should be in attendance. Again, it will be at AIMM. As it now stands we have dates set for August business meeting, October Navy Birthday, November Veterans' Day and December Christmas Party. I ask your continued support. Thank you all.

Billy Holloway
Base Commander





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The latest blow has been struck to the U.S. Navy's troubled Littoral Combat Ship, or LCS, program, with the service's announcement that it wants to get rid of another four of the warships by March 22 next year. This is in addition to the first two LCS ships that are already heading to a very early retirement. The Navy has put this proposed timeline on the deactivation of three Freedom class variants, USS Fort Worth (LCS-3), USS Detroit (LCS-7), and USS Little Rock (LCS-9), and one Independence class vessel, USS Coronado (LCS-4). The youngest of these — USS Little Rock — will only have been in service for a little over four years when it's withdrawn.

The Navy's latest plans for the LCS retirements were made public recently by the Chief of Naval Operations and brought to our attention by Navy veteran and former journalist David Larter. The official administrative notice, of NAVADMIN, details not only specific project dates for the planned decommissioning of these four LCS vessels, but also lays out a timeline for five surplus Cyclone class patrol boats to be sold off via the Foreign Military Sales program, among other things. It's not clear which navy, or navies, have been identified as customers for the patrol boats.

As of now, 10 examples of the Freedom class ships have been delivered, with another five under construction or in the process of fitting out, and one more example on order. Thirteen Independence class warships have also been commissioned, the most recent in May this year, with another two fitting out, three under construction, and one on order.

Although the final fate of the four LCSs will depend on a Congressional decision, it's abundantly clear that the Navy wants to do away with the warships. This plan to decommission these four ships first emerged in the Navy's latest budget request for Fiscal Year 2022. The plan is for these four ships to be placed in what is called "Out of Commission, In Reserve," which would leave the potential, however remote, that they could be reactivated, if necessary.

The service's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 had also tried to retire the first examples, each, of the Freedom and Independence class LCSs, to save money. Notably, these four vessels were not completed to the same standard as subsequent examples in either subclass, and the cost to update them and make them combat-ready is significant — around \$2.5 billion, in total, according to Navy officials.

Congress last year approved the retirement of the first two ships in each subclass, USS Freedom (LCS-1) and USS Independence (LCS-2), which will be

decommissioned this year. However, legislators blocked the Navy from getting rid of the next two ships, Fort Worth and Coronado.

DEACTIVATION LIST

USS FORT WORTH LCS 3	31 MAR 22
OCIR	
USS CORONADO LCS 4	31 MAR 22
OCIR	
USS DETROIT LCS 7	31 MAR 22
OCIR	
USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9	31 MAR 22
OCIR	
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Burial at Sea

We are going to have a burial at sea for Jim Gates Saturday the 25th at 10:00 am.

We will need side boys and others to help. We would also like to have as many base members there as possible to show our respect for our Shipmate.

Contact Greg Zonner if you can help.

Prayers for Mark Taylor

Mark Taylor is still in the hospital and is in need of all our prayers. He fell and has a brain bleed. Get well shipmate!



ON ETERNAL PATROL

USS Shark (SS-174)

1	<u>Theodore Allen Bellard</u>
2	<u>Walter Raleigh Blanchard</u>
3	<u>John Alden Bolton</u>
4	<u>Thomas Leo Brannan</u>
5	<u>Grady G. Byus, Jr.</u>
6	<u>Earl William Cassidy</u>
7	<u>John Paul Cooley</u>
8	<u>Billy Brant Crawford</u>
9	<u>Albert Edward Croft</u>
10	<u>William Thomas Dawson</u>
11	<u>Edwin Denby, Jr.</u>
12	<u>Roscoe Franklin Dillen, Jr.</u>
13	<u>Paulino Ejaype</u>
14	<u>Roland Ashby Estes</u>
15	<u>Ferdinand Alois Evans</u>
16	<u>Truman Floyd Evans</u>
17	<u>Agapito Fabra</u>
18	<u>Fred Howell Farrell</u>
19	<u>Albert David Fruit</u>
20	<u>Merrill Ray Gilman</u>
21	<u>Pedro Gimenez*</u>
22	<u>Lawrence Carlton Glass</u>
23	<u>James Andrew Iverson</u>
24	<u>Romie Lloyd Jeffreys</u>
25	<u>James Edward Johnston</u>
26	<u>Clifford Earl Jones</u>
27	<u>Jesse Augustus Lester</u>
28	<u>William Charles Lidgerding</u>
29	<u>Thomas Phillip Loughlin</u>
30	<u>Arnold Raymond Lund</u>

31	<u>Loran Robert Markin</u>
32	<u>Rex Edgar McElroy</u>
33	<u>Kenneth Ernest McKinney</u>
34	<u>Robert Francis Miller, Jr.**</u>
35	<u>Arthur Patrick Moran</u>
36	<u>Fred Joseph Morris</u>
37	<u>Warren Hasting Myer</u>
38	<u>Ermin Joseph Pechacek</u>
39	<u>Avery Evander Perkins</u>
40	<u>Robert Lee Pettit</u>
41	<u>Frank Florestine Philabert, Jr.</u>
42	<u>Walter Edward Pilgram</u>
43	<u>Bennie John Polidori</u>
44	<u>Karl Lothar Sandmann</u>
45	<u>Henry Louis Schmitt</u>
46	<u>Louis Shane, Jr.</u>
47	<u>John Howell Smith</u>
48	<u>Thayne Charles Smith</u>
49	<u>Thomas Ponchard Spilman</u>
50	<u>Robert Houston Stephens</u>
51	<u>Herman Frederick Striegler</u>
52	<u>Richard Ridley Thew</u>
53	<u>Henry Oran Tubre</u>
54	<u>John Alfred Turoczy</u>
55	<u>Roland Henry Warren</u>
56	<u>James Kenneth White</u>
57	<u>John Murry Worsham</u>
58	<u>Charles Robert Yanks</u>
59	<u>Harold Reynold Zeorlin</u>

Arnold Raymond Lund



Rank/Rate	Machinist's Mate, First Class
Service Number	328 39 06
Birth Date	December 23, 1915
From	Dwight, North Dakota
Decorations	Purple Heart
Submarine	USS Shark (SS-174)
Loss Date	February 11, 1942
Location	East of Menado, Celebes
Circumstances	Probably sunk by depth charge attack

CENTRAL REGION DISTRICT COMMANDERS Election Results

After a 30 day period of voting and IAW USSVI Constitution/By-Laws and posted notices, I would like to announce the elected Shipmates to their respective positions. For those people who believe that their votes do not count, I would like to draw attention to the District 5 position.

Results;

CD1

E. Dale Moses Elected (23 votes)

CD2

John Connon Elected (22 votes)

CD3

David Farran Elected (13 votes)

CD4

Rick Mitchell Elected (48 votes)

CD5

Marlin Helms Elected (18 votes) David Campbell (7 votes)

CD6

Fred Kinzel Elected (19 votes)

I have counted all of the final ballots three times and verified all voting Members to be valid. Even though the contest between Marlin and David was not close, I wish I had a position available for everyone. I am grateful for David coming forward to run for this position and he should be utilized somewhere within our organization. I congratulate both of these candidates, as well as the other unopposed Members on a race well run.

I have attached the votes by District/ Base. I am available anytime to discuss this election or any other topic.

Thanks to all of the District Commanders for their participation. I will see you at the National Convention in Orlando.

Tom Williams

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"Tenacity Dick... stay with the bastard until he's on the bottom."

Cdr. Dudley "Mush: Morton to Lt. Richard "Dick" O'Kane aboard USS Wahoo (SS 238)



TREASURER'S REPORT		Jun-21
TOTAL BASE FUNDS BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 14,152.50
General Fund Balance		\$ 4,225.79
Designated Funds		
Maint. Fund Balance		\$ 2,652.66
Charity Fund Balance		\$ 372.00
Snook Memorial Fund Balance		\$ 1,386.86
Designated Fund Balance		\$ 4,411.52
Checking Balance (General + Designated Funds)		\$ 8,637.31
Other Funds		
	CD Balance	\$ 5,368.19
	Cash on hand	\$ 147.00
TOTAL BASE FUNDS ENDING BALANCE		\$ 14,152.50

Note...this is last months report...Mark is sick so will get updated later.

Booster Club

Mark Taylor (0)
 George Fore (0)
 John Barr (1)
 Mem. Of Lee Huss (1)

Birthdays for August

Bonnie Zonner	3
Robert G. Medearis	3
John A. Albers	7
Stanley A. Walker	9
Raymond Paul Wewers	11
William L. Nichols	12
John E. Przybys	18
Dennis D. Foster	19
Billy D. Hollaway	23
James M. Barnum	23
James R. Stephens	25
Nicholas Charles Proctor	25
Sandy Stephens	25
Juanes Stiltz	27



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