

Support the Commissioning of the USS Oakland at the Port of Oakland on April 17, 2021.

The USS Oakland is an Independence Class Littoral Combat Ship which is configured for Anti-Submarine Warfare.

Donations to support the Commissioning are requested. Please refer to the information in this notice for specific details.

A ship's commissioning is a big deal: it's the ceremony that officially recognizes the ship's entry into the fleet, ready to protect our great nation. It's a festive occasion that features some martial music and a few speeches; but the most thrilling part comes when the order, "Officers and crew, man our ship and bring her to life!", is given. The crew run aboard the ship, and gradually you see the lights come on, the radar dish spin, the gun mount track, and crewmembers taking their positions.



PREVIOUS USS OAKLAND, CL 95. EARNED 9 BATTLE STARS IN THE PACIFIC SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS



Commissioning Committee USS OAKLAND (LCS 24)

Dear Navy Supporter,

The Office of the Secretary of Navy is planning to commission the USS OAKLAND (LCS 24) at the Port of Oakland on April 17, 2021. USS OAKLAND is an Independence Class littoral combat ship which will be assigned to Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One in San Diego with anti-submarine warfare as its primary mission.

Since the Navy is not authorized by law to pay for the commissioning of its ships, the Navy has asked the USS OAKLAND Commissioning Committee, and other Navy supporters, to sponsor, raise funds, and conduct this commissioning. Your contribution will support this traditional time-honored event, as well as make improvements to the ship's habitability and create and sustain the crew's morale, welfare and recreation fund.

BE A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT AND IMPRESSIVE EVENT! Take an ownership interest in the official first day of the life of USS OAKLAND. Share the pride when this beautiful new ship comes alive and joins the Fleet. You will want to be there when the crew runs onto their new ship to the sound of "Anchors Aweigh." Your financial contribution will help make this happen!

All donations are tax-deductible and will be listed in the donor's brochure. Here is an opportunity to make a difference. Let's send the USS OAKLAND and its crew to sea with our support and gratitude. The Navy, USS OAKLAND, and its crew are counting on all of us to make this commissioning a success. Your donations will help assure that success.

DO YOUR PART TO MAKE USS OAKLAND THE NEWEST AND FINEST SHIP IN THE FLEET. PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY to:

Michael Dennis
2450 Alvarado Street, Building 7
San Leandro, CA 94577

Checks should be made payable to the NLUS Commissioning Committee. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Andrews, III
Rear Admiral, Supply Corps, USN (Ret)
Chair, USS OAKLAND Commissioning Committee

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USS OAKLAND (LCS 24) is an *Independence Class* littoral combat ship. It will be the third ship to be named for Oakland. The trimaran hull was developed by Austal as a high-speed cruise ship and was adapted to the *Independence Class* littoral combat ship, which carries a weapons suite for its mission, its self-defense and its command and control. Unlike traditional fighting ships with fixed armament, such as guns and missiles, tailored mission modules can be configured for one mission package at a time. Modules may consist of manned aircraft, unmanned vehicles, off-board sensors or mission manning detachments. The interior volume and payload are greater than some destroyers and are sufficient to serve both as a high-speed transport and maneuverable platform. The OAKLAND is configured for an anti-submarine warfare mission.

USS OAKLAND is a 2,307 ton vessel with a length of 418 feet. The crew is comprised of 9 officers and 61 enlisted personnel, which includes the portion of the crew dedicated to the anti-submarine mission. Plans call for the ship to be homeported in San Diego after commissioning in Oakland in April 2021.

Levels of Support and Recognition

PLATINUM \$10,000

Honorary plank owner plank and certificate; invitations for 10 to the Chair's Reception; USS OAKLAND ball caps and coins for 10; post-commissioning reception; recognition in Donors' Brochure.

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Yes, I will make a contribution in the amount of: _____ Yes, I look forward to attending the commissioning.

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Please make checks payable to: **NLUS Commissioning Committee.**
Mail to **Michael Dennis, 2450 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, CA 94577**

Or go to USSOaklandcommissioning.org to pay by credit card electronically.

The USS Oakland (LCS 24) is coming to Town!



We invite you to be a part of the commissioning of this great ship, the third to bear the name
USS Oakland.

Keel Laid 7/20/18

Christened 6/29/19



Sponsored by Ms. Kate Brandt, Google's Sustainability Officer and former Chief Sustainability Officer for the Federal Government under President Obama, the USS Oakland (LCS 24) has been approved by SECNAV to be commissioned at the Outer Terminals in the Port of Oakland on April 17, 2021. She recently completed acceptance tests with the builder, Austal USA, and has been accepted by the U. S. Navy.

A formal Commissioning Ceremony will be held alongside the ship as she is ceremonially "brought to life."

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of history in Oakland with the USS Oakland!