

The image features a large American flag in the upper left corner, waving over a blue ocean under a bright sky. In the center, the words "AMERICA'S NAVY" are rendered in large, 3D, metallic letters. The letters are white with a grey shadow and are reflected in the water below. The word "AMERICA'S" is on the top line, and "NAVY" is on the bottom line. A small star is positioned above the letter 'A' in "AMERICA'S".

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Navy Localized Messages
NRD San Diego

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Global Force for Good Key Messages

The below messages are the overall Global Force for Good key messages that you are referencing when talking to recruits

America's Navy is a global force for good...and good can take many forms:

- Bombs on terrorist hide outs
- Bullets to protect innocent civilians against extremists
- Bottles of water to those in need after an earthquake
- Bachelor's degree (advanced training and education)

We protect and defend freedom around the world, and we also offer great opportunities for a great career.

All good things take GREAT people!



70-80-90-100 Key Messages

You are also using the 70-80-90-100 messages more frequently in your talking points, in media interviews and when speaking to potential recruits

Sailors serve:

- From the sea...**on the land**
- In ships...**on the water**
- In submarines...**under the water**
- In planes and helicopters...**over the water**

70 – percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water

80 – percent of the world's people live near the ocean

90 – percent of all international trade travels by the sea

100 – America's Navy is always 100% on watch

Our mission is to meet America's threats far away, so those threats cannot harm us here.



Recruiting Key Messages

We have helped you localize the below messages to help you communicate the strength of the Navy across NRD San Diego

Key Message 1: Forging leaders

- The Navy is more than just a top 50 employer – we forge leaders, allowing regular people to do spectacular things that will shape their future.

Key Message 2: Preparing you for lifelong success

- The Navy not only offers a greater diversity of career choices than any other branch of the services, but it also allows you to achieve educational opportunities before, during or after your Navy career, preparing you for lifelong success

Key Message 3: Making a difference

- The Navy takes you beyond the books to a world of experiences that make a difference to your country and to the world.

Key Message 4: Recruiting a Sailor, Retaining a Family

- The Navy recognizes the demands you face as a Sailor and provides timely and effective family support programs ensuring the welfare of your family - enabling you to serve and excel.

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 1: Forging leaders

- The Navy is a far-reaching force and it has strength in San Diego, with nearly 138,000 Sailors, Officers and civilians stationed here, serving their country and doing spectacular things. *(This is an example for the entire NRD – you would tailor this for each state in your NRD and provide the number of Sailors, Officers and civilians stationed currently so that the public is aware of the Navy presence)*
- The Navy forges true leaders such as Lieutenant Commander Brian Alvara who not only serves his country as a **xx**, but was recently recognized by the local Urban League for contributing much of his time to his local community by coordinating volunteer efforts throughout the San Diego community. *(This is an example you can tailor per rank, per recruiting rating, per local humanitarian/service project)*
- The Navy is more than just a top 50 employer – **it's a calling – where we forge leaders such as LCDR xx who recruits Medical Officers to go out and use their experience and skills to serve their country – their patients.** *(This is an example where you can swap the priority recruiting rating you want to profile – whether it be Medical, Dental, etc. You listed SEAL, Engineering, Women and Medical as recruiting priorities so include a relevant example here)*
- We are proud that our Navy reflects the face of America and harnesses true diversity. In NRD San Diego, we employ **xx*** Hispanic, African American and Asian Pacific Islander Sailors and Officers. We need more diversity in our officer ranks. Within 10 years, the Navy's ranks will be one-third minority, and reach one half by 2050. *(You could only reference Officers instead of Sailors, or include one minority group over another, if you prefer)*

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 2: Preparing you for lifelong success

- A world beyond everyday caring. More than 4,300 physicians, 1,200 dentists and 3,900 nurses provide world-class, hands-on care in the United States Navy serving those in need. We are always searching for the best and brightest, offering tuition assistance and recruiting from top universities such as University of California – San Diego School of Medicine and University of Nevada to join the military ranks. *(This is an example focusing on medical and calling out a few universities in NRD San Diego – tailor this message to the schools you recruit from and give examples of the tuition assistance you provide)*
- Defusing bombs, rescuing people in distress. A world of the most impossible missions made possible. More than 8,300 total Navy personnel including more than 2,300 active-duty SEALs, 600 Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen (SWCC), 900 reserve personnel, 3,650 support personnel and more than 880 civilians make up the Naval Special Warfare community. We are always searching for the best and brightest, offering enlistment bonuses for some priority recruiting ratings. *(This is an example focusing on Special Warfare – tailor this message to each priority recruiting rating you want to highlight and give examples of the enlistment rewards you provide)*
- America's Navy offers hundreds of career opportunities in dozens of exciting fields. Whether you're seeking a position as a Navy SEAL or a Doctor, you will find unrivaled training and opportunities with the chance to achieve your education before, during or after your Navy career. *(This is an example of profiling some of the priority recruiting ratings needed in NRD San Diego)*

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Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 3: Making a difference

- Many young men and women join the Navy to assist in humanitarian missions. These missions take place throughout the world. The Navy can deploy a floating hospital with doctors and dentists that can respond to any crisis worldwide. Here in California, we are interested in recruiting men and women to join us in this mission. *(When tailoring this message, include the area you are talking about)*
- Every day our Navy men and women in uniform across the globe play an important role in keeping peace. And in San Diego this weekend, our Sailors' mission was to help eliminate poverty housing and bring a smile to a local family by participating in a Habitat for Humanity renovation project. *(This is an example of tying the Global Force for Good message to what Sailors are doing locally – insert different examples that make sense relative to the events going on in your district)*
- San Diego Navy Week begins today and runs through x. Some of the activities that people can enjoy include The Leap Frogs, the Navy Parachute Demonstration Team and performances by the Navy Band “Destroyers.” For a complete list of Navy Week information, visit <http://www.navyweek.org>. See how America's Navy makes a difference to the community of California! *(This is an example of how you may show the citizens of the area you are addressing why the Navy is there and how they are making a difference. There is no Navy Week scheduled for San Diego in 2012, but this is an example of how you can make the message locally relevant)*
- Californians, along with the rest of the American people have high expectations of the United States Navy, and the Navy consistently exceeds these expectations by providing the necessary tools and training for all Navy personnel to do their job. *(This is an example of localizing this message to make it relevant to the people of California or the people of Nevada, etc.)*



Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 4: Recruiting a Sailor, Retaining a Family

- The United States Navy provides a support network of relevant services and links Navy families with these services through a variety of tools such as Fleet and Family Support Centers, social media – including Facebook, Twitter and NAVYForMoms.com and the Command Ombudsman program – a family’s direct link to the command. For Navy families in San Diego, please reach out to your local Fleet and Family Support Center or network with fellow Navy moms and wives on NAVYForMoms.com (*When tailoring this message, include the specific region or area*)
- Thank you to our Navy families in Nevada. The Navy recognizes the demands you face as a Sailor and is committed to ensuring the welfare of your family (*When tailoring this message, include the specific region or area*)



California Data Points

- The United States is increasing US exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **53** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in California, with Chevron, Hewlett-Packard, McKesson, Wells Fargo, Apple, Intel, Safeway, Cisco Systems, Walt Disney, Northrop Grumman, Ingram Micro, Google and Oracle ranked in the top 100 (ranked in revenues):
 - Chevron, Hewlett-Packard, McKesson, Wells Fargo, Apple, Intel, Safeway, Cisco Systems, Walt Disney, Northrop Grumman, Ingram Micro, Google, Oracle, DirecTV, Occidental Petroleum, Amgen, Gap, PG&E Corp., Health Net, Edison International, Qualcomm, Jacobs Engineering Group, Western Digital, Applied Materials, URS, eBay, Sempra Energy, Synnex, Visa, Gilead Sciences, Ross Stores, Dole Food, Broadcom, AECOM Technology, Avery Dennison, Advanced Micro Devices, Yahoo, Sanmina-SCI, Reliance Steel & Aluminum, Spectrum Group International, Symantec, Mattel, Franklin Resources, Pacific Life, Clorox, Core-Mark Holding, Agilent Technologies, CB Richard Ellis Group, Live Nation Entertainment, Allergan, SanDisk, Charles Schwab, Levi Strauss
- The Navy has a very visible presence in California, with nearly 138,000 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel and nine installations. The importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including California's export shipments of merchandise which in 2010 totaled \$143.2 billion.



California Data Points

- According to the *Sacramento Business Journal*, in October 2011, California received a \$2.54 million State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) grant. Administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the grant will be used to promote California exports and increase jobs in the next year, according to California Community Colleges.
 - The Centers for International Trade Development will coordinate training and provide technical help between an initial group of 700 small businesses and STEP partners, like the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
- A total of 57,915 companies exported goods from California locations in 2009. Of those, 55,530 (96 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated more than two-fifths (46 percent) of California's total exports of merchandise in 2009. This was the seventh highest percentage among the states, and was well above the 31 percent export share for SMEs nationally.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing account for an estimated 5.1 percent of California's total private-sector employment. Over one-fifth (22.4 percent) of all manufacturing workers in California depend on exports for their jobs (2009 data latest available).



California Data Points

- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (dollars in thousands):
 - Lockheed Martin Corporation - \$5,827,744
 - The Boeing Company - \$5,035,462
 - Northrop Grumman Corporation - \$4,557,596
 - Health Net INC. - \$2,818,687
 - Science Applications International - \$1,619,906
 - General Dynamics Corporation - \$1,610,783
 - General Atomic Technologies Co. - \$1,316,280
 - Raytheon Company - \$942,511
 - The Aerospace Corporation - \$791,348
 - BAE Systems PLC - \$679,390
- The state's largest export market was Mexico. California posted merchandise exports of \$20.9 billion to Mexico in 2010, 15 percent of the state's total merchandise exports. Mexico was followed by Canada (\$16.2 billion), China (\$12.5 billion), Japan (\$12.2 billion), and Korea (\$8.0 billion).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was computers and electronic products, which accounted for \$43.1 billion of California's total merchandise exports in 2010. Other top merchandise exports were machinery manufactures (\$14.5 billion), transportation equipment (\$13.0 billion), chemicals manufactures (\$11.6 billion), and miscellaneous manufactures (\$11.5 billion)



California Data Points

- Five metropolitan areas in California exported over \$5 billion in merchandise in 2009. The leading metropolitan area in exporting was Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana with \$51.5 billion in merchandise exports for 2009. This area represented 40.3 percent of California's exports, and ranked as the third largest metro area exporter nationally. Other major metropolitan areas in California that exported in 2009 included San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara (\$21.4 billion), San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont (\$16.0 billion), San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos (\$13.4 billion), Riverside-San Bernardino- Ontario (\$5.4 billion), Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville (\$3.5 billion), Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura (\$2.5 billion), El Centro (\$2.0 billion), and Bakersfield (\$1.8 billion).

California Data Points

- Seven ships have borne the name *USS California*:
 - The first U.S. warship named *California* was a screw sloop built in 1867.
 - The second *USS California* (ACR-6), 1907-1918 (Renamed *San Diego* in 1914) was a 13,680-ton *Pennsylvania* class armored cruiser, built at San Francisco, California. She was commissioned in August 1907, and spent the next ten years serving in the Pacific. She regularly operated along the North American west coast, with occasional cruises to Hawaii and other oceanic islands. In 1912, she briefly deployed to the western Pacific for service on the Asiatic Station. In September 1914, *California* was renamed *San Diego* to make her original name available for assignment to a battleship. She frequently was employed as Pacific Fleet flagship between September 1914 and July 1917, when she was sent to the Atlantic for World War I service. *San Diego* operated as a convoy escort in the North Atlantic until 19 July 1918, when she was torpedoed and sunk off Fire Island, New York, by the German submarine U-156.
 - *USS Hauoli* (SP-249), 1917-1920 (Named *USS California* (SP-249) in 1917-18) was originally the civilian yacht *Hauoli*, built in 1903 and later renamed *California*. *Hauoli*, a 299-ton yacht built in 1903 at Brooklyn, New York, was purchased by the Navy in August 1917 under the name *California*. Commissioned in December 1917, she served as *USS California* (SP-249) until February 1918, when she was renamed *Hauoli*. Through 1918, she served on patrol duties in the New York area. Beginning in January 1919, *Hauoli* was employed for underwater sound experiments under the noted inventor Thomas A. Edison. She was decommissioned in October 1919 and sold in September 1920.
 - *California* (Motor Boat, 1910) served as *USS California* (SP-647) and *USS SP-647* in 1917-1918. She was built in 1910 at San Francisco, California, for local employment as a pilot boat. She was taken over by the Navy in the spring of 1917 and placed in commission as *USS California* (SP-647). Later renamed *SP-647*, she served on Section Patrol duties for the rest of World War I and was returned to the San Francisco Bar Pilot's Association in November 1918.

California Data Points

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- The fifth USS *California* (BB-44), 1921-1959 a 32,300-ton *Tennessee* class battleship, was built at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California, and commissioned in August 1921. During the 1920s and 1930s, she actively participated in the activities of the United States Battle Fleet, often acting as flagship. In 1925, *California* was one of the ships that conducted a major trans-Pacific cruise to Australia and New Zealand. With most of the fleet, *California* deployed to Hawaii in 1940 and was based there as tensions rose in the Pacific over the next year. When Japanese carrier planes raided Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, she was badly damaged by torpedoes and bombs, slowly settling to the harbor bottom over the next few days. Her salvage, repair and modernization represented a major undertaking by the Pearl Harbor and Puget Sound Navy Yards and was not completed until January 1944. Over two and a half years after she was sunk, *California* reentered combat, providing heavy gunfire support for the invasions of Saipan, Guam and Tinian during June and July 1944. Damaged by a "Kamikaze" suicide plane on 6 January 1945, she remained in action for more than two weeks before steaming to the U.S. for repairs and an overhaul. *California* returned to the Western Pacific in June 1945, in time to take part in the final stages of the Okinawa campaign. In December 1945, the battleship was generally inactive until her formal decommissioning in February 1947. After twelve years in the Reserve Fleet, USS *California* was sold for scrapping in July 1959.
- The sixth USS *California* was the lead ship of the fourth class of nuclear powered guided missile cruisers in the Navy and the sixth ship in the Navy to bear the name. For ten years, she steamed the Atlantic and Indian Oceans as well as the Mediterranean Sea, serving three times with the Sixth Fleet and twice with the Seventh Fleet. In the summer of 1977, she represented the United States Surface Fleet at the Silver Jubilee Review in Portsmouth, England. In September 1983, the "Golden Grizzly" left Norfolk for the last time, steaming through the Panama Canal to its new homeport, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. During the spring of 1986, she conducted several weeks of Bering Sea operations and became the first cruiser to visit Adak, Alaska, since World War II. In June 1994, she joined the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) battle group in the Western Pacific for the ship's first deployment in five years. In September 1995, the "Golden Grizzly" sailed in a parade of ships through Pearl Harbor as part of the ceremony commemorating the end of World War II. The USS *California* Deactivation Ceremony was held on 28 August 1998 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.



California Data Points

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 - The seventh USS *California* (SSN-781) was commissioned during a ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk on 29 October 2011, becoming the Navy's eighth *Virginia* class submarine. The *Virginia* class submarines are the Navy's most modern subs. They have capabilities that allow them to perform better in shallow water than other subs and have special features to help them support special forces. The *California* cost about \$2.3 billion to build and was delivered more than eight months ahead of schedule by Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia. The ship will be home ported at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn.

California Data Points

- California is proud to be home to 129 Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the War on Terror:
 - Master-At-Arms Second Class Michael A. Monsoor received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Automatic Weapons Gunner in SEAL Team 3, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on 29 September 2006. Tasked with providing early warning and stand-off protection from a rooftop in an insurgent-held sector of Ar Ramadi, Iraq, Petty Officer Monsoor distinguished himself by his exceptional bravery in the face of grave danger. In the early morning, insurgents prepared to execute a coordinated attack. Snipers thwarted the enemy's initial attempt by eliminating two insurgents. The enemy continued to engage them with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. As enemy activity increased, Petty Officer Monsoor took position with his machine gun between two teammates on an outcropping of the roof. While the SEALs vigilantly watched for enemy activity, an insurgent threw a hand grenade from an unseen location, which bounced off Petty Officer Monsoor's chest and landed in front of him. Petty Officer Monsoor chose to protect his teammates. Instantly and without regard for his own safety, he threw himself onto the grenade to absorb the force of the explosion with his body, saving the lives of his two teammates. By his undaunted courage, fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of certain death, Petty Officer Monsoor gallantly gave his life for his country.
 - Captain William Loren McGonagle received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of the USS *Liberty* in the Mediterranean Sea on 8 and 9 June 1967. Sailing in international waters, the *Liberty* was attacked without warning by Israeli Air Force jet fighter aircraft and Israeli Navy torpedo boats which inflicted many casualties among the crew and caused extreme damage to the ship. Although severely wounded during the first air attack, Captain McGonagle remained at his battle station on the badly damaged bridge and, with full knowledge of the seriousness of his wounds, subordinated his own welfare to the safety and survival of his command. He calmly continued to exercise command of his ship for 17 hours. Despite continuous exposure to fire, he maneuvered his ship, directed its defense, supervised the control of flooding and fire, and saw to the care of the casualties. Captain McGonagle's extraordinary valor under these conditions inspired the surviving members of the *Liberty's* crew, many of them seriously wounded, to heroic efforts to overcome the battle damage and keep the ship afloat. Captain McGonagle's professionalism, courageous fighting spirit, and valiant leadership saved his ship and many lives.



California Data Points

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 - Rear Admiral Daniel Judson Callaghan received a Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on board the USS *San Francisco*, during action against enemy Japanese forces off Savo Island on the night of 12 - 13 November 1942. Although out-balanced in strength and numbers by a desperate and determined enemy, Rear Admiral Callaghan, with ingenious tactical skill and superb coordination of the units under his command, led his forces into battle against tremendous odds, thereby contributing decisively to the rout of a powerful invasion fleet, and to the consequent frustration of a formidable Japanese offensive. While faithfully directing close-range operations in the face of furious bombardment by superior enemy fire power, he was killed on the bridge of his flagship. His courageous initiative, inspiring leadership, and judicious foresight in a crisis of grave responsibility were in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Nevada Data Points

- The United States is increasing US exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **Three** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in Nevada (ranked in revenues):
 - Caesars Entertainment, Las Vegas Sands, MGM Resorts International
- The Navy has a low presence in Nevada with approximately 1,500 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel and assets including NAS Fallon. The importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including Nevada's export shipments of merchandise which in 2010, totaled \$5.9 billion.
- According to an announcement made by the State of Nevada in October 2011, Nevada received a \$239,318 (thousands) Small Business Administration (SBA) grant through the State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Pilot Grant Initiative.
 - STEP aims to increase the number of small businesses exporting and to increase the value of exports for those small businesses currently exporting. In support of the President's National Export Initiative, STEP disperses a two-year, \$30 million annual appropriation targeted to double U.S. exports over the next five years and to give America a competitive edge in the global market.
 - The State of Nevada Office of Economic Development (OED) will administer the grant throughout the state with the goal of filling Nevada's export pipeline.

Nevada Data Points

- A total of 2,319 companies exported goods from Nevada locations in 2009. Of those, 2,034 (88 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated one-quarter 25 percent of Nevada's total exports of merchandise in 2009.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 1.6 percent of Nevada's total private-sector employment. Over one-seventh (14.7 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Nevada depended on exports for their jobs (2009 data latest available).
- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (dollars in thousands):
 - Sierra Health Services, INC. - \$527,349
 - Sierra Nevada Corporation - \$502,042
 - Northrop Grumman Corporation - \$53,345
 - Raytheon Company - \$52,323
 - US Ordinance Inc. - \$51,783
 - Chugach Alaska Corporation - \$32,599
 - Day & Zimmerman, Inc.- \$31,624
 - Science Applications International - \$27,853
 - American Hospital Service Group - \$27,646
 - General Atomic Technologies Co. - \$26,270



Nevada Data Points

- The state's largest export market was Switzerland. Nevada posted merchandise exports of \$2.4 billion to Switzerland in 2010, 41 percent of the state's total merchandise exports. Switzerland was followed by Canada (\$938 million), China (\$456 million), Mexico (\$351 million), and Japan (\$164 million).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was primary metals manufactures, which accounted for \$2.4 billion of Nevada's total merchandise exports in 2010. Other top merchandise exports were computers and electronic products (\$966 million), miscellaneous manufactures (\$734 million), mining (\$731 million), and transportation equipment (\$187 million).
- In 2009, the metropolitan area of Reno-Sparks exported \$1.2 billion in merchandise, 28.2 percent of Nevada's total merchandise exports. Other major metropolitan areas in Nevada that exported in 2009 included Las Vegas-Paradise (\$1.0 billion), and Carson City (\$141 million).

Nevada Data Points

- Three ships have borne the name *USS Nevada*:
 - The first *USS Nevada* (BM-8) was an *Arkansas* class monitor built by Bath Iron Works, ME. Laid down 17 April 1899, launched as *Connecticut* on 24 November 1900, renamed *Nevada* in 1901, and commissioned 5 March 1903. She was based at Bermuda, Azores and Lisbon, Portugal at various times. The *USS Nevada* was decommissioned for disposal in January 1919.
 - The second *USS Nevada* (BB-36), 1916-1948, was first of a class of two 27,500-ton battleships, and built at Quincy, Massachusetts. She was commissioned in March 1916 and operated in the western Atlantic and the Caribbean until mid-1918, when she went to the British Isles for World War I service. *Nevada* was modernized in 1927-30, exchanging her "basket" masts for tripods. She then returned to duty with the U.S. Battle Fleet, mainly operating in the Pacific over the next eleven years. The only battleship able to get underway during the 7 December 1941 Pearl Harbor Raid, *Nevada* was the object of intense attacks by Japanese aircraft. Left in a sinking condition after receiving one torpedo and several bomb hits, she had to be beached. Vigorous salvage work and temporary repairs enabled her to steam to the U.S. west coast in April 1942. Transferred to the Atlantic in mid-1943, her 14" and 5" guns were actively employed during the Normandy Invasion in June 1944 and the Southern France operation in August and September. The battleship then returned to the Pacific, where she assisted with the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa in 1945. Though damaged by a suicide plane on 27 March and by an artillery shell on 5 April, *Nevada* remained in action off Okinawa until June 1945. She spent the remaining months of World War II in the Western Pacific, preparing for the invasion of Japan. With the coming of peace, *Nevada* steamed back to Hawaii. She was too old for retention in the post-war fleet, and was assigned to serve as a target during the July 1946 atomic bomb tests at Bikini, in the Marshall Islands. That experience left her damaged and she was formally decommissioned in August 1946. After two years of inactivity, *USS Nevada* was towed to sea off the Hawaiian islands and sunk by gunfire and torpedoes.



Nevada Data Points

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 - The third USS *Nevada* (SSBN 733) is the eighth ship in the *Ohio* class of Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines and the first submarine in the Navy to bear the name of the state. She has been in commission since 1986. She is a Trident Ballistic Missile Submarine homeported in Bangor, WA. The *Ohio* class submarine offers significant improvements and advantages over the POLARIS/POSEIDON programs in equipment design and it represents the most modern technology in the world.



Nevada Data Points

- Nevada is proud to be home to two Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the Vietnam War:
 - Lieutenant Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Squadron Commander of Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO (VB-102) and as Plane Commander of a PB4Y-1 Patrol Bomber operating against the enemy on Japanese-held Greenwich Island during the battle of the Solomon Islands, 6 July 1943. Fully aware of the limited chance of surviving an urgent mission, voluntarily undertaken to prevent a surprise Japanese attack against our forces, Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis took off in total darkness on a perilous 700-mile flight without escort or support. Successful in reaching his objective despite treacherous winds, low visibility and difficult terrain, he fought a relentless battle under fierce anti-aircraft fire and overwhelming aerial opposition. Forced lower and lower by pursuing planes, he persisted in his mission of destruction. Abandoning all chance of a safe return he executed six ground-level attacks to demolish the enemy's vital radio station, installations, anti-aircraft guns and crews with bombs and machinegun fire, and to destroy one fighter plane in the air and three on the water. Caught in his own bomb blast, Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis crashed into the lagoon off the beach, sacrificing himself in a single-handed fight and making a contribution to driving the Japanese from the Solomons. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

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