

SHIPS NAMED AFTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

CREATED FOR ALL TO ENJOY. HERITAGE, ITS OUR DUTY TO PASS IT ON.
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USS *CHIEF* (MCM-14)

Commissioned: 5 November 1994
Homeport: Saesbo, Japan



Named in honor of all Chief Petty Officers past and present and pays homage to USS CHIEF (AM-315) which was awarded 5 battle stars for her service during WWII. MCM-14's guest speaker at commissioning was Admiral Boorda who was CNO at the time. He was the first Chief of Naval Operations to rise from the enlisted ranks. He specifically requested to be the guest speaker at the event due to the positive impact Chief's had on him throughout his career.

USS CHIEF (AM-315)



USS CHIEF (MCM-14)





THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000
22 September 1994

Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, USN
Chief of Naval Operations
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Boorda:

Our newest mine countermeasures ship CHIEF (MCM 14) is scheduled to be commissioned Saturday, November 5, 1994 at Little Creek, Virginia.

It is my pleasure to invite you to be the principal speaker at this ceremony. Please let me know if you accept this invitation. It should be a splendid occasion for you and for all associated with CHIEF.

Sincerely,

John H. Dalton

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

26 September 1994

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Thank you for the invitation to be the principal speaker for the commissioning of USS CHIEF on 5 November -- of course I'd be honored and I accept.

It's going to be a wonderful day as our newest Mine Countermeasure ship joins our great navy.

All the best, *o V/R*

Mike
J. M. BOORDA
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Honorable John H. Dalton
Secretary of the Navy
Navy Pentagon

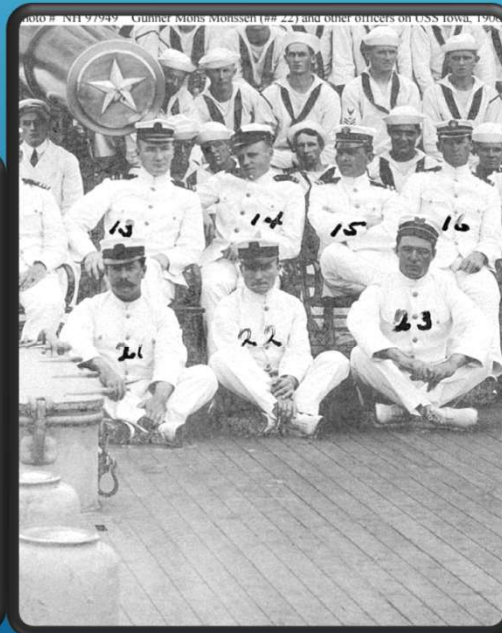
SECNAV John Dalton inviting ADM Boorda (CNO) to speak at USS CHIEF commissioning.

ADM Boorda accepting the invitations. Note the pen and ink remarks by CNO.

USS *MONSSEN* (DD-436/DD-798)

Chief Gunner's Mate Mons Monssen was onboard USS *MISSOURI* (BB-11) when a fire erupted inside the magazine of a turret. He crawled in through a scuttle and doused the flames with his hands until a hose was passed to him. For his actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor. Two ships were named in his honor. The first DD-436 was sunk during The Battle of Guadalcanal.

Commissioned: 14 March 1941
Fate: Sunk by Japanese warships off
Guadalcanal 13 November 1942



Commissioned: 14 February 1944
Decommissioned: 30 April 1946
Recommissioned: 31 October 1951
Decommissioned: September 1957



#22. Pictured as a Gunner (CWO) onboard USS *IOWA* in 1906

USS *BENNETT* (DD-473)

Commissioned: 9 February 1943

Decommissioned: 18 April 1946

Named in honor of Chief Aviation Pilot Floyd Bennett who was the first to fly over the North Pole and back in 1926 with then CDR Richard Byrd. He was awarded the Medal of Honor and commissioned to the warrant rank of Chief Machinist.



Chief Machinist Bennett (CWO) being awarded the MOH from President Calvin Coolidge.

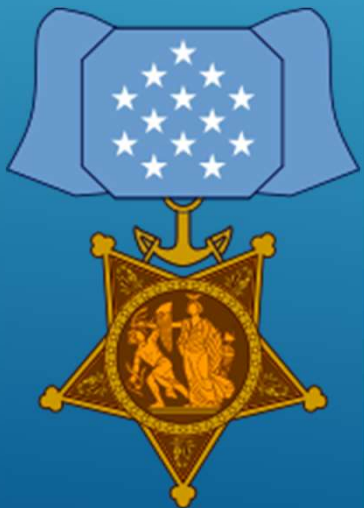


Chief Aviation Pilot Bennett

USS *REEVES* (DE-156)

Commissioned: 9 June 1943
Decommissioned: 13 July 1946

Named in honor of Chief Radioman Thomas J. Reeves who was serving aboard USS *CALIFORNIA* (BB-44) during the attack on Pearl Harbor. In the midst of the fighting Chief Reeves stayed inside the fire and smoke engulfed ship to assist with manual loading of ammunition. He was overcome by the flames and smoke and perished onboard. For his actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor.



USS *PETERSON* (DE-152)

Commissioned: 28 September 1943

Decommissioned: June 1965

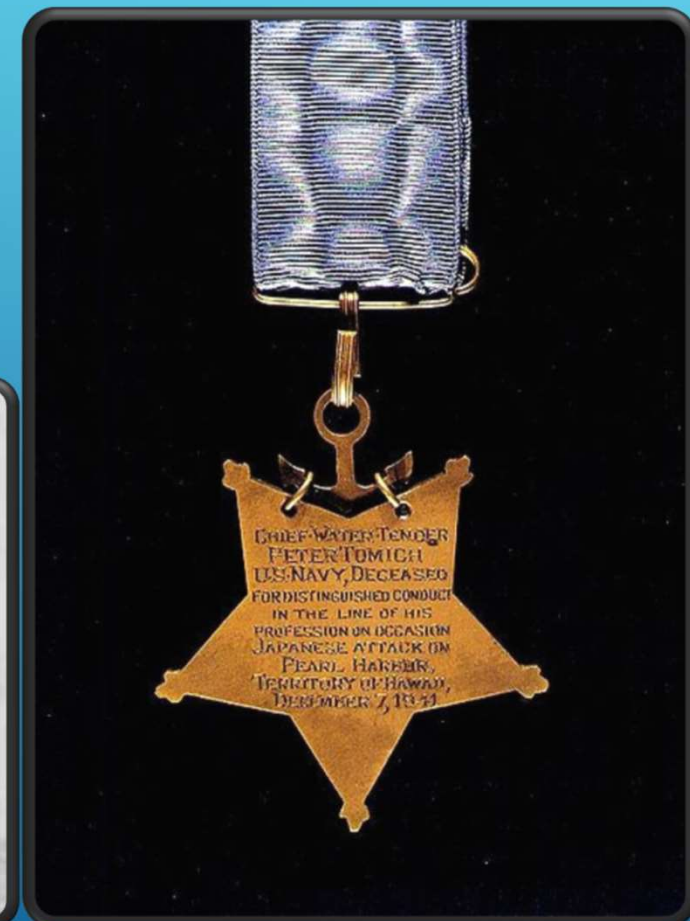
Named in honor of Chief Water Tender Oscar V. Peterson. Chief Peterson was onboard USS *NEOSHO* (AO-23) during The Battle of Coral Sea. During the battle his ship was hit by devastating aerial fire from Japanese bombers. He led a team of Sailors in the securing of various valves and helped keep the ship afloat. In doing so he sustained multiple injuries to include burns to his face, hands, and shoulders. He and 123 other crew members were rescued by USS *HENLEY* where he perished from his injuries two days later. He was buried at sea off the coast of Australia. For his actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor.



USS *TOMICH* (DE-242)

Commissioned: 27 July 1943
Decommissioned: 20 September 1946

Named in honor of Chief Water Tender Peter Tomich. Chief Tomich received the Medal of Honor for his actions onboard USS *UTAH* (BB-31) during the Attack of Pearl Harbor. When Chief Tomich perished there was nobody to posthumously give his MOH to. He had no next of kin and was unmarried. His Medal was on display in Tomich Hall at the Senior Enlisted Academy until 2006 when it was presented to a distant cousin of his onboard USS *ENTERPRISE* off the coast of Croatia.





USS *JOHN KING* (DDG-3)



Commissioned: 4 February 1961
Decommissioned: 30 March 1990

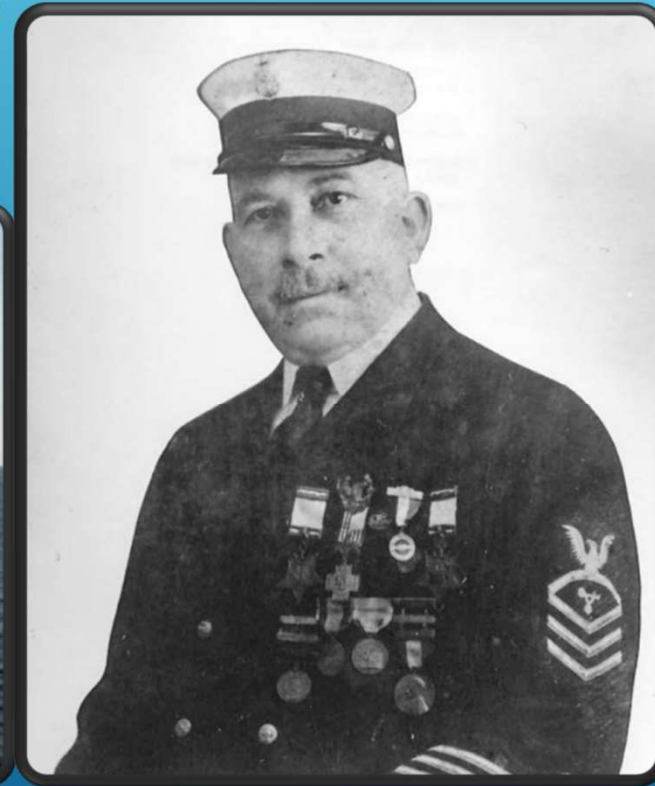
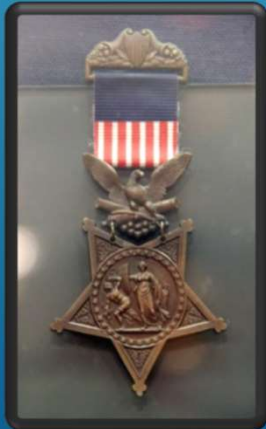
Named in honor of Chief Water Tender John King. CWT King is one of only 19 men to be awarded the Medal of Honor twice. Both in peacetime.

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USS *VICKSBURG* (PG-11)

USS *SALEM* (CL-3)





USS *McFAUL* (DDG-74)



Commissioned: 25 April 1998

Homeport: Norfolk, VA

Named in honor of ENC (SEAL) Donald L. McFaul who was killed in action during OPERATION JUST CAUSE the 1989 invasion of Panama. Chief McFaul ran into enemy fire to evacuate a wounded comrade. In doing so he was mortally wounded. For his actions he was awarded the Navy Cross.





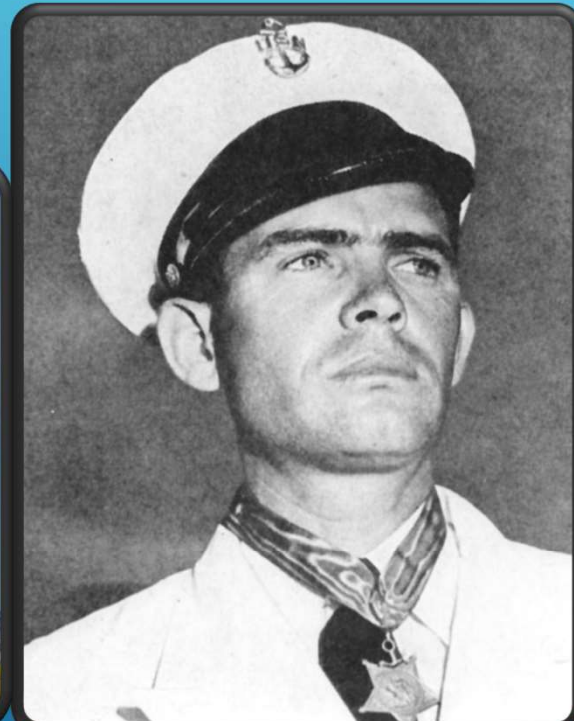
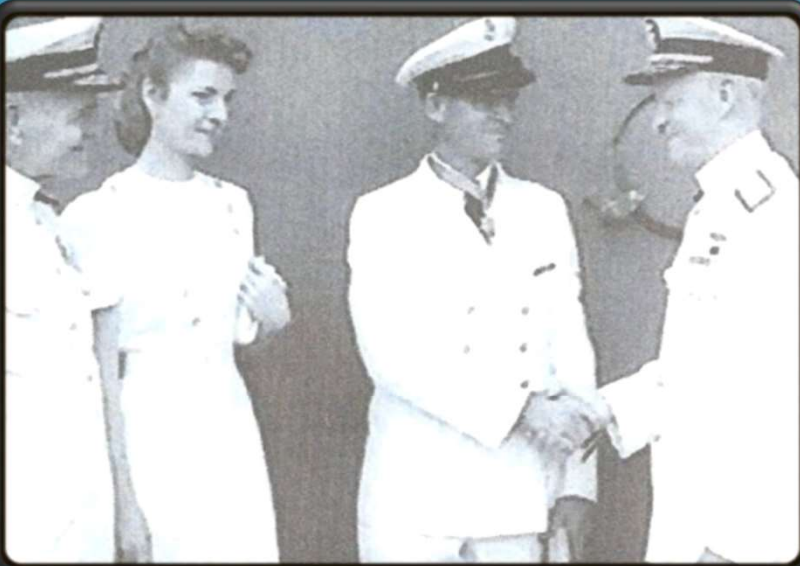
USS *JOHN FINN* (DDG-113)



Commissioned: 15 July 2019

Homeport: San Diego, CA

Named in honor of ACOM John Finn for his heroic actions during the Japanese attack of Pearl Harbor 7 Dec 1941. He was the first of the US Armed Forces to be awarded the MOH for WWII. He was also the only one out of 15 who received the award for valor under attack. The rest of the awardees were for rescue operations.



Admiral Halsey, Alice Finn, Chief John Finn, Admiral Nimitz - Chief Finn receives the Medal of Honor at a ceremony aboard the USS Enterprise (CV-6), 1942



USS *DELBERT D. BLACK* (DDG-119)



Commissioned: 26 September 2020
Homeport: Mayport, FL

Named in honor of MCPON Delbert Black. First Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. A Gunners Mate by trade. Stationed aboard the USS MARYLAND (BB-46) and was onboard during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was the first enlisted Sailor to be awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal.





USNS *CARL BRASHEAR* (T-AKE-7)



In service: 4 March 2009

Named in honor of BMCM (MDV) Carl Brashear. The first African-American Master Diver and first amputee restored to full active duty. Master Chief Brashear was the epitome of perseverance and resiliency





USS *STETHEM* (DDG-63)



Commissioned: 21 October 1995
Homeport: San Diego, CA

Named after Honorary Master Chief Constructionman Robert Stethem who was onboard TWA Flight 847 when hijackers took Stethem and 39 other civilians hostage. He was tortured and eventually shot in the temple. Throughout the event he remained silent and did not feed into their demands. For his actions he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Prisoner of War Medal.





USS *JAMES E. WILLIAMS* (DDG-95)



Commissioned: 11 December 2004
Homeport: Norfolk, VA

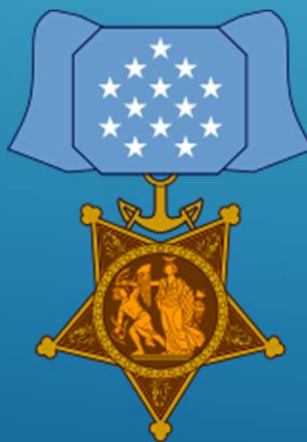
Named after Honorary Chief Boatswain Mate James E. Williams. Williams led a PBR patrol into enemy terrain and is credited for the damage and destruction of 65 sampans and junks. For his actions he was awarded the the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, three Purple Hearts and many other meritorious awards during his 20 year career spanning Korea and Vietnam conflicts. He is recognized as the most decorated enlisted Sailor in the history of the United States Navy.



USS *MICHAEL MONSOOR* (DDG-1001)

Commissioned: 26 January 2019
Homeport: San Diego, CA

Named after Honorary Chief Petty Officer Michael Monsoor. He was killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom 26 September 2006 when he hurled himself on a grenade to protect his comrades. For his actions he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.





Certificate of Appointment
The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
With Great Pride and Pleasure
Hereby Appoints

MA2 Michael A. Monsoor, USN
an
Honorary Chief Petty Officer

The appointee is granted the full honors incumbent to this recognition, and will carefully and diligently perform the duties of an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me, I declare this appointment effective.

Given under my hand this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

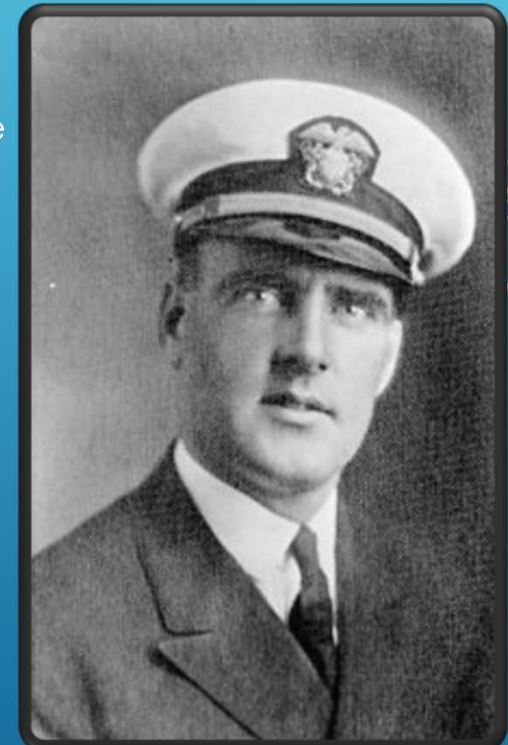
STEVEN S. GIORDANO
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

USS HILL (DE-141)

Commissioned: 21 December 1942

Decommissioned: 7 June 1946

Named in honor of Chief Boatswain Edwin J. Hill who was serving aboard USS NEVADA (BB-36) during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The NEVADA was the only Battleship to get underway during the attack in large part to his efforts. He dove off the fantail, swam ashore and undid the mooring line. As the ship steamed out he again jumped in, swam back to the ship climbed aboard and resumed his duties. The ship took heavy enemy fire and his body was found riddled with bullet wounds. For his actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor.



Pictured as Chief Boatswain (CWO)