



USS Oregon (SSN 793) Commissioning Committee Portland Council Navy League of the United States P.O. Box 2985, Portland, OR 97208

SHIP'S SPONSOR - Mrs. Dana L. Richardson

In the fall of 2020 the U.S. Navy will commission the USS Oregon (SSN 793), the twentieth submarine of the Virginia-Class and the second ship ever named for the State of Oregon. It's anticipated the Commissioning Ceremony will be at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, CT. This is a great honor for our community and acknowledges our contribution to the nation's defense. We, the members of the USS Oregon Commissioning Committee, seek your support in honoring the crew and celebrating our ship's entry into the fleet, delivering advanced capabilities for undersea supremacy.

The U.S. Navy conducts a formal commissioning ceremony but is prohibited from funding all the traditional celebrations and customs that welcome a new ship into the fleet. These are activities which help connect the ship and crew with its namesake state. Therefore, our Committee, supported by the Navy League of the United States Portland Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, accepted responsibility to fund and host these memorable events for the ship, her crew, our State, and citizens. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 to fully support events and bring this great ship into the fleet.

We are asking donors to provide a tax-deductible contribution toward creating an unforgettable experience for those who serve aboard the USS Oregon, as well as their families and our citizens. Your participation in these events will honor the ship, her Officers and crew, and help us establish a lifetime relationship between USS Oregon sailors and the citizens of the State of Oregon. Join us in holding superior commissioning events that celebrate the ship, perpetuate the memory of her illustrious predecessor, and commend our great State.

Please select the most appropriate contribution level for your organization and send your contribution to "USS Oregon Commissioning Portland Council NLUS" at P.O. BOX 2985, Portland, OR 97208. Please identify the point of contact in your company so we may acknowledge your contribution and keep you informed about the progress of commissioning events.

### Sincerely,

**Commissioning Committee** Co-Chair-Arlo Gatchel Co-Chair-Jim Lasher Treasurer-Lorene Bay Outreach-Steve Daniels

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# **USS Oregon Ship's Crest Description**

- Latin "ALIS VOLAT PROPIIS" The official English version of the motto is "She flies with her own wings". This is the state motto of Oregon.
- Salmon This is the Chinook salmon, which is the official state fish; these also double a unique take on the Submarine warfare badge, gold for officers and silver for enlisted.
- The mountain range in the background is the border for Crater Lake National Park. Formed 7,700 years ago after the violent volcanic eruption of Mt. Mazama, it is the deepest lake in the United States at 1,949 feet deep. The island inside the crater "Wizard Island" was formed after a series of smaller eruptions.
- Silhouette BB-3 This is the 1<sup>st</sup> and only previous USS OREGON.
- Gold Star This has dual symbolism; it is another reference to BB-3 and the Oregon Trail, overlaid on the state, ends at the gold star representative of the Oregon Trail, Oregon City.
- Eagle This is derived from the state seal. The eagle also features 33 discernible feathers; this aligns with Oregon being the 33<sup>rd</sup> state admitted to the union.

## **Donation Levels**

<u>Chief of the Boat: \$100+</u> Recognition in Commemorative Program USS Oregon Lapel Pin (1)

#### Ensign: \$250+

Recognition in Commemorative Program Honorary Plank Owner's Certificate (1) USS Oregon Challenge Coin (1) USS Oregon Lapel Pin (1)

Ltjg: \$500+ Recognition in Commemorative Program Website Mention Honorary Plank Owner's Plaque (1) USS Oregon Challenge Coin (1) USS Oregon Lapel Pin (1)

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#### Lt Commander: \$2,500+

Recognition in Commemorative Program Website Mention Honorary Plank Owner's Plaque (1) USS Oregon Challenge Coin (2) USS Oregon Lapel Pin (4)

#### <u>Commander: \$5,000+</u> Recognition in Commemorative Program Website Mention Honorary Plank Owner's Plaque (2) USS Oregon Challenge Coin (4) USS Oregon Lapel Pin (6)

#### Captain: \$10,000+

Recognition in Commemorative Program Website Logo Placement Honorary Plank Owner's Plaque (4) USS Oregon Challenge Coin (6) USS Oregon Lapel Pin (8)

#### Admiral: \$25,000+

Memorabilia, Recognition, and Invitations at the donor's request.

In addition, each donation level will receive invitations to certain Commissioning functions, either in New London, CT or Portland, OR as specified on the Commissioning website

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