

Western Connecticut Navy League Adopts Submarine USS Connecticut (SSN 22)

STAMFORD, Conn, (July 12, 2016) - - The officers and crew of the nuclear powered, fast attack submarine, USS Connecticut (SSN 22), were officially adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of the United States Navy League on June 10, 2016.

The Connecticut, whose ship's motto is the "Arsenal of the Nation", is commanded by Commander Brian C. Taddiken and is comprised of approximately 20 officers with 150 enlisted crewmembers and is attached to Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5 (COMSUBDEVRON FIVE).

The adoption formalizes the Western Connecticut Council's commitment to enhance the morale and general well-being of Connecticut's crew and their families throughout the life of the ship. Both the ship's leadership and the Council's Board are looking forward to forging a strong relationship.

Taddiken commented, "As we prepare for moving out of the yards and into an operational status, we are thrilled to have sponsorship by the Navy League's Western Connecticut Council. This relationship will result in extending the state's western borders all the way out to Bremerton, Washington and will greatly benefit the Warriors of the Double Deuce and their families."

Since its inception more than a century ago, the U.S. Navy League has been recognized for patriotism, strength of spirit and commitment to provide support for the U.S. sea services. One of the ways the Navy League provides this type of support is through the ship adoption program.

Retired Captain Gerry Tighe, President of the Navy League's Western Connecticut Council reflected, "Our organization has been very active supporting a number of initiatives in support of the sea services, including youth programs such as Stamford, Connecticut based "Dealey Division" of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. We also support Naval Junior ROTC programs at Bethel and Brien McMahan high schools, a Connecticut based US Navy SEAL recruiting assistance program, and sponsorship of the Norfolk-based USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81). With this new endeavor, we are honored and proud to be affiliated with such a mighty ship. The officers and crew of the USS Connecticut are true heroes, who work 24/7 on

behalf of our great country, and it is important to recognize the sacrifice they and their families make, and it is our intention to show appreciation and support.”

The USS Connecticut is one of three Seawolf-class, nuclear powered, fast attack submarines, and is one of the most technologically advanced weapons platforms in the United States Navy. She was commissioned on December 11, 1998 in Groton, Connecticut, and is the fifth ship to bear the name. Previous ships of the state’s namesake saw combat service during the Revolutionary War, the Quasi-War with France, the Civil War, and as a battleship, which served as the Flagship of President Theodore Roosevelt’s Great White Fleet. The official motto, “Arsenal of the Nation” reflects both the ship’s tremendous firepower and the State of Connecticut’s long history of military materiel production.

The Connecticut is currently engaged in a Depot Modernization Period at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Western CT Council membership is open to any citizen interested in learning more about the sea services and supporting them. Further information is on the Council’s website at: www.navyleaguewestct.org



USS Connecticut executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Benjamin P. Grant (left), with Western CT Council board member Ted Jenkins, formally agreeing to the ship’s adoption in Bremerton, Washington.



USS Connecticut underway on sea trials off New England circa 1998. Electric Boat photo.



USS Connecticut (foreground) with carrier USS George Washington (CVN-73) in the Pacific in November 2009. US Navy photo.