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Navy Commissions Littoral Combat Ship USS Indianapolis



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BURNS HARBOR, Ind. (NNS) -- The Navy's newest littoral combat ship, **USS Indianapolis (LCS 17)**, was commissioned Oct. 26 at Burns Harbor.

Burns Harbor is known for producing steel and has a long, rich history of supporting U.S. defense capabilities.

The ceremony honored veterans of USS Indianapolis (CA 35), a cruiser which sunk in the final days of World War II after completing a secret mission to deliver components for an atomic bomb. Her crew spent several days in the water awaiting rescue.

LCS class ships allow the Navy to strengthen its partnership with other countries' navies and coast guards. LCSs perform maritime security operations, theater security cooperation engagements, and freedom of navigation patrols – keeping critical maritime commerce routes open. Littoral combat ships are able to patrol the littorals and access ports where other ships may be unable.

USS Indianapolis (LCS 17) will be homeported in Naval Station Mayport, Florida.



191020-N-BM202-1147 LAKE MICHIGAN (Oct. 20, 2019) The future USS Indianapolis (LCS 17) transits Lake Michigan toward Naval Station Great Lakes for a Sail by and Salute. The Navy will commission the littoral combat ship, Oct. 26, 2019 in Burns Harbor, Indiana. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Camilo Fernan/Released)

Webmaster's Note: The ship's motto, "Legacy of War," reflects that ships named Indianapolis have served in World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. LCS 17 is the fourth ship to bear the name. More than 8,000 people attended the commissioning ceremony including Indiana residents and friends and family of the crew.