

PHOTO BRIEF:

USS Delaware Officers Visit Capitol

MARCH 25, 2019 – The officers of the new USS Delaware (SSN 791) were welcomed to the capitol Thursday (3/21).

Commander Brian Hogan, Commanding Officer (*in photo*); Lieutenant Commander Joshua Hodge, Executive Officer; and Master Chief Richard Heering, Chief of Boat; were honored for their current and future service on the first U.S. Navy vessel to bear the Delaware name in nearly a century.



There have been six previous ships christened USS Delaware. The first was a 24-gun frigate built during the Revolutionary War. The last was a battleship decommissioned in 1923 as part of an arms reduction treaty.

The latest incarnation of the USS Delaware is a 377-foot (Block III) Virginia-class fast attack submarine. It is designed to seek and destroy other submarines and surface ships, as well as transport U.S. special operations units, and carry out intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

The vessel was christened in October and will be commissioned later this year.