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Future Commissioning of the USS Delaware Celebrated

State, federal, and U.S. Navy officials gathered in Wilmington this week to celebrate the near completion of the USS Delaware.

The 377-foot Virginia-class fast attack submarine 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.

When SSN 791 enters service sometime next year, it will be the most technologically advanced submarine of its type in the world. It will also be the first U.S. Navy vessel to bear the name "Delaware" in nearly a century. The earlier USS Delaware (BB-28), a dreadnought battleship, was decommissioned in late 1923.

In top photo: The USS Indiana (SSN 789) is a Block III Virginia-class fast attack submarine, identical to the USS Delaware. *(Photo courtesy of Huntington Ingalls Industries.)*



In second photo: State Reps. Rich Collins, Dave Wilson, Harvey Kenton, Ruth Briggs King, and Joe Miro were among the elected leaders who took part in the occasion. The USS Delaware's commanding officer, Cmdr. Brian P. Hogan, is in the front row, center-right.

In photo at right: The ship logo for the USS Delaware.