



USS CLEVELAND
LEGACY FOUNDATION

USS Cleveland (LCS 31)

SHIP SPONSORSHIP

By tradition, the ship sponsor is a female civilian chosen to bestow good luck and divine protection over the vessel and all that sail aboard. She is considered a permanent member of the ship's crew and is expected to advocate for its continued service and well-being.

Mrs. Robyn Modly was named Ship Sponsor of USS Cleveland (LCS 31). She is the wife of Cleveland native and 33rd Under Secretary of the Navy, Tom Modly. Tom advocated for another USS Cleveland to reconnect the city to the Navy. His efforts were successful when his boss, Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, named LCS 31 "Cleveland" and honored Robyn by naming her as the ship sponsor.

THE SHIP

The USS Cleveland (LCS 31) is a Freedom-class littoral combat ship of the United States Navy. She is the fourth commissioned ship named after Cleveland. The ship is being built on the shores of the Great Lakes in Marinette, WI with Ohio contractors and suppliers contributing to her construction.

Crew Size: 110

Length: 378'

Speed: 54 mph/47 knots

Depth: 14.5'

Range: 3,500 mi @ 18 knots/21mph

Displacement: 3,500 tons

USS CLEVELAND (LCS 31) TIMELINE

Phase I: Contract through Commissioning

- Keel Laying: June 16, 2021 in Marinette, WI
- Christening: April 15, 2023 in Marinette, WI on Lake Michigan
- Commissioning Week: Summer 2025 on Lake Erie in Cleveland

Phase II: Service Life & Crew Support

- STEAM Stars Educational Programming to engage and inspire schoolchildren (K-12) and our community.
- Adopting a Sailor during their tour of duty on the ship. Each sailor will be sponsored by a business, organization, school, church or family based in Cleveland.
- Offering Career Transition Support, connecting those who have served on board LCS 31 with employers in northeast Ohio.

Phase III: Retirement as Museum

Phase III begins as the end of the ship's service life approaches. The goal is to return the ship to Cleveland to be docked in front of the Great Lakes Science Center and become a permanent museum.

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