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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF A NAME TO A GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER

1. Purpose. To advise addressees of the approved name for a guided missile cruiser under construction.
2. Classification and Name.

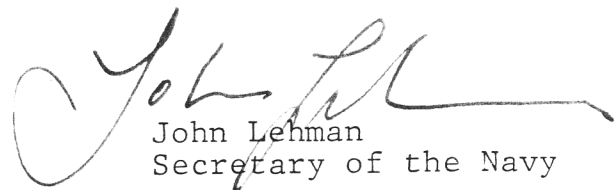
CLASSIFICATION

NAME

CG 59

PRINCETON

3. Name Source. PRINCETON (CG 59) commemorates the famous battle fought in New Jersey during the American Revolution (2-3 January 1777). Five former U. S. Navy ships have borne this name. The first (1843-1849) was the U. S. Navy's first screw steam warship and served primarily in the Home and Mediterranean Squadrons. The second (1852-1866) served as flagship of a special squadron formed to protect American fishing interests and ultimately was employed as a receiving ship at Philadelphia (1857-1866). The third (1898-1919) was a gunboat which operated in the Philippines during the Insurrection (1900) and performed expeditionary service off Nicaragua (1907-1909). The fourth (1943-1944) was an aircraft carrier, converted from a light cruiser, which operated with distinction in the Pacific during World War II, winning nine battle stars before she was lost in the Battle of Leyte Gulf on 25 October 1944. The fifth (1945-1970) was an ESSEX class carrier which won eight battle stars for Korean War service and, after having been converted to a helicopter carrier, a further six battle stars for Vietnam War service.


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Secretary of the Navy

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