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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Assignment of a name to a naval ship

1. Purpose. This notice advises addressees of the approved name for a naval ship under construction.
2. Classification and name. The following name is hereby effective:

CLASSIFICATION

NAME

SSBN 728

FLORIDA

3. Name source. This TRIDENT class fleet ballistic missile submarine is named for the state of Florida which became the 27th state to join the Union on 3 March 1845. Known as the "Sunshine State," its 8,000-mile coastline has enabled a maritime tradition dating back to 1821 when a naval base was established at Key West. The following year, the site was acquired for a naval shipyard at Pensacola, now a seat of naval aviation. Other major naval facilities and stations are located in or near Jacksonville, Mayport, and Orlando. Former naval ships of the name were a sloop of 1824-1831; a side-wheel steamer of the Civil War; a steam frigate which served during 1869-1885; Monitor Number 9 which served from 1903 to 1922; and the battleship BB 30 which served during World War I. Confederate States naval ships named FLORIDA were a pilot schooner; a steamer which served as a blockade runner; and the famous Confederate raider which captured 37 prizes during her impressive career as a cruiser of the Civil War.

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