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SUBJ/FY26 PROJECTED SHIP INACTIVATION SCHEDULE (UPDATED COPY)//

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REF/B/DOC/OPNAVINST 5400.44B/20230419//  
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NARR/REFERENCE A IS NAVADMIN 195/25, INITIAL FY26 PROJECTED SHIP INACTIVATION SCHEDULE.

REFERENCE B IS NAVY ORGANIZATION CHANGE MANUAL (NOCM) FOR SUBMITTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE REQUESTS (OCR) TO INCLUDE SHIP DECOMMISSIONINGS OR INACTIVATIONS.

REFERENCE C IS OPNAV POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR THE INACTIVATION, RETIREMENT, AND DISPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS.//

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RMKS/1. This message supersedes reference (a) and shall be read in its entirety to ensure all stakeholders in the ship inactivation process are aware of the projected retirement schedule for fiscal year 2026 (FY26), their respective responsibilities, necessary follow-up actions, and planning required. Ship retirement decisions reflected in paragraph 2 below are adjusted for Congressional action.

2. To facilitate fleet planning efforts to conduct decommissioning continuous maintenance availability (CMAV) or inactivation availability (INAC), the projected schedule for inactivating U.S. battle force and non-battle force naval vessels in FY26 is promulgated as follows:

Ship Name Status	Proj Inactive Date	Post Inactive
USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750)	31JAN26	RECYCLE
USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)	04AUG26	RECYCLE
USS SHILOH (CG 67)	30SEP26	LSA
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70)	30SEP26	LSA
USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3)	31JUL26	DISMANTLE
USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42)	29SEP26	LSA
USNS RED CLOUD (T-AKR 313)	30SEP26	XFER TO MARAD
USNS WATKINS (T-AKR 315)	01JUL26	XFER TO MARAD
USNS POMEROY (T-AKR 316)	01APR26	XFER TO MARAD
USNS VADM K. R. WHEELER (T-AG-5001)	01JUL26	XFER TO MARAD
USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194)	31JUL26	LSA
USNS PECOS (T-AO 197)	31JUL26	XFER TO MARAD
USNS BIG HORN (T-AO 198)	31MAR26	XFER TO MARAD

3. Per reference (b), Fleet Commanders shall submit an Organizational Change Request for commissioned U.S. ships to formally notify the Office of the

Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) of a ship's decommissioning, inactivation, or end of service. Submit revisions due to operational schedule changes per references (b) and (c). It is the responsibility of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in coordination with their respective TYCOM to ensure the appropriate lower echelon commands are notified of any changes in the ship inactivation schedules, as well as Integrated Warfare (OPNAV N9I) and OPNAV resource sponsor.

4. Adjustments to paragraph 2 ship inactivations that cross the current fiscal year must be coordinated with OPNAV N9I due to Congressional requirements for execution year force structure changes that differ from what Congress authorized/appropriated and signed into law by the President. OPNAV shall promulgate changes to the inactivation fiscal year as required.

5. Per reference (c), the ships listed in paragraph 2 as Logistics Support Assets (LSA) will be used as a primary means of cannibalization and equipment removal for ships. Cannibalizations and equipment removal from these vessels is authorized without replacement.

6. The ship's commanding officer, masters, or Immediate Superior In Command, shall submit a final naval message (normally transmitted in conjunction with the decommissioning ceremony) announcing the ship's official retirement date and include a brief history of the significant events in the life of the ship per reference (c). The Naval History and Heritage Command (NAVHISTHERITAGE WASHINGTON DC) and Naval Vessel Register Custodian (NVR NORFOLK VA), shall be included as INFO addressees.

7. Released by RADM M. D. Behning, Acting Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (N9).//

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