

Naval Station Everett Future Homeport for New Constellation Class Frigates



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EVERETT, Wash. – Naval Station Everett was designated as the Navy's future homeport for the initial ships of the next generation of guided missile frigates, a new and improved class of small surface combatant ships, the commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet said in a June 2 release.

As an important homeport for Navy ships, Naval Station Everett will continue to support the fleet, its service members, and their families.

Everett will serve as the homeport for 12 Constellation-class Frigates, with a future Navy homeport decision planned for the following ships. The Navy's homeporting plan will ensure forces are optimally postured to support national security.

The new Constellation-class frigates will be built with improved capability to support the National Defense Strategy goal of achieving a resilient and agile force more quickly and affordably.

This new class of frigate are designed to be agile, multi-mission warships, capable of operations in both blue-water and littoral environments, within a strike group or independently, to provide increased combat-credible forward presence.

Specifically, Constellation-class frigates will include an

Enterprise Air Surveillance Radar, Baseline Ten Aegis Combat System, Mk41 Vertical Launch System, enhanced C4ISR capabilities, Mk110 57mm Gun, countermeasures, and added design flexibility for future growth.

Last year the Navy awarded a contract to build the first new frigate, the USS Constellation (FFG 62), scheduled to be delivered in 2026.

The previous Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates entered service between 1977 and 1989. They were decommissioned between 1994 and 2015. The last Everett homeported frigate, USS Rodney M. Davis, was decommissioned in 2015.

The Navy's Surface Force is the preeminent means available for our nation to protect its interests and sustain its prosperity around the globe. The Navy remains focused on building and deploying combat ready, battle-minded teams capable of carrying out their missions today and tomorrow, at home and abroad. Constellation-class frigates will help us do that and enable us to maintain our advantage at sea.

As a shore installation, Naval Station Everett supports the fleet so that active and reserve military are ready to operate in the interest of national defense. The Navy plans to increase capabilities across the enterprise. For shore installations, that includes improvements that offer greater capacity for support to a growing number of Navy ships in the fleet.