

Navy Details 2022 Ship Retirement Schedule



The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), shown here in 2012, has been listed for recycling according to the Navy's planned ship retirement schedule for fiscal 2022. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Chris Salisbury*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has determined its planned ship retirement schedule for fiscal 2022. The list includes 22 ships, including 15 battle force ships.

In a July 2 administrative message, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations announced the plans to decommission 19 ship ships from the fleet and remove from service three ships from the Military Sealift Command.

The list includes two Los Angeles-class attack submarines (SSNs); seven Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers (CGs);

five Cyclone-class coastal patrol ships (PCs) and four littoral combat ships (LCSs) – three Freedom-class and one Independence-class LCS. The PCs are forward deployed to the Persian Gulf; they are not considered battle force ships.

The Navy is proposing to retire seven Ticonderoga-class CGs during fiscal 2022, including two – USS Hue City and USS Anzio – which were not previously planned for retirement. The material condition of the cruisers' hull and mechanical systems has attracted considerable concern while the cost of keeping the cruisers in service has risen.

Vice Adm. Jim Kilby, deputy chief of naval operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities, testified June 17 before the Seapower and Projection Forces subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee that retaining the seven CGs would cost roughly \$5 billion across the Future Years Defense Plan. Retaining the ships for two years would cost more than \$2.87 billion. He said the cost to modernize Hue City and Anzio alone would cost approximately \$1.5 billion.

Extending the service lives of the cruisers “is costing more than we thought it would be,” he said. “Initially it was \$2.4 billion, but we’re adding a lot of money to do that.”

The proposed cruiser retirements have been criticized by some in Congress as antithetical to growing the fleet to meet the demands of great power competition.

The decommissioning of some littoral combat ships also has attracted congressional attention, given that they are relatively new ships.

Congressional mark-ups of defense bills may challenge some of the proposed retirements.

The ships to be retired and the dates in 2022 by which they scheduled for retirement are listed below:

Ship Name	Inactive Status	Projected Inactivation
(All dates in 2022 except where noted)		
USS Tempest (PC 2)	Foreign Military Sales	March 29
USS Typhoon (PC5)	Foreign Military Sales	March 14
USS Squall (PC 7)	Foreign Military Sales	April 10
USS Firebolt (PC 10)	Foreign Military Sales	March 1
USS Whirlwind (PC 11)	Foreign Military Sales	April 24
USS San Jacinto (CG 56)	Reserve	Sept. 30
USS Lake Champlain (CG 57)	Reserve	March 31
USS Monterey (CG 61)	Reserve	Feb. 22
USS Hue City (CG 66)	Reserve	March 31
USS Anzio (CG 68)	Reserve	March 31
USS Vella Gulf (CG 72)	Reserve	Feb. 18
USS Port Royal (CG 73)		March
31	Reserve	

USS Fort Worth (LCS 31)	Reserve	March 31
USS Coronado (LCS 4)	Reserve	March 31
USS Detroit (LCS 7)	Reserve	March 31
USS Little Rock (LCS 9)	Reserve	March 31
USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41)	Reserve	April 30
USS Providence (SSN 719)	Recycle	Dec. 2 (2021)
USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723)	Recycle	June 21
USNS Apache (T-ATF 172)	Disposal	June 30
USNS 1st LT Harry L. Martin (T-AK 2015)	Disposal	Dec. 30
USNS LCPL Roy M. Wheat (T-AK 3016)	Disposal	Dec. 31