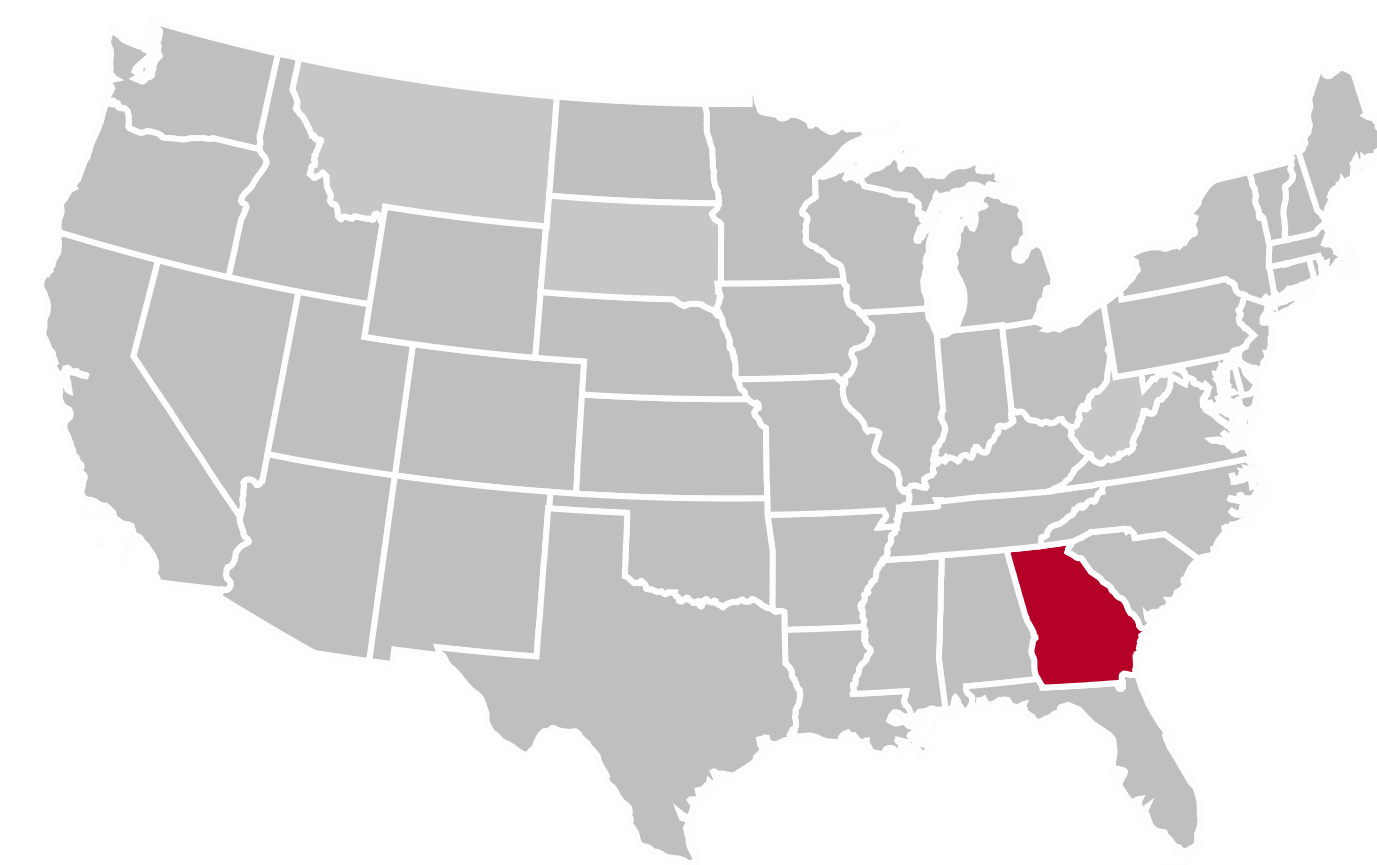




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USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)

Named after Carl Vinson, a successful Georgia politician and U.S. Navy advocate, the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier was commissioned in 1982 in Newport News, VA. USS Carl Vinson has operated on multiple deployments including Operation Enduring Freedom. Vice Adm. Charles W. Moore honored her participation in the operation by saying, "History will record that the USS Carl Vinson battle group made the most significant contribution to our nation's military response to the tragic events of September 11." USS Carl Vinson visited Vietnam in 2018, the first time a U.S. carrier visited the country since the Vietnam War.

At least 37 ships have been named after the state of Georgia, its cities, places and people. A few of those ships include:

- Atlanta II (Protected Cruiser), 1886
- USS Atlanta III (CL 51), 1941
- USS Atlanta IV (CL 104), 1944
- USS Atlanta V (SSN 712), 1982
- Augusta I (Brig), 1799
- Augusta II (SwStr), 1861
- USS Augusta III (SP 946), 1917
- USS Barrow (APA 61), 1944
- USS Baxley (Freighter), 1918
- USS Bulloch County (LST 509), 1944
- USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), 1982
- Chatham I (SwStr), 1864
- USS Chatham II (AK), 1918
- USS Chatham III (AK 169), 1945
- USS Colquitt (AK 174), 1945
- USS Conasauga (AOG 15), 1943
- USS Elba (AG 132), 1947
- USS Escambia (AO 80), 1943
- Georgia I (BB 15), 1906
- USS Georgia II (SSBN 729), 1984
- USS Gwinnett (AVS 5), 1945
- USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23), 2005
- USS Jekyl (AG 135), 1947
- USS Macon (ZRS 5), 1933
- USS Nahunta (Brig), 1917
- USS Ochlockonee (AOG 33), 1944
- USS Oconee (AOG 34), 1945
- USS Ogeechee (AOG 35), 1944
- USS Richard B. Russell (SSN 687), 1975
- Savannah I (Gy), 1799
- Savannah II (Fr), 1844
- USS Savannah III (AS 8), 1917
- USS Savannah IV (CL 42), 1938
- USS Savannah V (AOR 4), 1970
- USS Screven (AK 210), 1945
- Suwanee I (SwGbt), 1865
- USS Suwannee II (AO 33), 1941

PEOPLE



Martha Herb
Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. Martha Herb was born in Atlanta, GA and in 1979, she was one of the first women officers to graduate from the Naval School of Diving and Salvage in Washington, D.C. She would later be selected into the Women Diver's Hall of Fame. Rear Adm. Herb is currently serving as the Director of the Inter-American Defense College and is the recipient of numerous personal decorations and campaign medals.



James Earl (Jimmy) Carter Jr.
Lieutenant

The 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter was born in Plains, GA, on Oct. 1, 1924. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946 and then the U.S. Navy Submarine School in 1948. Carter served as the executive officer, engineering officer, and electronics repair officer aboard USS K-1 (SSK 1) during 1951, and as a lieutenant with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission from 1952-1953. Upon moving back home in 1953, Carter resigned from the Navy, was honorably discharged, and began his political career shortly thereafter. SSN 23 was named in his honor and commissioned in 2005.



David L. McDonald
Chief of Naval Operations

Adm. David L. McDonald was born in Maysville, GA, in 1906. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1928 he went on to become a successful naval aviator during World War II. After the war ended, he served on the staff of Commander Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He served as Deputy to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, and in 1963 was named Commander in Chief, Naval Forces, Europe. He took the position as Chief of Naval Operations when the confrontation in Vietnam was heating up and oversaw deployment of SEALs and other U.S. naval forces to that region. Admiral McDonald passed away on Aug. 1, 1967.

PLACES



Did you know...?

Sailing from Georgia, SS Savannah was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic.



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

In 1954, the Army acquired Kings Bay to build an ocean terminal for use during national emergencies. Completed in 1958, the terminal was never used for its intended purpose and lay dormant until its transition to the Navy in 1978. In 1979 the site was selected as the Navy's preferred East Coast site for the Ohio-class submarine. The base is currently home to a number of guided and ballistic-missile submarines.

Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Atlanta



The mission of NOSC Atlanta is to generate mobilization readiness by providing administrative services, training support, and world class customer service to Reserve personnel in support of surge and operational requirements for the Navy and Marine Corps team and Joint Forces.