

Sample Letter

Office of the Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Mister Secretary:

I wish to formally and respectfully request that the Secretary of the Navy name a future United States Ship, SARATOGA.

As a Former US Navy Sailor, I served aboard the SARATOGA from XXXX through XXXX as a (Job Title). I was very proud to have served aboard SARATOGA, and I would look forward to seeing her name on a newly commissioned United States Navy Ship.

There have been six warships designated SARATOGA, beginning with an 18-gun sloop in 1780 through the CV-3, a WWII era carrier (sunk at Bikini Atoll - July 1946), to the most recent version, the CVA-60/CV-60 (decommissioned August 1994). All six United States Navy Ships named SARATOGA served our nation with pride and distinction.

I believe that there are facets of the last two versions of the SARATOGA (CV-3 and CV-60) that would make a good framework for a future version of the SARATOGA.

- Having an “organic” Marine element, as the aircraft carriers had a Marine Corp element aboard.
- Have a Navy/Marine Corp Aviation element, in keeping with the aviation tradition.
- And, in continuing to honor the famous Revolutionary War battle, it should be a combatant ship.

With that said, I believe that an amphibious platform, possibly one of the Navy’s new America-class LHA Replacement platforms, would be well-suited to carry on the name SARATOGA. With this year being the 250th Birthday of our Nation, coupled with the significance of the famous American Revolutionary battle that occurred in Saratoga Springs, NY, it would be very fitting to bring a seventh SARATOGA to life.

I hope that you will consider returning this proud name to active duty in the US Navy Fleet.

Respectfully yours,