



“The future USS IDAHO SSN 799 is a leading-edge Virginia Class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine being built by General Dynamics Electric Boat in Connecticut. She will be christened the spring of 2024, and is likely to be commissioned into the Navy fleet during the spring of 2025. Much of the advanced acoustic stealth technology came from the US Navy’s premier Acoustic Research Laboratory in Bayview Idaho on Lake Pend Oreille and is home to the largest unmanned submarine in the world. The Navy facility is located on the former Camp Farragut; the second largest of seven Navy bootcamps in WWII, training almost 300k sailors during the war.” ([USS Idaho Commissioning Committee \(ussidahocommittee.org\)](http://ussidahocommittee.org) )

The USS Idaho will be christened with water from Lake Pend Oreille and various bodies of water in Idaho! SSN 799 will be the fifth U.S. Navy ship to be named for the Gem State. The last ship to carry the name was a New Mexico-class battleship that served during World War II.

The Chamber and the Community Center did provide a luncheon for the group traveling to promote the USS Idaho September of 2023.

The Chamber was asked to sponsor a **“Watch Party”** for the christening on March 16th. With the much needed assistance from former Base Commander Alan Griffiths, the Chamber will host the party on:

**March 16th 10:00 am at the Bayview Community Center, snacks will be served and anyone is welcome to come and celebrate this historic moment.**

**Bayview is our Village, the USS Idaho is very much a part of our heritage!**