

WELCOME ABOARD

USS RUSSELL

DDG 59



STRENGTH IN FREEDOM!

INFORMATION ABOUT USS RUSSELL



COAT OF ARMS

SHIELD:

Dark blue and gold are the colors traditionally associated with the Navy. Gold is emblematic of excellence and red denotes valor and sacrifice. The red wedge and the trident symbolize DDG 59's modern warfare capabilities: Aegis and Vertical Launch Systems. The three tines represent submarine, surface and air warfare. The wedge superimposed on the wave alludes to General Russell's leadership and vision in the development of the Fleet Marine Force and amphibious doctrine. The two gauntlets symbolize the two RUSSELLs and highlight teamwork and cooperation. The wavy divisions of the shield represent a river and underscore Rear Admiral Russell's service in coastal and river campaigns during the Mexican War and Civil War. The sun and light blue reflect the tropical climate of the Gulf Coast and Caribbean, referring to both Russell's service in the Gulf of Mexico and General Russell's extended service in Haiti. The sun and light blue also highlight the south and west Pacific service of the first USS RUSSELL (DD 414) in World War II.

CREST:

The sixteen-sided shield and star commemorate the first USS RUSSELL's sixteen battle stars earned during World War II. The gold star also denotes command and authority. The stylized Oriental dragon symbolizes strength, vigilance and service in the Orient and Pacific.

SUPPORTERS:

The crossed naval officer sword and Mameluke signify the special relationship between the Navy and Marine Corps in projecting power from the sea. The unique character of naval service is embodied in the Russell family where two distinguished Officers, father and son, served their respective services and their country with honor on land and sea.

MOTTO: "STRENGTH IN FREEDOM." The real strength of our country is that, for over 200 years, Americans have fought and died for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Hence, "Strength in Freedom."

COMMISSIONED: 20 MAY 1995

LOCATION: Pascagoula, MS

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DIMENSIONS:

Displacement:

Light: approx. 6,800 long tons (6,900 t)

Full: approx. 8,900 long tons (9,000 t)

Length: 505 ft (154 m)

Beam: 66 ft (20 m)

Draft: 31 ft (9.4 m)

Speed: 30+ Knots

WEAPONS:

1 × 29 cell, 1 × 61 cell Mk 41 vertical launch systems with 90 × RIM-156 SM-2, BGM-109 Tomahawk or RUM-139 VL-ASROC missiles 1 × Mark 45 5/54 in (127/54 mm) 2 × 25 mm chain gun 4 × .50 caliber (12.7 mm) guns 2 × 20 mm Phalanx CIWS 2 × Mk 32 triple torpedo tubes

AIR POWER:

SH-60B/R Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III Helicopters

SENSORS:

AN/SPY-1D 3D Radar

AN/SPS-67(V)2 Surface Search Radar

AN/SPS-73(V)12 Surface Search Radar

AN/SQS-53C Sonar Array

AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar

AN/SQQ-28 LAMPS III Shipboard System

ELECTRONIC WARFARE & DECOYS:

AN/SLQ-32(V)2 Electronic Warfare System

AN/SLQ-25 Nixie Torpedo

Countermeasures

MK 36 MOD 12 Decoy Launching System

AN/SLQ-39 CHAFF Buoys

ENGINEERING:

4 LM2500 Marine Gas Turbine Engines (100,000 HP)

3 Rolls Royce 2500 kW Gas Turbine Generators

2 Shafts with CRP (Controllable Reversible Pitch) Propellers

USS RUSSELL NAMESAKE



Real Admiral John Henry Russell

Russell was born at Frederick, Maryland on 4 July 1827 to Sir James Henry Russell and Martha Wilson Russell. He was appointed midshipman on 10 September 1841 and served in the sloop of war *Cyane* in the Pacific until 1843. He returned in the frigate *United States* in 1844 and served in *St. Mary's* in the Gulf of Mexico from 1844 to 1846. He participated in operations at Galveston, Corpus Christi, Brazos, Resaca, and Vera Cruz.

After duty in *Allegheny* in 1847, he graduated at the United States Naval Academy in 1848. Briefly assigned to Coast Survey duty, he made a cruise to Brazil in 1849, then served on the New York-West Indies mail line from 1853 to 1856, and served as navigator in *Vincennes* during explorations of the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans. Assigned to the Mediterranean Squadron at the end of the decade, he returned to the United States and ordnance duty at the Washington Navy Yard just prior to the outbreak of the American Civil War.

In April 1861, he assisted in preventing ships at Norfolk from falling to the enemy; and, in September, he led a boat expedition into Pensacola Harbor to destroy the Confederate privateer *Judah*. He next assumed command of the gunboat *Kennebec* and participated in operations on the Mississippi River up to Vicksburg and served in the blockade of Mobile. Commanding *Pontiac* in 1863, he returned to ordnance duty at Washington in 1864 and to the Pacific Squadron to serve as commanding officer of *Cyane* in 1864–65.

Various duties, afloat and ashore, on both coasts, Atlantic and Pacific, followed, and he completed his last assignment, three years as Commandant of the Mare Island Navy Yard, in 1886. Appointed rear admiral on 4 March 1886, he retired on 27 August, and resided in Washington, D.C. until his death on 1 April 1897.

USS RUSSELL NAMESAKE



John Henry Russell, Jr.

General John Henry Russell, Jr. was born on November 14, 1872, the son of Rear Admiral John Henry Russell (1827–1897). He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy in May 1888 and graduated from the Academy in June 1892 and after two years at sea. He transferred to the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant on July 1, 1894. 1896, he served in the North Atlantic Squadron until after the Spanish–American War. He next performed duty on Guam then was placed in charge of the School of Application for Officers at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. Following this tour of duty, he was ordered to command the Marine Detachment, USS Oregon, from September 1902 to March 1904. In September 1908, he joined the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, as a member of the staff of that college until 1910.

He commanded the Marine Detachment, American Legation, Peking, China, from November 14, 1910 to April 30, 1913. Upon his return to the United States, he was assigned duty in the Office of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, where he served until 1917, with the exception of a tour of duty (temporary) from April 30 to December 5, 1914, commanding the 2d Battalion, 3d Regiment, U.S. Marines at Veracruz, Mexico, being detached to the U.S. Army during the period. In March 1917, he assumed command of the 3rd Regiment, with headquarters in Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic, then ordered to command the 4th Regiment of Marines with headquarters at Santiago de los Caballeros, until October 1917, when he was detached and ordered to the Republic of Haiti to command the Marine Brigade serving in that country until December 7, 1918.

Upon arrival in Washington, he was ordered to duty in command of the "Planning Section" at the Marine Corps Headquarters and served in that capacity until September 1919, when he again was ordered to duty in Haiti to command the 1st Brigade of Marines until February 1922, when, upon the unanimous recommendation to the President by the U.S. Senate Committee that had been investigating affairs in Haiti, he was appointed American High Commissioner to Haiti with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary. Maj. Gen. Russell served with distinction in Haiti as High Commissioner until November 1930.

Upon his return to the United States, he was assigned to duty as Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, and was transferred to command the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, in December 1931. He was detailed as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps at Headquarters Marine Corps in February 1933. Major General Russell was appointed Commandant of the Marine Corps on March 1, 1934, until his retirement December 1, 1936. Major General Russell retired after 42 years of commissioned service and continued in an active career as a military journalist.

CHAIN OF COMMAND COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Michael J. McInerney

Commander McInerney is a native of Virginia Beach, VA. He graduated from Virginia Tech and commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 2005. He earned his master's degree from the College of Naval Warfare at the Navy War College (NWC) and completed the Holloway Advanced Research Project in 2021.

At sea, CDR McInerney has served as the Executive Officer onboard USS RUSSELL (DDG 59). He was also the operations officer (OPS) on USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) and the N3 for Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO SIX (CDS-26) where he deployed with the HARRY S TRUMAN and the DWIGHT D EISENHOWER Carrier Strike Groups, respectively. As a division officer, CDR McInerney was the training officer for CDS-26 and the first lieutenant aboard USS VELLA GULF (CG 72).

Ashore, CDR McInerney served as the deputy executive assistant to Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and in the Commander's Action Group. Additionally, he taught at the Surface Warfare Officers School as the OPS billet specialty lead. On his first shore assignment, CDR McInerney was the fleet scheduler for Atlantic based cruisers, destroyers, and frigates at Commander, U.S. Second Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

CDR McInerney's personal awards include: VADM John D. Bulkeley Distinguished Graduate Leadership award, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and personal awards.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Commander Kailey Snyder

Commander Snyder is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of engineering in Chemical Engineering and commissioned through the NROTC program. She holds master's degrees in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas and Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

At sea, CDR Snyder served aboard USS DECATUR (DDG 73) as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Navigator and as Training Officer for COMDESRON SEVEN completing three deployments with the RONALD REAGAN Carrier Strike Group before homeport shifting to Singapore. She was the Operations Officer in USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and Operations Officer in USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000) in San Diego, CA. CDR Snyder reported as Executive Officer, USS RUSSELL (DDG 59), in October 2023.

Ashore, CDR Snyder served as a Junior Officer detailee in the Navy Personnel Command Surface Warfare Distribution Division (PERS-41) and Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director, Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96).

CDR Snyder's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and personal awards.

Command Master Chief CMDPCM(SW/AW) STEVEN G. HASSLER



Master Chief Steven G. Hassler, a native of Wheatland, Wyoming, enlisted in the Navy in January 2003. Following completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, he reported to Mineman “A” and “C” School, in Ingelside, Texas.

Master Chief Hassler’s sea duty assignments include USS PATRIOT (MCM 7) Sasebo, Japan, LCS MCM Detachment Two, San Diego CA, and USS MANCHESTER (LCS 14) Crew 205, San Diego, CA, USS TULSA (LCS 16) Crew 215, San Diego, CA.

Ashore Master Chief served at SCRMC, Ingelside, TX, SWRMC, San Diego, CA and Mine Warfare Training Center, San Diego, CA.

In August, 2023 Master Chief Hassler reported for duty as the Command Master Chief for USS RUSSELL (DDG 59), San Diego, CA.

He is the graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy Class 233 and CMC/COB Course Class 21120. His personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), and numerous unit citations.

Master Chief Hassler currently resides in Ramona, California with his wife Annette and son Finnley.

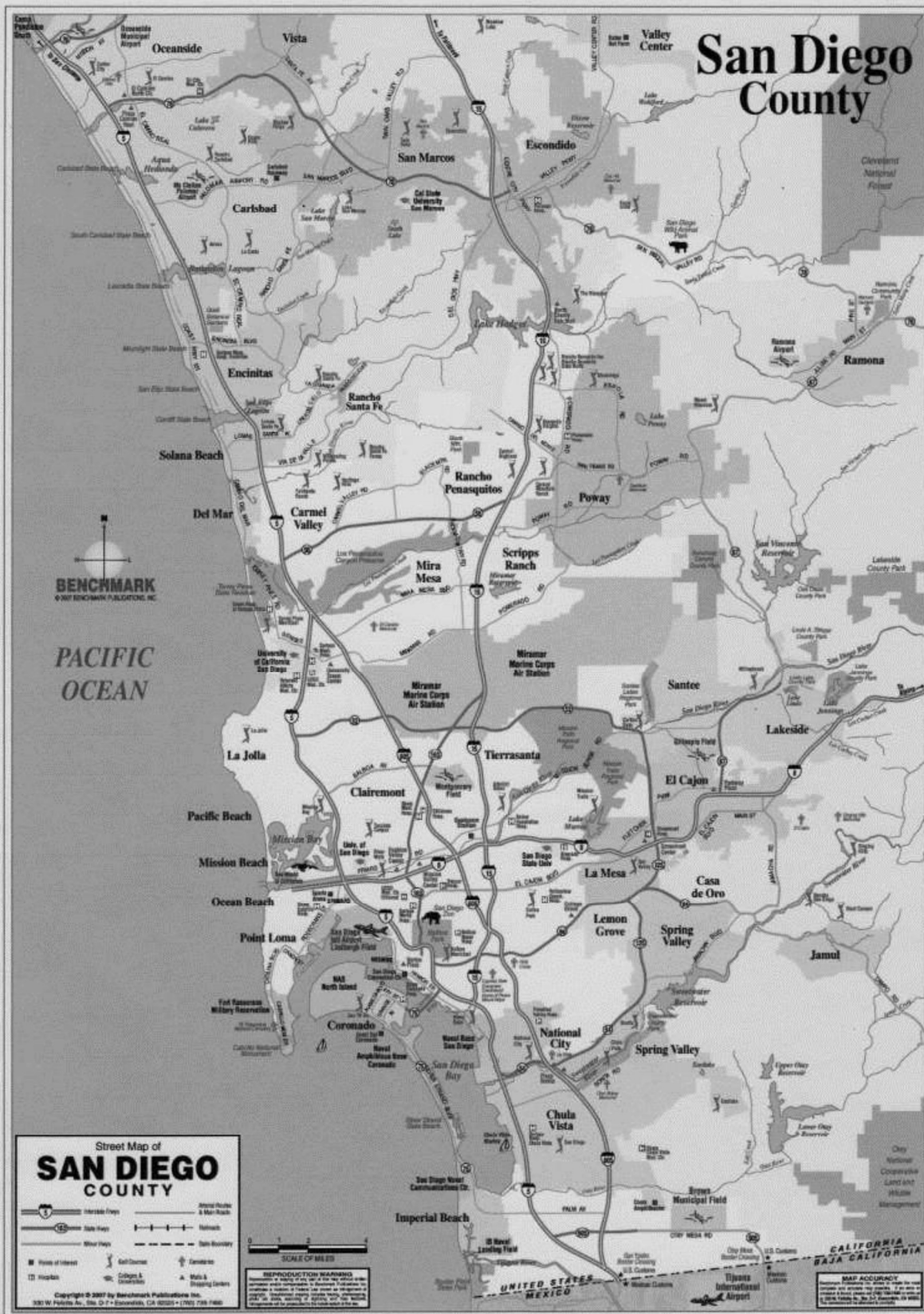
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The second USN ship to carry the name Russell, we are named for Rear Admiral John Henry Russell and his son, Commandant of the Marine Corps John Henry Russell, Jr. The first USS RUSSELL was one of the most decorated ships in WWII earning 16 Battle Stars, and we are incredibly proud of the legacy she has established. Commissioned May 20th, 1995 in Pascagoula, MS, DDG 59 is the 9th Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer, and is capable of performing a wide variety of missions wherever we are needed.

The true measure of RUSSELL's power is our amazing crew. Our professional, motivated, and well-trained Sailors are determined to make a difference. Coming from all walks of life and representing many states across America, as well as other countries, the Red Dragons of RUSSELL are second to none. When you step aboard you will become a valuable, and valued, member of our high performing team. RUSSELL will expect a lot from you, and you can expect the support you need to succeed and make our team even better. You should be proud to become a Red Dragon, and RUSSELL is proud to have you join our team. Welcome aboard.

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SAN DIEGO NAVAL STATION

The property on which Naval Station San Diego is now located was deeded to the U.S. government by the city of San Diego on September 3, 1919 to build a docking and fleet repair base. The property consisted of 21 water acres and 77.2 land acres with the former being mostly tidelands and marsh flats.

On February 15, 1921, the U.S. Navy acquired the land, buildings, and some machinery. Later that year, on June 10th, the USS Prairie, commanded by Cmdr. H. N. Jenson, was ordered to the area to take over and prepare the site for receipt of destroyers which would soon be decommissioned. A marine railway was also begun, and on February 23, 1922, U.S. Destroyer Base San Diego was created by General Order 78.

Located in San Diego, NS San Diego houses Aegis Training Support, Commander Amphibious Group 3, Consolidated Divers Unit and Naval Investigative Service.

Main phone numbers: Commercial (619)556-1011 or DSN 526-1011

Mailing address: Naval Station San Diego, CA 92136

Population: 30,000 active duty; 64,740 family members

Housing: 2,418 unaccompanied personnel units; 9,012 family housing units in location throughout San Diego; average wait 18 months (619) 556-8443

Temporary Lodging: 215-unit Navy Lodge (619) 234-6142

Family Service Center: (619) 556-7404

Schools: None on base.

Child Care: Three centers for 430, 18-month wait; 10 approved homes. (619) 556-8491

Health Care Clinic: Appointments (619) 532-8328; Tricare (619) 556-8085

* San Diego NS has a large size commissary - (619) 556-7199 and a very large exchange (619) 544-2259.

Recreation at San Diego NS includes arts and crafts, bowling, auto hobby, recreation center, golf, theater, gym, tennis, swimming, outdoor activities, and camping.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Reporting aboard, when does my sea pay start? Upon checking onboard. For amount, please visit www.dfas.mil.

When do we get underway/deploy next? Please contact your sponsor or the sponsor coordinator.

Where do I report if the RUSSELL is underway? Report to 32nd Street Naval Station Transient Personnel Unit (TPU), BLDG 3142/Burton Hall (dry-side) to coordinate further travel arrangements.

What is needed when I check onboard? Though a good idea to have all personal belongings onboard and ready to get underway, you are required to keep a full sea bag onboard.

May I get a tour of the ship prior to my report date? Absolutely, please contact your sponsor to make arrangements to ensure the ship is in port.

Do I need to report in uniform? Yes, you are required to report onboard in Dress Blues/Dress Whites.

Is there a gym onboard? Yes. We have a freshly refurbished Weight Room and Cardio Workout Room onboard.

Where should I look for a place of residence for my family and I? Please contact your sponsor, they should be able to point you in the right direction. An abundant amount of information regarding schools, crime rate, amenities, community, price range, etc. can be found online, links can be found for some of the resources on our “links” page.

What pier is the ship berthed at? Contact your sponsor for up to date information or security upon entrance to Naval Base San Diego as they have a current listing.

If I'm being flown out to meet the ship, what items should I bring? Bring a full sea bag and any personal hygiene items you may need. For more ideas or questions about specifics, please contact your sponsor.

Will I be able to contact my family while underway? Yes. The ship has email and U.S. Postal Service onboard. RUSSELL is also equipped with a Sailor Phone.

If something happens to a family member while I'm underway and they need me, what should they do? Have them contact the American Red Cross. They are able to contact the ship if the service member's family is in distress.

How do I get a Command Ball cap? The Command Master Chief will present you with the Command Ball Cap upon your check in.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Command Master Chief at (619) 556-4011 in-port or (619) 545-2105 underway. You may also contact CMC via email at cmc@ddg59.navy.mil.

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HELPFUL LINKS

Ship Site: <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/ddg59/>

Base Site: <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/SanDiego/index.htm>

Fleet and Family Center: <http://www.cnrsw.navy.mil/fsc/Locations/Locations.htm>

MWR : <https://sandiego.navylifefsw.com/>

