



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE NATION'S SUBMARINE FORCE AND THE INDUSTRIAL BASE

“We’re building a couple of submarines, by the way, that will be the most lethal weapons anywhere in the world. I have to tell you that. It’s what they do. And how they do it is rather incredible. But they’re the most powerful weapons in the world. “

President Donald Trump
December 25, 2019

[Remarks during video teleconference with members of the military](#)

“In the information space, an astonishing 99% of the world’s internet traffic travels through undersea cables. The significance of the maritime domain cannot be overstated. In an era of expanding military competition on the seas, maritime dominance increasingly depends on our ability to secure and influence what’s happening under the water’s surface.”

Dr. Mark Esper, Secretary of Defense
August 27, 2019

[Keynote Address at 2019 Defense Innovation Days](#)

“Block V submarines will include the latest advances in acoustic superiority and lethality that will be critical to implementing the National Defense Strategy and maintaining our nation’s undersea dominance.”

Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Chairman of Senate Committee on Armed Services
December 23, 2019

[Statement at Naming of USS Oklahoma](#)

"Our submarine force is fundamental to the power and reach of our integrated naval force. Today's announcement affirms our commitment to the future strength of our nation, undersea and around the world."

Thomas Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy
April 12, 2019

[Statement on U.S. Navy Contract to Electric Boat for Virginia-class Submarines](#)

“The Navy fully understands the on-time delivery of ships and submarines out of maintenance is a national security imperative.”

Vice Admiral Thomas Moore Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary Of The Navy For Research, Development And Acquisition
October 23, 2019

[Testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Readiness](#)

“The seaborne leg of the triad is absolutely critical. By the time we get the Columbia into the water, the Ohio class is going to be about 40 years old. And so we have to replace that strategic leg, and it has to come out of our budget right now. Those are the facts.”

Admiral Michael Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations

December 10, 2019

[Remarks at Visit to Quonset Point, RI](#)

"These next generation submarines provide our forces with a distinct national security advantage. They are an unmatched tool for deterrence.

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Ranking Member of Senate Committee on Armed Services

December 3, 2019

[Statement on U.S. Navy Contract to Electric Boat for Virginia-class Submarines](#)

“Although we've made steady progress, there's still much more to be done. We continue to work across the entire maintenance enterprise, both the public and private sectors, to develop and deliver a comprehensive approach focused on delivering ships and submarines out of maintenance, on time and in full.”

James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition

December 4, 2019

[Testimony before Senate Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Seapower and Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support](#)

“We have a submarine industrial base — both government, supplier, and at Electric Boat and Newport News — that has done tremendous things rebuilding itself from a decade of hiatus in the '90s. We've gotten up to two Virginias per year and done a very good job with that.”

James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition

May 20, 2019

[Interview with Defense News at 2019 Sea-Air-Space Conference](#)

“The U.S. Navy is responding to this changing security dynamic by playing to our strengths: deploying all around the globe, regularly enforcing common principles, strengthening the conditions that have enabled mutual prosperity, and protecting our national interests. As you read these words, more than 60,000 Sailors are deployed on board nearly 100 ships and submarines to enforce a free and open order that enables this unprecedented flow of goods and services.”

Admiral John M. Richardson, Then- Chief of Naval Operations

April 30, 2019

[Testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense](#)