

# Advocates for Harvard ROTC

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Subject: **Military ships & bases named for Harvard or Harvard Alumni**

Harvard graduates have a long history as leaders both in the government as well as in the United States military. As noted below, 30 military ships or bases have been named in honor of Harvard or Harvard graduates of whom 3 were Medal of Honor recipients (i.e. General Leonard Wood USA, Admiral Claud Jones USN and President Teddy Roosevelt). Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy USNR posthumously received the Navy Cross. Colonel Raynal Bolling USA was a fighter pilot and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the 1<sup>st</sup> senior officer killed in action during World War I. Lt. John F. Kennedy USNR received the Navy & Marine Corps Medal which ranks between the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Captain Kermit Roosevelt USA was the son of President Theodore Roosevelt and recipient of the British Military Cross. 11 ships were named for 5 Presidents of the United States who were Harvard alumni. Charles Francis Adams III was the Secretary of the Navy under President Hoover. Major General John Hancock was not only the richest battle tested man in New England in his time but was also a famous signer of the Declaration of Independence. Major General Joseph Warren fought in Lexington and Concord and was killed in action at Bunker Hill and his Lt. Colonel brother, John (H-1771), was the founder of Harvard Medical School. **All gave some and some gave all.**

<u>Ship / base</u>	<u>Description: years of service</u>	<u>[Harvard grad class]</u>
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**Army**

Fort Leonard Wood – (Army post in MO for all COE & MP training: 1918 to present)	[LW* = HMS-1884]
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**Navy**

USS John Hancock – (Steam tug: 1850 to 1856)	[JH = H-1754]
USS Hancock – CVA 19 (Essex class aircraft carrier 1943 to 1976)	[JH = H-1754]
USS John Hancock – SSBN 6200 (Fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarine: 1964 to 1989)	[JH = H-1754]
USS John Adams – SSBN 6200 (Fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarine: 1964 to 1989)	[JA = H-1755]
USS John Adams – (30 gun frigate & later a corvette in Barbary, 1812, Mexican & Civil Wars: 1779 to 1865)	[JA = H-1755]
USS Adams (28 gun frigate in Barbary, 1812 & Mexican Wars: 1779 to 1865) launched in NYC in 1799)	[JA = H-1755]
USS Warren – (14 gun schooner: 1775 to 1776)	[JW = H-1759]
USS Warren – (36 gun frigate: 1776 to 1779)	[JW = H-1759]
USS Warren – (20 gun sloop of war: 1779 to 1801)	[JW = H-1759]
USS Warren – (20 2 <sup>nd</sup> class sloop of war: 1825 to 1863)	[JW = H-1759]
USS Warren – APA 53 (Amphibious Attack Transport: 1942 to 1946)	[JW = H-1759]
USS Spiegel Grove – LSD 32 (Amphibious landing ship dock: 1956 to 1989)	[HLS*-1845]
USS Leonard Wood – AP 25 aka APA 12 (Attack transport: 1941 to 1946)	[LW* = HMS-1884]
USS Charles Francis Adams – DDG 2 (Guided missile destroyer: 1960 to 1992)	[CFA = H-1888]
Bolling Joint Base – (Former USAF base in DC area now joint base run by USN: 1918 to present)	[RB = H-1900 & HLS-1902]
USS Kermit Roosevelt – ARG 16 (Engine repair ship in WWII: 1945 to 1959)	[KP = H-1912]
USS Claud Jones – DE 103 (Destroyer Escort- anti submarine duty: 1959 to 1974)	[CJ** = HGS 1913]
USS Theodore Roosevelt – (US Navy troop transport steamer: 1906 to 1919)	[TR** = H-1880]
USS Theodore Roosevelt – SSBN 600 (Fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarine: 1954 to 1962)	[TR** = H-1880]
USS Theodore Roosevelt – CVN 71 (Aircraft Carrier - Nuclear powered: 1986 to present)	[TR** = H-1880]
USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt – CV 42 (Aircraft Carrier: 1945 to 1977)	[FDR = H-1904]
USS Roosevelt – DDG 80 ((Guided missile destroyer: 2000 to present)	[FDR = H-1904]
USS Joseph P. Kennedy – DD 850 (Destroyer: 1945 to 1973)	[JPK = H-1938]
USS John F. Kennedy – CV 67 (Aircraft Carrier: 1968 to 2007)	[JFK = H-1940]
USS John F. Kennedy – CVN 79 (Aircraft Carrier - Nuclear powered: In construction for 2020 completion)	[JFK = H-1940]
USS Harvard – (Chartered scout & troop transport in the Spanish America War: 1898 only)	[Named for Harvard University]
USS Harvard – ID1298 (Troop transport in WWI: 1918 to 1920)	[Named for Harvard University]
USS Harvard – SP 209 (Patrol boat in WW I: 1917 to 1919)	[Named for Harvard University]
USS Harvard (Troop transport- Victory ship in WWII: 1945)	[Named for Harvard University]

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PE Mawn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "E".

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\* Presidential estate of Rutherford B Hayes in Fremont, OH & 1<sup>st</sup> ship of Captain Paul E. Mawn USN (Ret.) [H-63]

\*\* Medal of Honor recipient