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### **Secretary of the Navy to Name Littoral Combat Ship USS Oakland** **Formal Announcement to be Made in Special Pregame Ceremony Wednesday, August 19**

**WHAT:** Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced today that the next Independence Variant Littoral Combat Ship will be named the USS Oakland (LCS 24). A formal announcement will be made in a special pregame ceremony prior to tomorrow's A's vs. Dodgers game.

The future USS Oakland will be named to honor the longstanding history its namesake city has had with the Navy. It will be the third naval ship to bear the name. The first, commissioned in 1918, was largely used to transport cargo; the second, commissioned in 1942 during the height of World War II, was only in service for seven years, but was key in many anti-aircraft missions in places such as Pearl Harbor, Marshall Islands, Pagan, Guam, Iwo Jima, Rota, Peleliu and Okinawa. After the war, Oakland performed two duty patrols off the coast of China before being decommissioned.

Oakland will be built by Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama. It will be 419 feet long and be capable of operating at speeds in excess of 40 knots.

Additional information about Littoral Combat Ships is available online at [www.navy.mil/local/LCSIndependence](http://www.navy.mil/local/LCSIndependence).

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 19**  
12:21 p.m. – USS Oakland presentation  
12:26 p.m. – Secretary Ray Mabus first pitch  
12:37 p.m. – A's vs. Dodgers

**WHERE:** **O.co Coliseum**  
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