



PMS 317

# Future USS New Orleans

## LPD 18 Fact Sheet

### Mission

The future USS New Orleans, currently under construction at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' shipyard in Avondale, LA will be the second amphibious transport dock of the twelve-ship San Antonio class. The New Orleans will be used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies, by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft or amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft. The USS New Orleans will support amphibious, special operations, or expeditionary missions through the first half of the 21st Century.

### Name

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton named LPD 18, New Orleans. The LPD 18 honors the largest city of Louisiana and one of the world's major ports. Three previous ships have borne the name New Orleans in honor of the "Crescent City." Of these three ships, CL-22 was a protected cruiser that served during the Spanish American War and WW I, CA-32 was a WW II cruiser, and LPH 11 was an amphibious assault ship in the Cold War.

### Ship Characteristics

<u>Length</u>	684 feet (208.5 meters)
<u>Beam</u>	105 feet (31.9 meters)
<u>Displacement</u>	Approximately 24,900 tons full load
<u>Speed</u>	In excess of 22 knots (24.2 mph)
<u>Aircraft</u>	Four CH-46 <i>Sea Knight</i> helicopters or two MV-22 tilt rotor aircraft may be launched or recovered simultaneously. The ship's hangar can store 1-2 aircraft.
<u>Armament</u>	Two 30 mm Close-in-Guns, for surface threat defense; two Rolling Airframe Missile launchers for air defense
<u>Landing Craft</u>	Two LCACs (air cushion) or one LCU (conventional)
<u>AAAVs</u>	14 Marine Corps Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicles
<u>Power plant</u>	Four Colt-Pielstick diesel engines, two shafts, 40,000 Hp
<u>Crew</u>	361 (28 officers, 333 enlisted)
<u>Troops</u>	699 (66 officers, 633 enlisted); surge to 800 total.
<u>LPD 17 Class</u>	<i>San Antonio</i> (LPD 17), <i>New Orleans</i> (LPD 18), <i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD 19), <i>Green Bay</i> (LPD 20), and <i>New York</i> (LPD 21)

### Dates

Construction of LPD 18 began in 2002 and its keel was laid in October 2002. The ship will launch in 2004 and will be delivered to the Navy in 2005 and commissioned as *USS New Orleans*.

For more information about the future *USS New Orleans* and other *San Antonio* LPD 17 class ships, go to [www.pms317.navy.mil](http://www.pms317.navy.mil).