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**OFFICIAL USS NEW YORK COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE WEB SITE IS  
LAUNCHED**

- USSNY.org Web Site to Offer Official and Exclusive Commemorative Items and Collectables –*
- USS NEW YORK is a New U.S. Navy Ship Containing More Than Seven Tons of Steel from the  
Fallen World Trade Center –*
- Proceeds and Contributions to Fund Special Needs of the Crew and Scholarships for Their  
Families –*

**New York, June 19, 2008** – The USS NEW YORK Commissioning Committee today announced the launch of the official USS NEW YORK Commissioning Committee Web site at [www.USSNY.org](http://www.USSNY.org). The Web site is the official authority on all information and events related to the commissioning of USS NEW YORK (LPD21), a new U.S. Navy ship currently completing construction in Louisiana. The ship, containing more than seven tons of steel from the fallen World Trade Center, is expected to be commissioned in New York City in the fall of 2009.

Visitors to the Web site will be able to learn about the mission and history of the ship, keep abreast of upcoming commissioning events, donate to the USS NEW YORK Commissioning Committee and Foundation and purchase official and exclusive commemorative items and collectables. One hundred percent of the donations as well as proceeds from the purchases made on the Web site will go towards the events surrounding the commissioning and to providing for the morale, welfare and recreation needs of the crew, as well as scholarships for children of the ship's first and future crew members.

"We are excited about the launch of USSNY.org," said Robert A. Ravitz, RADM USNR (Ret.), Co-Chairman & Executive Director of the Committee. "The commissioning of USS NEW YORK will be a historic event for the State of New York and the entire country. As an all volunteer, non-profit, non-governmental organization, the commissioning committee strongly encourages visitors to the Web site to make donations and purchase some of the commemorative items to support and honor the brave men and women who will serve on the ship."

The exclusive commemorative items and collectables initially offered on the Web site include, among others, ball caps, mugs, t-shirts, photographs and patches. More items will be added in the future.

USS NEW YORK (LPD21) has forged into its bow approximately 7.5 tons of steel from the ruins of the World Trade Center. The ship weighs 25,000 tons, is 684 feet (208.5 m) long, 105 feet (32 m) wide, and is the fifth amphibious transport dock ship in the U.S. Navy's San Antonio class. The newest addition to the Navy's 21st Century amphibious assault force, USS NEW YORK will have a crew of approximately 360 sailors and will be capable of transporting up to 700 combat-ready Marines. The ship will also carry Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) craft,

the Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and Marine Expeditionary vehicles.

USS NEW YORK was christened on March 1, 2008 at Northrop Grumman's Avondale, LA shipyard, where it is being completed prior to undergoing sea trials.

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