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Celebrating The Silent Service.

National Submarine Day is celebrated on **Saturday, April 11**, marking the 126th anniversary of the U.S. Navy's acquisition of its first modern commissioned submarine, the [USS Holland \(SS-1\)](#).



USS Holland (SS-1), the first commissioned U.S. Navy submarine

Milwaukee Valve salutes the Silent Service, as U.S. submarine programs and the submarine industrial base are critical to our national defense, economic security and ensure our worldwide undersea dominance. The submarine industrial base supports tens of thousands of high-skill, high-wage jobs across the country, contributing over \$34 billion to local economies over the past 5 years. Milwaukee Valve is a proud member of the Submarine Industrial Base Council (SIBC), which seeks to educate policymakers and the public about the need to preserve the strength of the U.S. submarine force and promote the value of the submarine industrial base as a vital part of our national security.

There are three major classifications of modern U.S. submarines: nuclear powered attack submarine (SSN), nuclear powered guided missile submarine (SSGN), and nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN). SSN and SSGN submarines give the Navy unparalleled stealth and strike capability to support Special Operations Forces and carry out intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

The U.S. currently has 50 fast attack submarines (SSNs), including 21 Virginia Class. The Future Naval Force Study calls for at least 72 SSNs by 2045 to maintain Navy undersea dominance and strike capability.



*The Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine
USS District Of Columbia (SSBN 826), due to be launched in 2031.*

The current ballistic missile (SSBN) force consists of 14 Ohio Class submarines, which are specifically designed for extended deterrent patrols. SSBNs carry 70% of the operational nuclear deterrent arsenal. The Columbia SSBN program will deliver at least 12 submarines to replace the current Ohio Class fleet. Construction of the first Columbia Class SSBN, the USS District of Columbia is underway. The Columbia Class boats will begin replacing the Ohio Class in 2031.

Each year, Milwaukee Valve joins our partners in the [Submarine Industrial Base Council \(SIBC\)](#) in recognizing National Submarine Day. Along with more than 5,000 U.S. companies providing critical materials to the U.S. submarine programs, members range from the smallest specialty shops to manufacturers of main propulsion equipment. For more than 60 years, Milwaukee Valve has been manufacturing valves for use on all United States Navy warships.

Please join us in celebrating the values, accomplishments, and contributions of U.S. Navy Submarines. For more information on Milwaukee Valve's Marine products, visit www.MilwaukeeValve.com/product-category/marine-valves/.



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