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USS Mississippi to be Commissioned in Pascagoula

The commissioning of the USS Mississippi, SSN-782, will be held in Pascagoula on June 2. The USS

Mississippi is a \$2 billion nuclear Virginia Class submarine that is being constructed in Groton, Connecticut.

The Mississippi's Memorial Day weekend arrival will be followed by a weeklong series of events such as receptions. A

host city committee has been formed to plan events surrounding the commissioning itself, which will be handled by the Navy. This committee is made up of community volunteers and City of Pascagoula employees.

According to the USS Mississippi Commissioning Committee, the naming of Mississippi recognizes the state's long-standing tradition of shipbuilding in support of our nation's defense. It also honors the spirit of the people of



Pascagoula Named a Top City for Job Growth

In an article published on Forbes.com in September 2011, Pascagoula was ranked number 7 out of 243 small metropolitan areas (under 150,000 nonfarm jobs) on the Forbes index of "The Best Cities For Job Growth" in 2011. In today's economy, this is a

bright spot to be sure.

Job growth has more implications than just work for the unemployed. According to Richard Barrington with Money Rates.com, by increasing demand for labor, job growth can lead to higher wages for existing workers. With more people going back to work

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and with wages improving, business prospects should improve. In turn, this can buoy stock prices and eventually push savings account rates higher, restoring some of the wealth and income that has been diminished in recent years. One reason why employment has been the critical economic indicator to watch is that it represents the potential for self-sustaining growth. This means growth that is not simply a function of people spending more, but growth resulting from people getting the means to spend more. The index was compiled from data gathered from the Bureau

of Labor Statistics for the period of January 2010 and January 2011. The rankings were calculated from a normalized, weighted summary of current year, recent, mid-term, and long-term growth trends, with heavier emphasis placed on current growth.

The 2011 ranking reflects a jump of 14 positions on the index for Pascagoula from 2010, and is due in large part to an increase in nonfarm employment of 2.9% over the same period. Other areas from south Mississippi ranked on the index include the Gulfport-Biloxi metro area at 18th place, and

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Mississippi who have made great strides in recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Construction on the USS

Mississippi began in February 2007. The submarine is 377 feet long and 34 feet in diameter. The Virginia class is billed as the Navy's "next generation" of attack sub. The fifth US Navy vessel to be named the USS Mississippi will be commissioned June 2, 2012, in Pascagoula.

The Meridian Area Navy League is offering a commemorative coin celebrating the commissioning of the USS Mississippi, to help raise funds for the commissioning ceremony and anticipated week of festivities.

The USS Mississippi Commissioning Committee was formed from volunteers from all over the state and led by the Navy League of the United States, Meridian Area Council to help honor Mississippi's newest namesake ship. The Navy League of the United States is a 501(c)(3) corporation and monetary gifts to the commission are tax deductible when made through the Navy League of the United States and designated for the USS Mississippi Commissioning.

Due to security requirements, a visitor's pass is required to attend the commissioning ceremony.

This is a three step process:

1. Request an invitation using the form below.
2. You must RSVP in response to the invitation.
3. The entry pass will be mailed to you.

Visitor pass request must be received by March 31, 2012.

Please visit <http://www.ussmississippi.org/ussmiss/> for more information.

Pascagoula City Council

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2012 Jackson County Heart Walk—Team Pascagoula

The

Jackson County Heart Walk will take place Saturday, March 10, at Beach Park. Activities begin at 7:30 am followed by the Walk at 8:30. This annual Heart Walk is the primary fundraiser held by the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association has a very important mission which we must support: to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. In 1999 the American Heart Association set a bold 10-year goal: To reduce coronary heart disease, stroke and risk by 25 percent by 2010. They achieved the reduction in deaths ahead of schedule and made substantial progress against three of the six risk factors. Because of this success, the Board of Directors approved a 2020 Impact Goal. This new goal looks beyond helping people reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on helping them build stronger health and a better quality of life.

The funds we raise will support projects like:

- ♥ **Putting up-to-the-minute research into doctors' hands** so they can better prevent and treat heart disease among patients.
- ♥ **Groundbreaking pediatric heart and stroke research.** About 36,000 babies are born with heart defects each year —research is the key to saving babies' lives.
- ♥ **Getting life-saving information** to those who need it most – information that can save a life, like how to eat better, how to recognize the warning signs of heart attack, and how to talk to a doctor about critical health choices.

The City of Pascagoula Heart Walk Team, or Team Pascagoula, is organizing several events to exceed our total fundraising goal of \$2000.

- ♥ **February 25th -- Garage Sale**

Thanks to everyone who donated and shopped our garage sale!

- ♥ **March 3rd --Police and Fire Womanless Beauty Pageant**

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at City Hall, 603 Watts Avenue.

- ♥ **March 17th -- Rolling on the River Bike Ride and Trail Dedication**

Trail dedication followed by an easy, family bike ride along the Pascagoula Bike Route.



**Please support these activities.
This is a very important cause that touches us all!**

Upcoming Events

- City Council Meetings** 1st and 3rd Tuesday Nights at 6:00 at City Hall, 603 Watts Avenue
- Jackson County Farmers Market** Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 6:00 am at the Fairgrounds
- 2nd Saturdays Pascagoula** March 10; Outdoor market on Delmas Avenue starting at Anchor Square; live music at Anchor Square, other special events around town
- Jackson County Heart Walk** March 10 at Beach Park; festivities begin at 7:30, Walk begins at 8:30
- Rollin on the River Charity Bike Ride and Trail Dedication** March 17 at Beach Park; registration at 8:00, ride begins at 9:00.
- Coupon Workshop** March 24 at the Recreation Center from 9:00-11:00am; Preregistration Required at cityofpascagoula.com
- Downtown Children's Easter Parade** March 29 in Downtown Pascagoula; ages 6 and under; registration is free
- Preschool and Flashlight Hunt at Beach Park** March 30 at Beach Park; before dark hunt for preschool kids, after dark hunt, dance and karaoke for grades 1-4
- Spring Break Camp** April 2-5; Only \$70 per person; includes afternoon snacks and all activities; 7:00 am to 5:30 pm; register at cityofpascagoula.com
- Senior Games** April 10-14
- Family Campout at Beach Park** April 27; Campfire Stories and S'mores; Free Dinner & Breakfast for Campers; Popcorn and a Movie; Fishing; Beach Volleyball and Relay Races \$5 per person (under 3 is free); Pre-Register at Pascagoula Recreation Department, located at 2935 Pascagoula St.; On-Site Registration is available, first come first serve
- National Drug Take Back** April 28; Initiative to take back expired and unused prescription drugs
- Live Oak Arts Festival** May 12 in Downtown Pascagoula
- Sounds by the Sea** May 27 at Beach Park

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