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Navy naming ship after Sullivans

A new U.S. Navy warship has been named in honor of the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Sean O'Keefe has announced a new Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer will be named USS The Sullivans. The ship, authorized for construction in the current building program, will be the 18th of the 22 Arleigh Burke-class ships approved.

The keel will be laid in September 1994, and the ship is scheduled to be launched in June of 1995.

This will be the second ship named

in tribute to the five Sullivan brothers. An earlier destroyer, USS The Sullivans, served in World War II and the Korean War, earning a total of 11 battle stars before being decommissioned in 1965. The ship is now a floating museum at the Buffalo Naval and Servicemen's park in Buffalo, N.Y.

The five Sullivan brothers — George, Francis, Joseph, Madison and Albert — died together when the light cruiser USS Juneau was sunk by the Japanese near the Solomon Islands while returning from the Battle of Guadalcanal on Nov. 13, 1942.