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19 VIRGINIA CLASS VPM SUBMARINES TO BE RECLASSIFIED AS SSGN

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The Navy is reclassifying 19 planned Virginia Class submarines equipped with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) as guided missile submarines (SSGN). These advanced platforms deliver greater length, increased mission capacity, and unprecedented payload flexibility — providing high-volume, long-range precision strike capabilities directly to the fleet.

“These submarines will provide our Nation with a powerful and persistent deterrent, expand options for our combatant commanders, and ensure the Navy remains ready to fight and win whenever and wherever called upon.”

ADM. DARYL CAUDLE
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

GUIDED MISSILE CAPABILITY High-volume, long-range precision strike to deliver decisive combat power.	VIRGINIA PAYLOAD MODULE (VPM) Full mission class to increase length, boost mission capacity and enhance payload flexibility.	ENHANCING GLOBAL DETERRENCE Increased forward presence and robust alliance deterrence across crucial global theaters.	INTEGRAL TO THE VIRGINIA CLASS The only active SSGN designation while ensuring a full part of the advanced Virginia Class program.
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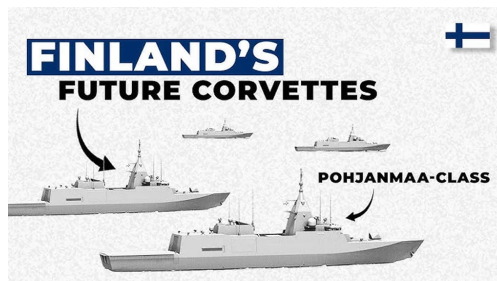
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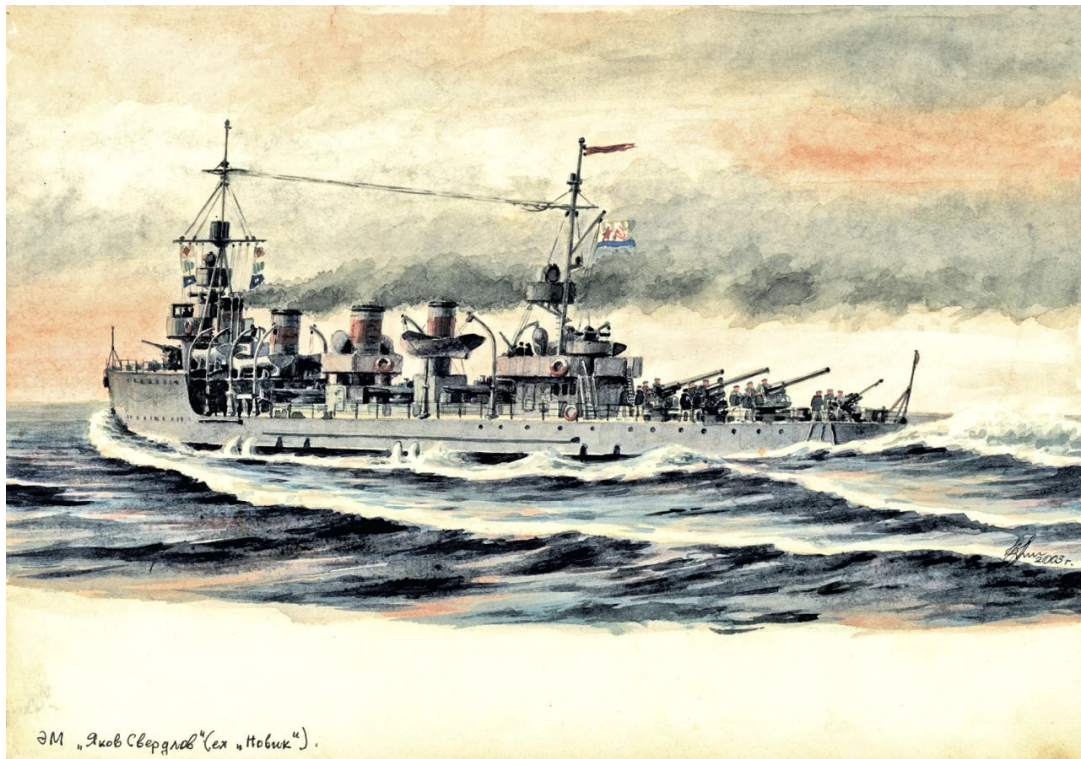
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