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Date: January 30, 1862**Topic:** US Navy's first ironclad warship (Monitor) launched

Summary: The U. S. S. *Monitor* was the first iron-clad warship in the U.S. Navy. It is most famous for its battle with the CSS *Virginia*, originally commissioned as the USS *Merimac*, during the Civil War. The ship's design represented a big change in the technology of warships, since much of the ship was underwater and it used a screw propeller. It sank during a bad storm in 1862, less than a year after being launched. The wreck was found 1973, and divers brought up not only artifacts but also the remains of 2 of the 16 men who died when it sank. Scholars have studied the artifacts to learn more about life aboard ship. The site was named a National Historic Landmark in 1986.

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URL	Search with “uss monitor”	USS Monitor http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/US_S_Monitor	US Navy Ships, USS Monitor http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-usn/usnsh-m/monitor.htm
Description of information	The Military and Government collection has 32 articles; the MasterFILE premiere collection has 33. Many of the articles in the two collections were the same.	This page has information about the ship's origin, design, loss, and rediscovery. It has graphics and links to related sites.	This page is sponsored by the US Department of the Navy. It has quite a few pictures but little information in text form.
Strengths	This is an excellent source of recent magazine articles and reviews of recent books.	This page is good for understanding the history of the <i>Monitor</i> . Wikipedia rates it as a B-class article, which means it has gaps in its information.	This page is a good source of graphics of the <i>Monitor</i> .