

# Ward Leonard to Supply Motors for the U.S. Navy's Mark 41 Vertical Launch System



An SM-2 telemetry surface to air missile is launched from the forward Vertical Launch System of the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh (CG 67) while conducting a live-fire exercise in this March, 2020 photo. U.S. Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryre Arciaga

Thomaston, Conn. – In support of the U. S. Navy's fiscal 2018-2023 contract awarded to Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems, Ward Leonard will be providing the motors that will open and close the missile and exhaust hatches on all newly built Mark 41 Vertical Launch Systems.

The Mark 41 Vertical Launch System is part of the Aegis Combat System and has been in service since 1986. This missile launch system is used in Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and Ticonderoga-class cruisers in the U.S. Navy, as well as in 16 allied navies and ashore locations.

Ward Leonard's custom engineering department designed a modified version of the previous Tech Systems motor used in the early stages of the Mark 41 program. This new upgraded motor complies with updated requirements by the U. S. Navy and meets current MIL-Specs.

"It is an honor to provide a critical component to the Mark 41 Vertical Launch System which helps protect our country," said Chris Spafford, vice president of Sales and Marketing of Ward Leonard.

Ward Leonard has supplied the U.S. Navy for more than 120 years, and today specializes in the provision of state-of-the-art motor, control, component and systems integration

solutions for surface, subsurface, and land-based applications.

“We are proud of our long-standing history supporting the U.S. Navy and look forward to continuing the partnership to provide the military with mission-critical motors, controllers, and electrical components,” said William Berger, business development manager for Ward Leonard.