

Carrier Qualification Training Great Lakes 1942-1945

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1942-43 Carrier Qualification Training Unit (Great Lakes) Insignia. The ship in the design is USS Wolverine IX-64.

USS Sable IX-81

During WWII, the Navy operated two training aircraft carriers in the Great Lakes. SS Seeandbee and SS Greater Buffalo were coal fired, paddle wheel propelled, ships that were acquired by the Navy in 1942. They were converted to the training aircraft carriers USS Wolverine IX-64 and USS Sable IX-81.

USS Wolverine IX-64, ex-SS Seeandbee, was the first ship converted and was commissioned in August 1942. The first landing on USS Wolverine occurred in September 1942. USS Sable IX-81 began operations in 1943.

Wolverine and Sable were homeported in Chicago and qualified Naval Aviators training at NAS Glenview. During the war the training carriers conducted over 120,000 landings and qualified over 35,000 pilots. Both ships were decommissioned in November 1945.

USS Wolverine IX-64

