

## Russian Warship Names First Pacific Squadron

### Battleships

- Peresvyet- Named after a famous war hero who fought at the Battle of Kulikovskaya in 1380.  
Petropavlovsk- Named after a city on Kamchatka.  
Pobyeda- "Victory."  
Poltava- Named after a city in the Ukraine where a famous battle was fought between Russia and Sweden in 1709.  
Retvizan- Named after a Swedish frigate captured in 1790.  
Sevastopol- Named after the port city located in the Crimea.  
Tsarevich- "Prince." Successor to the throne.

### Cruisers

- Askold- Ancient Russian – Scandinavian prince of the 9<sup>th</sup> century.  
Bayan- A minstrel or story teller.  
Bogaty- "Soldier." The term used for a soldier in ancient times.  
Boyarin- A title to denote wealth in 13<sup>th</sup> century Russia.  
Diana- Named for the Roman goddess.  
Gromoboi- A combination of the words for "Thunder" and "Battle."  
Novik- A title given to students who studied marine science abroad in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.  
Pallada- Named for the Roman goddess.  
Rossiya- "Russia."  
Rurik- A famous Scandinavian prince who served Russia in 1862.  
Varyag- Term used for Scandinavian seafarers and soldiers in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

### Destroyers

- Bditelni- "Vigilant."  
Bezposhtchadni- That which punishes enemies without pity.  
Bezshumni- That which operates silently, stealthily.  
Beztrashni- "Fearless."  
Boevoi- "Battle."  
Boiki- "Active/mobile."  
Burni- "Storm." A turbulent sea.  
Grozovoi- "Lightning."  
Lt. Burakov- Named after the Russian officer who died in action during the Boxer uprising of 1900.  
Rastoropni- "Precise."  
Razyashchi- "Direct."  
Ryeshitelni- "Prepared." Ready for action.  
Serditi- "Angry."  
Silni- "Strong."  
Skori- "Fast."  
Smyeli- "Courageous."  
Statni- Well built, or a strongly built soldier.  
Steregushchi- "Guardian."  
Storozhevoi- "Sentry."  
Strashni- "Terrible."  
Stroini- "Slender."  
Vlastni- "Commander."

Vnimatelni- "Attentive."  
Vnushitelni- "Impressive."  
Vuioslivi- "Hardy."

#### Gunboats

Bobr- "Beaver."  
Djigit- A dexterous horseman.  
Gaidamak- A reference to Ukrainian peasants who overthrew Polish landowners in 1733 & 1768.  
Gilyak- Term used to denote people who live on the Amur River or on Sakhalin Island.  
Gremyashchi- "Loud." Something which makes a great noise.  
Korietz- "Korean."  
Mandjur- "Manchurian."  
Otvajni- "Brave."  
Razboinik- "Thief/robber."  
Sivuch- A male seal.  
Vsadnik- A mounted sentinel.  
Zabiyaka- A relentless warrior.

#### Minelayers

Amur- Named after the Amur River.  
Yenisei- Named after a river in Siberia.

#### Auxiliary Cruisers

Angara- Named after a river in Siberia.  
Lena- Named after a river in Siberia.  
Mongoliya- "Mongolia."