

## Silver Service of the *U.S.S. North Dakota*

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A silver service has traditionally been the appropriate christening gift for a battleship. The service shown here was presented to the battleship *U.S.S. North Dakota* in 1913 by the people of North Dakota and Governor Louis B. Hanna.

The 40 piece sterling silver set weighs 169 pounds and originally cost \$16,000. It was designed by William Cadman and manufactured by the Gorman Company of New York. The overall design centers around the wild prairie rose, the state flower, and is bordered with wheat. How many other symbols, from bison to ears of corn, can you locate?












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**Punch cup engraved Hon. Roger Allin**  
*Roger Allin (Governor of North Dakota 1894-1896), was a member of the USS North Dakota Silver Service Committee. The nine-member committee included three former governors, a U.S. Senator, state legislators, and businessmen. They solicited private donations to purchase the silver service.*  
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*Candelabras, USS North Dakota*

*The candelabras were designed to use the USS North Dakota's modern electrical system. The silver flagpole and pink silk shades hid the light bulbs, which were made by the Edison Company of Camden, New Jersey. Candles have been used in the candelabras during public receptions since 1911.*

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***Candelabrum, USS North Dakota***

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