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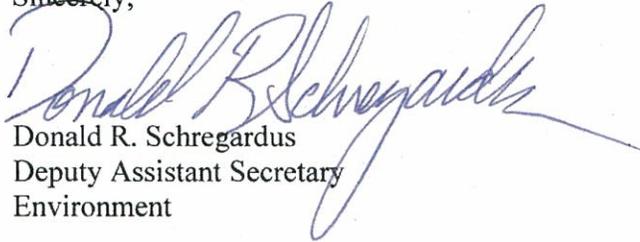
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SUBJ: ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM COMMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE NAVY FOR THE DISPOSITION OF HISTORIC VESSELS

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Per the requirements of the Program Comment for the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels (Program Comment) issued by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on 5 March 2010, the first annual report is provided as enclosure (1). Enclosure (2) requested an extension of time to submit the annual report by 5 March 2011.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Schregardus  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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Enclosure: 1. Annual Report on the Program Comment for the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels  
Enclosure: 2. DASN (E) letter dated 12 January 2011 requesting extension of time to provide annual report

Copy to:

Nancy Schamu, Executive Director, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

**Annual Report to the  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
and the  
National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers  
on the  
Program Comment for the Department of the Navy  
for the Disposition of Historic Vessels  
for the period  
5 March 2010 - 1 February 2011**

Prepared by:

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## **Annual Report on the Program Comment for the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels for the Period of 5 March 2010 to 1 February 2011**

### **I. Introduction**

This is the first annual report submitted to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) as required by the Program Comment for the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels (hereinafter "the Program Comment"). The Navy developed the Program Comment to meet its responsibilities for compliance with Section 110, in part, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) concerning the evaluation of vessels for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the final disposition of eligible vessels. The ACHP issued the Program Comment on 5 March 2010 and published it in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 75, No. 49, on 15 March 2010.

### **II. Report Requirements**

Section V of the Program Comment requires the Navy to submit an annual report to the ACHP and the NCSHPO on the progress of the Program Comment on 1 December annually. On 12 January 2011, the Navy requested an extension of time from the ACHP to submit the first annual report by 5 March 2011. The Program Comment requires that the annual reports include the following information:

- 1) The names and status of active vessels identified as eligible for listing in the NRHP, and the basis for their eligibility. See Table 1.
- 2) The names and status of decommissioned vessels identified as eligible for listing in the NRHP, and a copy of the statement of eligibility. See Table 2.
- 3) The names and status of decommissioned vessels identified as ineligible for listing in the NRHP, and a copy of the statement of ineligibility. See Table 3.
- 4) The names of the vessels eligible for listing in the NRHP whose final disposition occurred during the reporting period, along with the status of the documentation supporting final disposition. See Table 4.

### **III. NHPA Eligibility Determinations Made Pursuant to the Program Comment**

Tables 1 through 4 identify the vessels reviewed and the determinations made in accordance with the Program Comment through the date of this report. Copies of the Determinations of Eligibility (DoEs) or Determinations of Ineligibility (DoIs) prepared to date for inactive vessels are provided as attachments to this report and are publicly accessible at [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/InactiveShips/Historic/Completed\\_Evaluations.aspx](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/InactiveShips/Historic/Completed_Evaluations.aspx).

**Table 1: Active Vessels Identified as Eligible for Listing in the NRHP**

| Hull Number | Vessel Name    | Vessel Status          | Basis of Eligibility<br>Applicable Characteristic(s)<br>(i, ii, iii, iv or v)                |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|--|
| CVN 65      | USS ENTERPRISE | Active, in commission. | iv – First nuclear powered aircraft carrier.   |
| SSN 691     | USS MEMPHIS    | Active, in commission. | iv – USS MEMPHIS has served as a test platform for new technologies in submarine operations. |

**Table 2: Inactive Vessels Identified as Eligible for Listing in the NRHP**

| Hull Number | Vessel Name         | Vessel Status  | Basis of Eligibility<br>Applicable Characteristic(s)<br>(i, ii, iii, iv, v)  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|--|
| AVT 59      | ex-FORRESTAL        | Was on donation hold for over six years. Redesignated for dismantling. | iv – ex-FORRESTAL was the first super carrier, representing a revolutionary change in naval design and warfighting capability.   |
| CV 61       | ex-RANGER           | On donation hold since March 2004.                                     | i – ex-RANGER was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.  |
| CV 63       | ex-KITTY HAWK       | Retention asset for possible future reactivation.                      | i – ex-KITTY HAWK was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.<br>v - Racial disturbances in 1972 initiated reforms in the Navy culture.  |
| CV 64       | ex-CONSTELLATION    | Donation not viable. Designated for dismantling.                       | i – ex-CONSTELLATION was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.<br>ii – Two of the officers flying from her assigned air group won Navy Crosses and became the first Aces of the Vietnam War.   |
| IX-529      | ex-SEA SHADOW/HMB-1 | On donation hold since September 2006.                                 | iv – ex-SEA SHADOW was built in 1985 to examine the application of stealth technology on naval vessels. The vessel was developed at Lockheed's Redwood City, CA facility inside the Hughes Mining Barge (HMB 1), which functioned as a floating drydock during construction and testing.<br>v - HMB 1 was originally developed as part of CIA Project Jennifer, the top-secret effort mounted by the Navy to salvage the remains of the Soviet submarine K-129 from the ocean floor. |

Status of participation by historic preservation stakeholders for Table 2 vessels determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register (Program Comment Section III.C):

- Ex-FORRESTAL (AVT 59): The DoE was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the USS Forrestal Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoE was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
- Ex-RANGER (CV 61): The DoE was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, the USS Ranger Reunion Association, Inc. and the USS Ranger Foundation, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoE was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
- Ex-KITTY HAWK (CV 63): The DoE was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the USS Kitty Hawk CVA/CV-63 Veterans Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoE was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. Only one comment was received: the USS Kitty Hawk Veterans Association concurred with the Navy's DoE.
- Ex-CONSTELLATION (CV 64): The DoE was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the USS Forrestal Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoE was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
- Ex-SEA SHADOW (IX 529)/HMB-1: This vessel has been identified by a Navy historian as eligible for listing in the NRHP; however, a DoE has not been completed.

**Table 3: Inactive Vessels Identified as Ineligible for Listing in the NRHP**

| Hull Number | Vessel Name       | Vessel Status                              |
|-------------|-------------------|--|
| AE 34       | ex-MOUNT BAKER    | Designated for dismantling                 |
| AGF 11      | ex-CORONADO       | Designated for use in a Navy sink exercise |
| CG 48       | ex-YORKTOWN       | Designated for dismantling                 |
| CG 51       | ex-THOMAS S GATES | Designated for dismantling                 |
| CV 60       | ex-SARATOGA       | Designated for dismantling                 |
| CV 62       | ex-INDEPENDENCE   | Designated for dismantling                 |
| FFG 12      | ex-GEORGE PHILIP  | Designated for dismantling                 |
| FFG 14      | ex-SIDES          | Designated for dismantling                 |
| T-AFS 3     | ex-NIAGARA FALLS  | Designated for use in a Navy sink exercise |
| T-AFS 5     | ex-CONCORD        | Designated for use in a Navy sink exercise |
| T-AFS 7     | ex-SAN JOSE       | Designated for dismantling                 |

Status of participation by historic preservation stakeholders for vessels identified in Table 3 (Program Comment Section III.C):

- Ex-MOUNT BAKER (AE 34): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the AE/AOE Sailors Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoI was posted to

- [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
- Ex-CORONADO (AGF 11): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/165 of 13 September 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 12 November 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-YORKTOWN (CG 48): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and Tin Can Sailors, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/165 of 13 September 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 12 November 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-THOMAS S GATES (CG 51): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and Tin Can Sailors, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/165 of 13 September 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 12 November 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-SARATOGA (CV 60): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the USS Saratoga Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-INDEPENDENCE (CV 62): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the USS Independence CV 62 Association, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/123 of 30 June 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 28 Aug 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and Tin Can Sailors, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/165 of 13 September 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 12 November 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-SIDES (FFG 14): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and Tin Can Sailors, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/165 of 13 September 2010. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 12 November 2010. No comments were received.
  - Ex-NIAGARA FALLS (T-AFS 3): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/027 of 28 January 2011. The DoI was posted to [www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic) for a 60-day public comment period that expires on 1 April 2011.
  - Ex-CONCORD (T-AFS 5): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/027 of 28 January 2011. The DoI was posted to

www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expires on 1 April 2011.

- Ex-SAN JOSE (T-AFS 7): The DoI was provided to the NCSHPO, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the American Merchant Marine Veterans, Inc. by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter Ser 333/027 of 28 January 2011. The DoI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expires on 1 April 2011.

**Table 4: Vessels Eligible for Listing in the NRHP Whose Final Disposition Occurred Between 5 March 2010 and 1 February 2011**

| Hull Number | Vessel Name | Status of Documentation |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| None        |             |                         |

#### **IV. Examination of the Program Comment's Effectiveness**

Section VI of the Program Comment requires the Navy to reexamine the Program Comment's effectiveness after the first year of implementation and every five years thereafter within the context of its annual report or by convening a meeting with historic preservation stakeholders. Further, Section VI requires that the Navy shall consider any written recommendations for improvement submitted by historic preservation stakeholders. Thus far, the Navy has not received any recommendations for improvement.

The Navy has 679 active vessels (ships, submarines, and service craft). Moreover, there are 50 inactive conventionally-powered ships, one inactive nuclear-powered ship, and 19 inactive nuclear-powered submarines in storage. Evaluations completed to date are included in Tables 2 & 3 of this report.

The Navy finds the Program Comment to be an effective method for complying with Section 106 and Section 110 of the NHPA. It has allowed the Navy to apply the eligibility criteria defined by the National Park Service to its vessels. In addition, the Program Comment has allowed the Navy to successfully solicit comments from historic preservation stakeholders regarding a vessel's eligibility or ineligibility for listing in the NRHP.

Due to the number of vessels in the active fleet and the inactive ship inventory, the Navy has been unable to evaluate all of them within the past year. Many of the inactive vessels are in a retention status or other hold category and not subject to imminent disposal. Thus, the Navy will use the Program Comment to address the remaining vessels and will include their evaluations as they are completed in future annual reports.

#### **Attachments:**

1. DOE for ex-FORRESTAL (AVT 59)
2. DOE for ex-RANGER (CV 61)
3. DOE for ex-KITTY HAWK (CV 63)
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