

CORONADO (AGF-11)

Final Determination: 30 November 2010

CORONADO (AGF-11)-class Command Ship formerly AUSTIN (LPD-4)-class Amphibious Transport Dock

Displacement: 16,405 tons (full load)

Length: 569'

Beam: 10'

Draft: 22' (max. navigational)

Speed: 21 knots

Complement: 1,353

Armament: 8 3-inch/50 (four twin mounts)

Built By: Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Co., Seattle, WA

Laid Down: 3 May 1965

Launched: 30 July 1966

Sponsor: Mrs. Stanhope C. Ring, widow of the late VADM Stanhope C. Ring, USN (Ret.)

Commissioned: 23 May 1970

Converted/Redesignated: 1980 (from LPD-11 to AGF-11)

Decommissioned: 25 February 2005

Stricken: 30 September 2006

Disposition: Awaiting disposition, Pearl Harbor, HI

NHL / NRHP Eligible: Not eligible for National Register listing.

SHIP HISTORY: History is in early stages of preparation for the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*.

AWARDS: 1 Navy Unit Commendation, 4 Meritorious Unit Commendation, 2 Navy Expeditionary Medals, 1 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 3 Battle Efficiency (Navy E) Ribbons (2 as AGF-11, 1 as LPD-11), 1 Humanitarian Service Medal (as LPD-11, for Lebanon Evacuation, 27 July 1976), 1 Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Evacuated refugees from Cyprus (July 1974) and Lebanon (July 1976)

Served as Commander, Middle East Force, flagship (1980-1983)

Sixth Fleet flagship (1985-1986) during the 6th Fleet's contingency operations in the wake of the hijacking of the cruise ship ACHILLE LAURO in 1985

Participated in the Freedom of Navigation operations in the Gulf of Sidra and participated in Battle Group Operations off Libya in 1986

Third Fleet flagship (1986-1988)

Commander, Middle East Force, flagship (1988), with additional duty as flagship for Commander, Joint Task Force, Middle East, providing vital communication service

during the crisis attendant to the mining of the guided missile frigate SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG-58), Operation PRAYING MANTIS, and provided logistical and personnel support for the investigation that ensued when the guided missile cruiser VINCENNES (CG-49) shot down Iran Air Flight 655. She served again as Commander, Third Fleet, flagship in 1988-2003.

CRITERIA EVALUATION¹

- i. CORONADO was not awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation.
- ii. No individual act of heroism took place on board CORONADO which resulted in a Medal of Honor or Navy Cross award.
- iii. No President of the United States was assigned to CORONADO during his naval service.
- iv. CORONADO was not the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represented a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities.
- v. No historic or socially significant events occurred on board CORONADO.

CONCLUSION: CORONADO meets none of the criteria as established in the Program Comment and is ineligible for inclusion on the National Register.

SOURCES: Command History Reports, 1970-1993, 1995-1996, 2000-2003, History and Archives Division, Naval History and Heritage Command.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAKEHOLDER COMMENT:

Historic preservation stakeholder comments received are considered when preparing final determinations. The initial determination for this vessel was made available for comment by historic preservation stakeholders for 60 days. During that time, the Navy received zero (0) written comments.

¹ Evaluation conducted using triggers established for Naval vessels in *Program Comment for the Department of Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels*, issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 15 March 2010.