

SIDES (FFG-14)

Final Determination: 30 November 2010

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7)-class Guided Missile Frigate

Displacement: 4,082 tons (full load)

Length: 445'

Beam: 47'

Draft: 25' (max. navigational)

Speed: 30+ knots

Complement: 215

Armament: 1 76 millimeter gun, HARPOON, STANDARD, PHALANX CIWS, LAMPS

Built By: Todd Shipyards, Los Angeles (CA) Division

Laid Down: 7 August 1978

Launched: 19 May 1979

Sponsor: Mrs. Joanne Sides Watson, daughter of the late RADM John H. Sides, USN (1904-1973), for whom the ship was named.

Commissioned: 30 May 1981

Decommissioned: 28 February 2003

Stricken: 24 May 2004

Disposition: Awaiting Disposition, Bremerton, WA

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

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

AWARDS: 1 Meritorious Unit Commendation, 3 Battle Efficiency (Navy E) Ribbons

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Transported Navy Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) teams to the staging area whence they participated in Operation PRAYING MANTIS (an 18 April 1988 attack by U.S. naval forces in retaliation for the Iranian mining of the Persian Gulf and the subsequent damage to an American warship), then protected U.S. minesweepers in the area.

CRITERIA EVALUATION¹

- i. SIDES was not awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation.
- ii. No individual act of heroism took place on board SIDES which resulted in a Medal of Honor or Navy Cross award.
- iii. No President of the United States was assigned to SIDES during his naval service.

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.

- iv. SIDES 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 SIDES.

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

SOURCES: Command History Reports, 1981-1984, 1986-1992, 1999, 2002-2003, 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.