

THOMAS S. GATES (CG-51)

Final Determination: 30 November 2010

TICONDEROGA (CG-47)-class Guided Missile Cruiser

Displacement: 9,915 tons (full load)

Length: 567'

Beam: 55'

Draft: 33' (max. navigational)

Speed: 30+ knots

Complement: 360

Armament: Mark (Mk) 7 Mod. 2 AEGIS Weapons System, 2 5-inch guns, 2 Mk 26 Missile Launch Systems, 2 HARPOON Missile Quad-Canister Launchers, 2 Mk 32 Torpedo Tubes, 2 Close In Weapons System (CIWS), 2 AN/SLQ-32(V)2 Electronic Warfare System.

Built By: Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath, ME

Laid Down: 31 August 1984

Launched: 14 December 1985

Sponsor: Mrs. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., widow of the late Secretary of Defense/Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr. (1906-1983), for whom the ship was named.

Commissioned: 22 August 1987

Decommissioned: 16 December 2005

Stricken: 16 December 2005

Disposition: Awaiting Disposition, Philadelphia, PA

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

SHIP HISTORY: http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/t4/thomas_s_gates.htm (updated to early 2005)

AWARDS: 1 Navy Unit Commendation, 1 Meritorious Unit Citation (as part of the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group), 2 Battle Efficiency (Navy E) Ribbons, 1 Humanitarian Service Medal (as part of Navy Construction Battalion Center Gulfport 20th Naval Construction Regiment), 2 Secretary of the Navy Letters of Commendation, 1 Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Southwest Asia Service Medal, 6 Armed Forces Service Medals, 2 Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbons.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: THOMAS S. GATES participated in Operation DESERT STORM.

CRITERIA EVALUATION¹

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

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

SOURCES: Command History Reports, 1988-1999, 2001-2003, 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.