

YORKTOWN (CG-48)

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-SLQ 32 V3.

Built By: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Pascagoula, MS

Laid Down: 19 October 1981

Launched: 17 January 1983

Sponsor: Mrs. Mary Mathews, widow of the late Nick Mathews, restaurateur and a prominent citizen of Yorktown, VA

Commissioned: 4 July 1984

Decommissioned: 10 December 2004

Stricken: 10 December 2004

Disposition: Awaiting Disposition, Philadelphia, PA

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: 2 Navy Unit Commendations, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations (1 as a unit of Mediterranean Carrier Battle Group 3-91), 1 Navy Expeditionary Medal, 7 Battle Efficiency (Navy E) Ribbons, 1 Humanitarian Service Medal (as element of Navy Construction Battalion Center Gulfport 20th Naval Construction Regiment), 3 Joint Meritorious Unit Awards (1 for Operation FIERY VIGIL), 1 Armed Forces Service Medal, 1 Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: YORKTOWN was the second ship to employ AEGIS, a revolutionary defensive radar that has been included in many subsequent cruiser and destroyer class vessels.

CRITERIA EVALUATION¹

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.

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

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

SOURCES: Command History Reports, 1984-1989, 1995-2004, 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.