

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
DULUTH	LPD-6
<b>Vessel Class</b>	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
AUSTIN (LPD-4)-class amphibious transport dock	None
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Pearl Harbor, HI	Stricken; logistics support asset

<b>Initial Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Initial Finding</b>
24 August 2011	Ineligible
<b>Final Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places</b>
10 November 2011	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Second ship to bear name of city of Duluth, MN.
<b>Displacement</b>	16,710 tons
<b>Length</b>	569 feet; between perpendiculars: 548 feet
<b>Beam</b>	84 feet; with aviation catwalks, 105 feet
<b>Draft</b>	23 feet (maximum)
<b>Speed</b>	20+ knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Steam turbines, twin screws
<b>Armament</b>	Eight 3-inch guns (four twin mounts)
<b>Laid Down</b>	18 December 1963

<b>Launched</b>	14 August 1965
<b>Built By</b>	New York (NY) Naval Shipyard; last ship to be built at this location [Note: construction of ship not completed prior to closure of New York Naval Shipyard; remainder of fitting out completed at Philadelphia, PA, Naval Shipyard]
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. C. Bruce Solomonson, daughter of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
<b>Placed In Commission, Special</b>	18 December 1965
<b>Delivered</b>	2 February 1966
<b>Commissioned</b>	2 June 1966
<b>Decommissioned</b>	28 September 2005
<b>Stricken</b>	28 September 2005

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	DULUTH conducted at least 19 WestPac deployments, and deployed at least six times to the Indian Ocean and four times to the Arabian Gulf.
<b>Awards</b>	One Combat Action Ribbon, four Navy Unit Commendations (one of which concerned the ship's being part of U.S. Fifth Fleet Strike Force in Operation <i>Iraqi Freedom</i> ), four Meritorious Unit Commendations, 11 Navy "E" Ribbons, one Navy Expeditionary Medal (as part of COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT), five Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, seven Engagement ["Battle"] Stars on the Vietnam Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, three Humanitarian Service Medals (one for Operation <i>Frequent Wind</i> , another for operations in the wake of Typhoon <i>Mike</i> , and the third for Operation <i>Unified Assistance</i> ), Coast Guard SOS Ribbon.

<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	Participated in at least 16 amphibious assaults during the period 1967-1971 in the Vietnam War and took part in the embarkation of refugees in the wake of the fall of South Vietnam in 1975 in Operation <i>Frequent Wind</i> ; and participated in contingency operations that followed the <i>al-Qaeda</i> bombing of the guided missile destroyer COLE (DDG-67) in 2000.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Posted 17 August 2005; requires updating.

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<b>i. Was the ship awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place on board the ship such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the ship during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>iv. Was the ship the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary</b>	No

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<b>change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?</b>	
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the ship?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible
<b>Assessment of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association .</b>	None on file.

<b>Sources</b>	NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive, USS DULUTH (LPD-6), <a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/09/0906.htm">www.navsource.org/archives/10/09/0906.htm</a>
	USS DULUTH (LPD-6), Welcome Aboard Pamphlets, HAD, NHHC
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	Naval Vessel Register for DULUTH (LPD-6) Amphibious Transport Dock, <a href="http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/LPD6.htm">www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/LPD6.htm</a>
	<i>Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships</i> (online), DULUTH (LPD-6), <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/d6/duluth-ii.htm">www.history.navy.mil/danfs/d6/duluth-ii.htm</a> , posted 8 August 2005.

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#### **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 no written comments.**