

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
STEPHEN W. GROVES	FFG-29
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7) class guided missile frigate	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Mayport, FL	Active, Naval Reserve Force

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
16 May 2011	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 September 2011	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First ship named in honor of ENS Stephen W. Groves, A-V(N), USNR, lost in the Battle of Midway, 4 June 1942, who was awarded the Navy Cross (posthumously)
Displacement	4,094 tons (full load) 3,190 tons (light)
Length	445 ft.
Beam	47 ft.
Draft	26 ft. (maximum navigational)
Speed	28 + knots
Propulsion	Two Gas Turbines, single screw
Armament	One 76 millimeter gun; one Close-in-Weapons System (CIWS); six torpedo tubes; two Light Airborne Multi-Purpose

	System (LAMPS); 25 millimeter and .50 caliber machine guns
Laid Down	16 September 1980
Launched	4 April 1981
Built By	Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath, ME
Sponsor	Mrs. Miriam Groves Landry, proxy for her grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Groves, mother of the late ENS Groves
Delivered	5 March 1982
Commissioned	17 April 1982
Inactivated	Scheduled for November 2011 – February 2012
Decommissioned	Scheduled for 25 February 2012
Stricken	Scheduled for 25 February 2012

Vessel History

Deployments	Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean
Awards	One Meritorious Unit Commendation, 1 Navy Expeditionary Medal, 2 Navy E Ribbons, 1 Southwest Asia Service Medal, 4 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, 1 Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and 1 Chief of Naval Operations Letter of Commendation
Noteworthy Events	July 1982, rescued two people 120 miles out to sea from disabled sailboat & towed to safety. 1986 awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation for period 7 Nov 83- 18 Mar 84; June 1989, rescued 35-foot sailboat adrift 60 miles out to sea and towed in to Naval Base, Guantanamo. Rescued man adrift 60 miles out to sea and towed his 28-foot fishing boat to Naval Base, Guantanamo; 1992 Standing Naval Forces, Mediterranean; Operation <i>Support Democracy</i>

	supporting United Nations Sanctions of Haiti; 25 March 1994 rescued seven Cuban refugees adrift in row boat and transferred to a USCG vessel; 1999 Counter-Drug Operations in the Caribbean; operated with elements of the U.S. Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team North; 2006, Conducted two joint Coast Guard and Navy interdiction operations.
DANFS* Entry	In early stages of preparation, ship having been commissioned subsequent to published <i>DANFS</i> volume (R-S).

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?	No
ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place aboard the vessel such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?	No
iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?	No
iv. Was the vessel was the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	No
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historical Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	Not applicable

Sources	Naval Vessel Register, 10 March 2011; Ship Command History/Command Operations Report Files, History and Archives Division, Naval History and Heritage Command. Website, Awards.navy.mil
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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.

	USS Stephen W. Groves website, http://groves.navy.mil
	Navsource.org

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.