

U.S. Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Hull Name	Hull Number
SAN JOSE	AFS-7
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
MARS (AFS-1)-class combat store ship	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-Site Maintenance Office, Pearl Harbor, HI	Stricken, to be disposed of by dismantling

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
25 January 2011	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
29 March 2011	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Displacement	17,373 (full load)
Length	581 feet
Beam	79 feet
Draft	24 feet
Speed	20 knots
Propulsion	Steam turbines, single screw
Armament	Eight 3-inch guns (four twin mounts, as commissioned)
Aircraft	Two helicopters
Laid Down	8 March 1969
Launched	13 December 1969

Built By	National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA
Sponsor	Mrs. Robert Ellis, III, proxy for her mother, Mrs. George L. Murphy, the wife of Senator George L. Murphy of California
Delivered	30 September 1970
Commissioned	23 October 1970
Decommissioned	2 November 1993, turned over to MSC.
Inactivated	27 January 2010
Stricken	27 January 2010

Vessel History

Deployments	Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf
Awards	Six MUC [one MUC for Military Detachment], four NUC, four AFEM, two NESM, one SW Asia, three VSM, two Navy E
Noteworthy Accomplishments	Three of her four HSM (Humanitarian Service Medals) represent the rescue of Vietnamese refugees in the open sea
DANFS* Entry	In preparation

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Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the ship awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation? (A	No
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¹ Evaluation conducted using criteria 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.

Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to military units that have performed an extremely meritorious or heroic act, usually in the face of an armed enemy.)	
ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place aboard the ship such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross? (The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in action against an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)	No
iii. Was a President of the United States was assigned to the ship during his or her naval service?	No
iv. Was the ship 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?	No
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association	Not applicable
Historical Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	Command History Reports 1970-1974, 1976-1989, 1992. Deck logs for 1975, 1990-1991, 1993; Naval Vessel Registers and Armament Summaries on file in the 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 no written comments.