

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
BLACK HAWK	MHC 58
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OSPREY (MHC 51)-class coastal minehunter	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
Beaumont (TX) Reserve Fleet	Stricken, to be disposed of

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
29 February 2012	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
29 May 2012	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Third ship of the U.S. Navy to be named BLACK HAWK
Displacement	914 tons (full load)
Length	188 ft (overall)
Beam	38 ft
Draft	11 ft
Speed	10+ knots
Propulsion	Diesel engines, twin screws
Armament	2 .50-caliber machine guns
Laid Down	3 September 1992
Launched	27 August 1994

Built By	Intermarine USA, Savannah, GA
Sponsor	Mrs. E. (Kika) De La Garza, wife of Texas Congressman (15 th District)
Delivered	16 January 1996
Commissioned	11 May 1996
Inactivated	1 December 2007
Decommissioned	1 December 2007
Stricken	1 December 2007

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Ship's mission was to clear harbor, coastal, and ocean waters of acoustical, magnetic, and pressure/contact type mines utilizing reconnaissance, classification and neutralization tactics.</p> <p>BLACK HAWK participated in Commander Joint Task Force Exercise 04-2, a multinational exercise, and a Mine Exercise off the York River in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard during their deployment. She was assigned to Mine Warfare Readiness Group One within Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (COMCMRON-2).</p>
Awards	None found
Noteworthy Events	None found
DANFS* Entry	A placeholder entry dated 6 February 2006 shortly before decommissioning

**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
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	n/a

Sources	Naval Vessel Register
	www.navsource.org
	F. Kieschnick, "Final Four MHCs Decommission," Navy News, 5 December 2007
	"Welcome Aboard USS Black Hawk MHC-58" (n.d.)
	"Commissioning Ceremony of USS Black Hawk, 11 May 1996"
NHHC Ship History Files	

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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition

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.
