

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
CORMORANT	MHC 57
<b>Vessel Class</b>	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
OSPREY (MHC 51)-class coastal minehunter	none
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Beaumont (TX) Reserve Fleet	Stricken, to be disposed of

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

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Third ship of the U.S. Navy to be named CORMORANT
<b>Displacement</b>	957 tons (full load)
<b>Length</b>	188 ft (overall)
<b>Beam</b>	38 ft (extreme)
<b>Draft</b>	11 ft
<b>Speed</b>	12+knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Diesel engines, twin screws
<b>Armament</b>	2 .50 caliber machine guns
<b>Laid Down</b>	4 October 1993

<b>Launched</b>	19 March 1997
<b>Built By</b>	Avondale Industries, New Orleans, LA
<b>Sponsor</b>	Ms. Suzanne Prueher, wife of ADM Joseph Prueher
<b>Delivered</b>	3 January 1997
<b>Commissioned</b>	12 April 1997
<b>Inactivated</b>	1 December 2007
<b>Decommissioned</b>	1 December 2007
<b>Stricken</b>	1 December 2007

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	<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>Reconnaissance, neutralization of all types of moored and bottom mines in littoral areas, harbors, and coastal waterways.</p>
<b>Awards</b>	None
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	None
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	None

*\*Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

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

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible
<b>Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)</b>	n/a

<b>Sources</b>	Naval Vessel Register
	NHHC Ship History Files
	“Welcome Aboard – CORMORANT” (n.d.)

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<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.

## 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