

Naval Ship Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
ENTERPRISE	CVN-65
Ship Class	Previous Designation (if any)
ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) - class multi-purpose aircraft carrier (nuclear-propulsion)	CVAN-65 (1 Jul 1975)
Ship Location	Current Status
Homeport, Norfolk, VA	Active, in commission

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
1 May 2012	Eligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
11 July 2012	Eligible

Ship Snapshot

Lineage	Eighth U.S. Navy ship to be named ENTERPRISE
Displacement	93,284 tons (full load)
Length	length 1,088 feet
Beam	133 feet
Extreme Beam	248 feet
Draft	39 feet
Speed	30+ knots
Propulsion	Steam turbines (nuclear), four screws
Laid Down	4 Feb 1958

Launched	24 Sep 1960
Built By	Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., Newport News, VA
Sponsor	Mrs. William B. Franke, wife of Secretary of the Navy William B. Franke
Delivered	29 Oct 1961
Commissioned	25 Nov 1961
Decommissioned	TBD
Inactivated	Slated for inactivation (per the ENTERPRISE PAO website) at Norfolk Naval Station on 1 Dec 2012
Stricken	TBD

Ship History

Deployment Summary	Three circumnavigations of the globe, three deployments to the Mediterranean, six to the Mediterranean/Indian Ocean/Arabian Gulf, one to the Mediterranean/Indian Ocean/Arabian Gulf/Adriatic Sea, six to the Western Pacific/Vietnam, two to the Western Pacific/Vietnam/Indian Ocean, two to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean, one to the Northern Pacific/Western Pacific, and two to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/Northern Pacific.
Awards	Joint Meritorious Unit Award, three Navy Unit Commendations, five Meritorious Unit Commendations (three individual, one as an element of Battle Group F, one as part of the ENTERPRISE Strike Group, one as part of the ENTERPRISE Battle Group), three Navy "E" Ribbons, two Navy Expeditionary Medals, ten Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, eleven Vietnam Battle Stars, five Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals, two Armed Forces Service Medals, two Humanitarian Service Medals, two Secretary of the Navy Letters of Commendation.

<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>Cuban Quarantine Operations (1962), Operation <i>Sea Orbit</i> (1964) in company with LONG BEACH (CGN-9) and BAINBRIDGE (DLGN-25) (1964), Vietnam War (1965-1973), contingency operations in the wake of the North Korean seizure of the PUEBLO (AGER-2) (1968), survived catastrophic fire during an operational readiness inspection (1969), contingency operations in the wake of the North Korean destruction of an unarmed Lockheed EC-121M <i>Constellation</i> (1969), supported mine countermeasures operations in Operation <i>End Sweep</i> (1973), rescued survivors of stricken Liberian-registry freighter <i>St. Constantine</i> (1973), provided disaster relief in the wake of Cyclone <i>Gervaise</i> at Mauritius (1975), Operation <i>Frequent Wind</i>, the evacuation of Americans, Vietnamese and “third-country nationals” from South Vietnam (1975), first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to transit the Suez Canal (1986), Operation <i>Praying Mantis</i> (1988), Operation <i>Earnest Will</i> (1988), Operation <i>Southern Watch</i> (1998-1999, 2001), Operation <i>Desert Fox</i> (1998), Operation <i>Enduring Freedom</i> (2001, 2007), Operation <i>Iron Hammer</i> (2003); Operation <i>Enduring Freedom</i> and Operation <i>New Dawn</i> (2011).</p>
<p>DANFS* Entry</p>	<p>http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiia.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiib.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiic.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiid.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiie.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiif.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiig.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiih.htm, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/e4/enterprise-viiiii.htm (final update pending)</p>

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Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the ship awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?	No.
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?	Yes. By virtue of the fact that an aircraft carrier is unique, with a ship's company and an embarked air group/wing, pilots/aircrew who fly from her deck must be considered as attached to that ship, even if their act of heroism takes place away from said ship. By that criteria, therefore, the heroism of LCDR Eugene B. McDaniel, CDR Peter W. Sherman, CDR Jerrold M. Zacharias, LCDR Michael L. Hall, CDR Glenn E. Kollman, and LT John G. Griffith, who flew from the ENTERPRISE during the Vietnam War, and were awarded the Navy Cross, qualifies the ENTERPRISE as "historic."
iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the ship during his or her naval service?	No.
iv. Was the ship was the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	Yes. First nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the world. With one exception (JOHN F. KENNEDY, CVA-67), all subsequent U.S. Navy multi-purpose aircraft carriers have been nuclear powered.
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the ship?	Yes. The ENTERPRISE's half-century record of operational service is historic in itself.
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association	The ENTERPRISE has received what modifications and alterations deemed necessary to upgrade her warfighting potential and habitability, etc., as much as any other ship in the U.S., or any other, Navy.
Historical Evaluation Conclusion	Eligible

Sources	See DANFS reference above, also Naval Vessel Register: http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/CVN65.htm
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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.

	See also the ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) and pertinent Aviation History Files (Squadrons/Air Wings) held by the History and Archives Division, Naval History and Heritage Command.
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Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

Historic preservation stakeholder comments received are considered when preparing final determinations. The initial determination for this ship was made available for comment by historic preservation stakeholders for 60 days. During that time, the Navy received no written comments.