

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
REUBEN JAMES	FFG 57
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
51 <sup>ST</sup> OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7) class guided missile frigate	
Vessel Location	Current Status
INACTSHIPMAINTO Pearl Harbor	Stricken, planned for SINKEX in 2015

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
4 April 2013	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
9 June 2013	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Third U.S. Navy ship named for Boatswain's Mate Reuben James (1776-1838), a naval hero of the Barbary Wars (1804)
<b>Displacement</b>	3,800 tons
<b>Length</b>	453 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	45 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	24.5 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	30+ kts
<b>Propulsion</b>	2 General Electric LM2500-30 gas turbines generating 41,000 shp (31 mW) through a single shaft and variable pitch propeller; 2 auxiliary propulsion units; 350 hp (260 kW) retractable electric azimuth thrusters for maneuvering and docking.
<b>Armament</b>	(as built): One OTO Melara Mk 75 76 mm/62 caliber naval gun; two Mk 32 triple-tube (324mm) launchers for Mark 46

	<p>torpedoes, one Vulcan Phalanx CIWS; four .50-cal (12.7 mm) machine guns; one Mk 13 Mod 4 single-arm launcher for Harpoon anti-ship missiles and SM-1MR standard anti-ship/air missiles (40 round magazine).</p> <p>Aircraft carried: 2 SH-60 LAMPS III helicopters.</p> <p>Note: As of 2004, Mk13 systems were removed from all active U.S. vessels of this class.</p>
<b>Laid Down</b>	19 November 1983
<b>Launched</b>	8 February 1985
<b>Built By</b>	Todd Pacific Shipyard Corp., Los Angeles (CA) Division
<b>Sponsor</b>	Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Lois H. Herrington
<b>Delivered</b>	3 March 1986
<b>Commissioned</b>	22 March 1986
<b>Inactivated</b>	
<b>Decommissioned</b>	1 August 2013
<b>Stricken</b>	

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	<p>Initially assigned to Surface Squadron ONE during post-commissioning trials and shakedown, REUBEN JAMES joined the <i>Red Stallions</i> of Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE in June 1987. Assigned to Mideast Force on her maiden deployment, REUBEN JAMES participated in twenty-two Operation <i>Earnest Will</i> convoy missions, serving as the convoy's commander flagship on ten of those missions. As a unit of the Pacific Fleet Anti-Submarine warfare Readiness Squadron, she was a key participant in the continuing research and development of anti-submarine tactics and equipment. In August 1991, REUBEN JAMES moved from Long Beach, CA, to Pearl</p>
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	<p>Harbor, HI. On October 1, 1998, she joined the “Ke Koa O Ke Ka” Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE.</p> <p>REUBEN JAMES participated in the CARAT 2000 exercises, including phases in the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore, from 14 June to 22 September 2000.</p> <p>For nine months from July 2002 to April 2003, REUBEN JAMES deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated in Operations <i>Enduring Freedom</i> and <i>Iraqi Freedom</i>. In July 2003, REUBEN JAMES hosted the Japanese destroyer SHIMAKAZE (DDG 172) for exercises in Pearl Harbor. On 23 October 2003, the crew of REUBEN JAMES dressed ship and manned the rails to render honors to President George W. Bush as he toured Pearl Harbor.</p> <p>From February 2004-April 2004, she deployed to the Eastern Pacific in support of counter-drug operations. Between July-December 2004, REUBEN JAMES went through an extensive modernization and maintenance program.</p> <p>As part of Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), REUBEN JAMES deployed on 15 February 2006 on a WESTPAC mission to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation <i>Iraqi Freedom</i> and Operation <i>Enduring Freedom</i>. The strike group relieved TARAWA (LHA 1) on station in early April 2006 in New Caledonia and began its mission of conducting maritime security operations. During operations REUBEN JAMES performed services such as providing medical assistance to Sri Lankan fishermen and rescuing Kenyan sailors. ESG 3 was relieved on 9 July 2006 and REUBEN JAMES returned to Pearl Harbor in August 2006.</p> <p>REUBEN JAMES participated in exercises with the Philippine Navy frigate GREGORIO DEL PILAR (PF 15) off the coast of Hawaii on 30 July 2011.</p>
<b>Awards</b>	<p>Three Navy Unit Commendations (including 1 as part of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Strike Group and 1 as part of Fifth Fleet Battle Force), 1 Meritorious Unit Commendation, 6 Navy “E” Ribbons, 4 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, 3 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals, 3 Secretary of the Navy Letters of Commendation (including 1 as part of TG 75.4), and 1 Coast Guard SOS Ribbon.</p>
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	<p>REUBEN JAMES made an official visit to Vladivostok in 1990; considered an important visit by the USN during the former Soviet Union’s period of <i>Perestroika</i>.</p> <p>REUBEN JAMES appeared in the movie, “The Hunt for Red October,” in 1989 and was the first ship (in the film) to find Soviet Submarine Captain</p>

	Marko Ramus and his crew of defectors. REUBEN JAMES sailors played the roles of the Soviets. REUBEN JAMES also has a prominent fictional role in the novels “Red Storm Rising” by Tom Clancy (1986) and “Malacca Conspiracy” by Don Brown (2010).
<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 design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association ?</b>	n/a

<b>Sources</b>	Commissioning Ceremony Booklet, USS Reuben James, FFG57, 22 March 1986
	“Welcome Aboard USS Reuben James FFG-57”
	<i>Navy Times</i> , 1 October 1990
	<a href="http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/FFG57/Pages/History.aspx">www.public.navy.mil/surfor/FFG57/Pages/History.aspx</a>
	Wikipedia, “Reuben James”
	Naval Vessel Register
	Inactive Ships Management Office, Weekly Operations Report 5 June 2015

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### Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

<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 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.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>