Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
SIMON LAKE	AS 33
Vessel Class	**Previous Vessel Designation (if any)**
SIMON LAKE (AS 33)-class submarine tender	
Vessel Location	**Current Status**
Portsmouth, VA	Stricken, to be disposed of

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
17 December 2013	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	**Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places**
24 March 2014	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First Navy ship named for Simon Lake (1866-1945), inventor and naval architect.
Displacement	20,088 tons (full load)
Length	644 ft.
Beam	85 ft.
Draft	27 ft.
Speed	18 knots
Propulsion	Two (2) Boilers, Four (4) Ship Service Turbine Generators, One (1) Shaft, One (1) Emergency Diesel Generator (1,000KW)

Armament	4 x 25 mm Mk38 guns, 2 x 40 mm grenade launchers, 2 x .50 caliber machine guns
Laid Down	7 January 1963
Launched	8 February 1964
Built By	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington
Sponsor	Mrs. Cecil Ford and Mrs. Herbert Diamond, daughters of Simon Lake
Delivered	15 January 1965
Commissioned	7 November 1964
Inactivated	25 June 1999
Decommissioned	31 July 1999
Stricken	25 April 2006

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	36 years of service; USEUCOM: 1966-1970 and 1987-1992 (Holy Loch, Scotland); 1972-1977 (Rota, Spain);1993 and 1998-1999 (La Maddalena, Italy) USCENTCOM: 1998 (Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in Arabian Gulf)
Awards	One Navy Unit Commendation, eight Meritorious Unit Commendations (one for service at Naval Support Activity, Holy Loch, Scotland, one as part of the Sixth Fleet Battle Force, and two as part of Submarine Squadron 14), seven Navy "E" Ribbons, one Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, one Armed Forces Service Medal, and one Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation.

Noteworthy Events	1970 - converted to support POSEIDON-armed missile submarines 1978-1979 - converted to support TRIDENT-armed submarines 1979 - first tender certified to handle the new TRIDENT missile 1981 - the first tender certified to off-load a damaged TRIDENT missile from an SSBN launch tube 1986 - rescued 13 Haitians from disabled motor vessel off the coast of Cuba 1991 - underwent conversion from an SSBN tender to a SSN tender
*DANFS** Entry	Placeholder entry December 2013, detailed history to be produced at a future date.

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Criteria Evaluation[1]

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

Sources	NHHC Archives, Washington Navy Yard
	www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/AS33.htm
	awards.navy.mil/awards

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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.

	www.history.navy.mil/danfs/s13/simon_lake.htm
	www.navysite.de/ships/as33.htm
	"Navy to Commission 2 Ships Saturday," News Release No. 785-64, 2 Nov 64

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