

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
ALBUQUERQUE	SSN 706
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN 688)-class nuclear powered fast attack submarine	
Vessel Location	Current Status
San Diego, CA	Scheduled for decommissioning 3 November 2015

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
20 October 2015	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second U.S. Navy ship to be named for the City of Albuquerque, NM; the first was a frigate (PF 7).
Displacement	6,900 tons
Length	360 ft.
Beam	(breadth) 23 ft.
Draft	32 ft.

Speed	25+kts.
Propulsion	Water-cooled, pressurized nuclear reactor, single-screw
Armament	MK 48 advanced capability anti-submarine/ship torpedoes; tomahawk class cruise missiles, and mines
Laid Down	27 December 1979
Launched	13 March 1982
Built By	General Dynamics, Electric Boat Div., Groton, CT
Sponsor	Mrs. Pete (Nancy) Domenici, wife of Senator Domenici of AZ
Delivered	14 April 1983
Commissioned	21 May 1983
Inactivated	Ceremony held 16 October 2015
Decommissioned	[Scheduled for 3 November 2015]
Stricken	TBD

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Deployments to the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Western Pacific, with the primary mission of antisubmarine warfare. Part of Submarine Group; deployed during the Kosovo War in 1999.</p> <p>In its more than 32-year career, ALBUQUERQUE deployed more than 19 times, steamed more than 500,000 miles, and visited nearly 20 countries. The ALBUQUERQUE was also one of the first nuclear submarines to experience combat, gaining the moniker of “Sure Shooter of the Submarine Force” while successfully launching 10 <i>Tomahawk</i> cruise missiles during the Kosovo war</p>
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	<p>in 1999.</p> <p>On her 19th and final regular deployment, while operating in the Fifth Fleet’s area of responsibility, ALBUQUERQUE conducted several missions of vital importance to national security. She participated in exercises with the Royal Australian Navy and made port calls in Australia, Oman, and Diego Garcia.</p> <p>ALBUQUERQUE was capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.</p>
Awards	2 FS (1992, 1993); 3 MU (85, 89, 97); 2 NE (89, 97) 1 SC (91)
Noteworthy Events	<p>In 2005, an onboard USN Petty Officer was discovered to be passing secret information to Russia. After pleading guilty, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison in 2006 and received a dishonorable discharge.</p> <p>When the boat was commissioned, then-Albuquerque Mayor Harry Kinney gave the commander a set of keys to a Rolls-Royce and issued a challenge: The first skipper who brought the sub up the Rio Grande to Albuquerque could claim the classic luxury car. It became a tradition for the keys to be handed over to the new commanding officer at each change-of-command ceremony.</p> <p>The current holder of the keys – Cmdr. Don Tenney – said he’d like to see the keys returned to Mayor Richard Berry “for posterity.”</p>
DANFS* Entry	Placemaker; detailed history to follow

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Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?	No
ii. Did an individual act of heroism take	

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.

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 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	Welcome Aboard USS ALBUQUERQUE (undated)
	ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) Fact Sheet in NHHHC Archival files
	Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
	http://ussalbuquerque706.net/
	Charles Brunt, "USS ALBUQUERQUE Decommissioning," <i>Albuquerque Journal</i> , 16 October 2015

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 __ written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition