

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
RODNEY M. DAVIS	FFG 60
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7)-class guided missile frigate	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
Homeport: Everett, WA	Active, Pacific Fleet

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
15 October 2014	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 January 2015	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, USMC, who, during Operation SWIFT in Vietnam, threw himself onto a grenade to save his fellow marines – heroism recognized by the award of the Medal of Honor (posthumous).
<b>Displacement</b>	4,100 tons
<b>Length</b>	453 feet
<b>Beam</b>	47 feet
<b>Draft</b>	24.5 feet

<b>Speed</b>	25+ knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	2 GE LM 2500 gas turbine engines; 41,000 hp; 1 shaft, cp propeller, 325 hp retractable propeller pods
<b>Armament</b>	1 Mk 13 Mod 4 missile launcher, 4 SSM McDonnell-Douglas Harpoon missiles, 36 GDC-Pomona Standard SM-1MR missiles; 1 Mk 75 3"/62 cal. OTO Melara gun; 1 Vulcan Phalanx CIS; 4 .50 cal. machineguns; 6 324mm Mk 32 (2 triple) tubes / Mk 46 torpedoes
<b>Laid Down</b>	8 February 1985
<b>Launched</b>	11 January 1986
<b>Built By</b>	Todd Pacific Shipyard Corp., Los Angeles, CA
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Judy P. Davis; widow of the late SGT Rodney M. Davis USMC
<b>Delivered</b>	30 April 1987
<b>Commissioned</b>	9 May 1987
<b>Inactivated</b>	N/A
<b>Decommissioned</b>	N/A
<b>Stricken</b>	N/A

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	Note: According to all sources found, the first deployment for this vessel was not until 1994; there is hardly any information on exactly what was completed during this deployment.
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On 12 August 1994, RODNEY M. DAVIS made her first deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

On 3 March 2003, RODNEY M DAVIS departed Naval Station Everett, WA for a scheduled deployment, with the NIMITZ (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group in support of the Global War on Terrorism. On 29 January 2003, the Strike Group successfully completed a Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). On 10 November 2003, RODNEY M. DAVIS returned to her homeport after an eight-month deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). The guided-missile frigate operated as flagship for the Commander of Maritime Interception Operations in the North Arabian Gulf (NAG), intercepting ships suspected of transporting illegal cargo, and also conducted similar operations with coalition forces in the southern Arabian Gulf.

On 29 April 2005, RODNEY M. DAVIS departed Everett for a scheduled deployment to Southeast Asia in support of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT). On 17 June, the guided missile frigate pulled into Satahip, Thailand, for a scheduled port visit, in support of CARAT Exercise. On 25 July 2005, RODNEY M. DAVIS arrived in Tanjung Perak Port in Surabaya, Indonesia, to participate in the Indonesian phase of CARAT. On 23 August 2005, the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise series ended with the closing of the Philippines phase. CARAT Singapore was conducted from May 30-June 13, while CARAT Thailand took place from June 17-26. The nine-day CARAT Malaysia phase began July 8 and ended on July 18. CARAT Indonesia was from July 25-29 and CARAT Brunei took place from Aug. 4-12. The Task Group ships arrived in Subic Bay, Philippines, on Aug. 15 for the final phase of the exercise. On 29 October 2005, RODNEY M. DAVIS returned to Naval Station Everett after a six-month deployment.

January 26, 2006, RODNEY M. DAVIS was in port undergoing a six-month Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). On 3 November 2006, RODNEY M. DAVIS completed the installation of a man overboard indicator (MOBI) system. On 28 November 2006, RODNEY M. DAVIS departed Everett for a scheduled deployment in the U.S. Fourth Fleet AoR as part of a Joint/Inter-Agency Task force in support of counter-narcotics trafficking operations.

April 7, 2007, RODNEY M. DAVIS held a ceremony to commemorate the birthday of the man for whom she was named, Sgt. Rodney Maxwell Davis, USMC. On 12 June 2007, RODNEY M. DAVIS, commanded by Cmdr. James L. Minta, returned to Naval Station Everett after a six-and-a-half month deployment. The ship conducted four port visits and confiscated approximately \$250 million worth of cocaine from smugglers.

March 25, 2008, RODNEY M. DAVIS was off the coast of southern

California, as part of opposition forces for RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) CSG's COMPTUEX. On 27 June 2007, the guided missile frigate arrived in Naval Station Pearl Harbor to participate in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2008 exercise, scheduled to take place in the Hawaiian operating area from June 29 through July 31. On 15 August 2007, RODNEY M. DAVIS returned to homeport after a "Tiger Cruise" from San Diego, following its participation in RIMPAC '08 and workups off the coast of southern California. On 5 December 2007, RODNEY M. DAVIS and U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 106 intercepted the fishing vessel, in the eastern Pacific Ocean, carrying more than 4 metric tons of cocaine and captured nine suspected narcotics smugglers.

On 21 April 2009, RODNEY M. DAVIS returned to Naval Station Everett after a six-month eastern Pacific deployment in support of counter narco-terrorism. The vessel seized six tons of cocaine and 160 pounds of marijuana, and disrupted 18 tons of cocaine. She also visited Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Peru and several ports in Panama.

On May 29, 2010 Cmdr. Scott F. Robertson relieved Cmdr. L. Doug Stuffle as CO during a change-of-command ceremony held at anchor off the cost of Panama. RODNEY M. DAVIS deployed for counter-illicit trafficking (CIT) operations in the U.S. Fourth Fleet AoO. On 16 September 2010, the guided missile frigate departed Vasco Nunez de Balboa Naval Base, Panama, after a two-day port call. On 23 September 2010, RODNEY M. DAVIS recovered 3,500 pounds of cocaine after interdicted a 46-foot Ecuadorian flagged fishing vessel, in the waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean. On 23 November 2010, RODNEY M. DAVIS returned to Everett after more than a six-month underway period off Central and South America. While deployed, the ship's crew recovered 2.2 metric tons of cocaine, disrupted the movement of 1.5 metric tons and detained 26 suspected drug traffickers.

On June 14, 2011, RODNEY M. DAVIS departed San Francisco, Calif., after a three-day port visit. On 18 November 2011, Cmdr. Timothy M. Gibboney relieved Cmdr. Scott F. Robertson as CO during a change-of-command ceremony in the Grand Vista Ballroom at Naval Station Everett.

On May 24, 2013, Cmdr. Todd E. Whalen relieved Cmdr. Timothy M. Gibboney as the 17th commanding officer of RODNEY M. DAVIS.

On June 12, 2014, RODNEY M. DAVIS departed Naval Station Everett for a scheduled western Pacific deployment. On 25 June 2014, the RODNEY M. DAVIS arrived in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the in-port phase of a multinational exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014; Underway for at-sea phase on July 8; Inport Pearl Harbor again from July 29 to early August. On 9 August 2014, the guided-missile frigate entered the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AoR) to conduct operations with United States Coast Guard

	<p>(USCG) Tactical Law Enforcement Team Pacific and the western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, in support of the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) in the region. On 18 August 2014, RODNEY M. DAVIS moored at Uniform Wharf in Apra Harbor, Guam, for a brief port call. From 22-23 August, the RODNEY M. DAVIS participated in a Sail Raja Ampat, an Indonesia-hosted international maritime event off the coast of Waigeo Island, West Papua; Inport Apra Harbor again from Aug. 26-27. On 30 August 2014, RODNEY M. DAVIS moored at Harbor Master Pier (HMP) West in Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, for a two-week upkeep and to embark Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 51 Det. 1; Anchored at A-12 for ammo onload from Sept. 5-7; Inport Yokosuka again from Sept. 7-11. On 14 September 2014, RODNEY M. DAVIS moored at Navy Pier, White Beach Naval Facility in Okinawa, Japan, for a brief port call to refuel. On 22 September 2014, RODNEY M. DAVIS recently moored at Berth 2, Sembawang Terminal in Singapore for a scheduled port visit.</p>
<p><b>Awards</b></p>	<p>Awarded 1 Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation; 1 Navy Unit Commendation; 1 Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation w/ 2 stars; Second Row: Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (4) - National Defense Service Ribbon w/ 1 star - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/ 1 star</p> <p>Third Row: Southwest Asia Service Medal w/ 1 star - Iraq Campaign Medal w/ 2 stars; 1 GWOT Expeditionary Service Medal; 1 GWOT Service Medal; 1 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; 1 CG Special Operations Service Ribbon</p>
<p><b>Noteworthy Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 30 August 1988, Rendered assistance to an Indonesian fishing vessel HUNTER in the straits of Malacca.</li> <li>- In 1991, the vessel was the first unit on station for Operation FIERY VIGIL; evacuated 600+ men, women, and children along with their possessions, from the Republic of the Philippines.</li> <li>- In 1991, the vessel was the first U.S. Navy ship to utilize the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force's Anti-Submarine Facility Sasebo, Japan.</li> <li>- In 1992, the vessel completed the most extensive repair availability of a cruiser/destroyer class ship in the Ship Repair Facility (SRF) Yokosuka history.</li> <li>- In 1992, the vessel provided humanitarian relief to the island of Guam following the devastation of Typhoon Omar.</li> <li>- In 1993, the vessel completed the first maintenance availability for a U.S. Ship in Surabaya, Indonesia.</li> <li>- In 1993, the vessel provided humanitarian relief to Indonesian Motor Vessel Cahaya Mandar found adrift after six days.</li> <li>- On 1 April 2001, the vessel turned over TOLTECA I to the Mexican Navy; subsequent dockside search discovered over 4000 kg of cocaine.</li> <li>- On 29 April 2001, crew from the RODNEY M. DAVIS boarded M/V SVESDA MARU and seized 13 metric tons of cocaine, with an estimated</li> </ul>

	value of \$884,000,000.00.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	In progress

\**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>Sources</b>	- “Welcome Aboard RODNEY M DAVIS” pamphlet
	- U.S. Carriers Historical Website, United States Ships (USS) history and deployments
	- RODNEY M DAVIS Command Histories

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**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.

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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.