

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



USS RENTZ (FFG-46)

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
RENTZ	FFG 46
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7)-class guided missile frigate	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
Pearl Harbor, HI	Stricken

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
18 May 2016	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Named for Commander George S. Rentz, ChC, USN, who, assigned to the heavy cruiser HOUSTON (CA-30) was awarded the Navy Cross (posthumously) for his selfless bravery during the Battle of Sunda Strait, 28 February – 1 March 1942.
Displacement	3,800 tons (full load)
Length	453 ft.

Beam	47 ft.
Draft	22 ft.
Speed	30 knots
Propulsion	Two (2) LM2500 Marine Gas Turbine Engines (41,000)SHP Two (2) 350 HP Electric Auxiliary Propulsion Units One (1) Controllable Reversible Pitch Propeller
Armament	Mk 13 Guided Missile Launcher HARPOON Anti-Ship Missile Standard Anti-Aircraft Missile Mk 32 ASW Torpedo Tubes (Two Triple Mounts) 76mm Mk 75 Rapid fire gun Mk 15 Mod 1 Phalanx Close-In Weapon System (CIWS)
Laid Down	18 September 1982
Launched	16 July 1983
Built By	Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation
Sponsor	Mrs. Neal F. Lansing, daughter of Mr. William K. Rentz
Delivered	8 June 1984
Commissioned	30 June 1984
Decommissioned	23 May 2014
Stricken	23 May 2014

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Arabian/Persian Gulf – 1987 (Operation Earnest Will); 1997 (Middle East Force (MEF) deployed); 2000
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	<p>Middle East – 1994</p> <p>EASTPAC – 2001; 2002 (Counter Drug Operations); 2003</p> <p>SOUTHPAC – 1999 (Counter Narcotics Operations); 2001 (Counter Narcotics Operations); 2005; 2013</p> <p>WESTPAC – 1993-1994; 1995 (Afloat Readiness Training- CARAT 95/MERCUB; 1997; 2000 (NEON FALCON Exercise, EAGER SENTRY Exercise); 2007 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and ULTIMATUM); 2009-2010</p> <p>Exercises: COMPTUEX 95-1, KERNEL USHER Exercise (1985); COMPTUEX (1999)</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – 1987, 1989, 1993, 1997 (2), 2000</p> <p>Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal – 2008, 2010</p> <p>Meritorious Unit Commendation – 2001, 2003, 2007</p> <p>Navy “E” Ribbon – 1990, 1994, 1995</p> <p>Navy Unit Commendation – 1998</p>
<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>1986 – RENTZ was the first American warship to conduct an official port visit to the People’s Republic of China since 1949.</p> <p>1989 – RENTZ rendered assistance to the KINCAID (DD 965) when it collided with the KOTA PETANI.</p> <p>1990- Crew members from the RENTZ rescued an injured humpback whale that they found entangled in 50 feet of fishing net and buoys off the coast of Baja, California. The ship edged close to the whale and launched their motor whale boat into the water with 6 men aboard. The sailors worked to free the whale by cutting away the two foot thick netting with knives and hacksaws. All crew members stayed in the boat as it was too dangerous to enter the water. As soon as the whale was cut loose, it swam away, resurfaced to blow a spout and then continued heading south.</p> <p>1995- RENTZ participated and was the only USN asset to complete the inaugural Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Cruise (CARAT).</p> <p>2002 – RENTZ and the Coast Guard LEDET successfully interdicted and rescued 136 illegal migrants off the coast of Ecuador. Twenty two (22) of</p>

	<p>the migrants were found to be Iraqi Nationals. Information received from these people subsequently led to the arrest of a man in Texas (who had orchestrated the Iraqi's transit) with known connections with terrorist groups.</p> <p>2003 – RENTZ and her embarked helicopter recently conducted their fourth major drug interdiction, which yielded the seizure of 7,710 pounds of narcotics and the detention of seven suspected drug traffickers in the Eastern Pacific.</p> <p>2005 – While transiting to El Salvador, the RENTZ detected a 60 foot vessel that was overloaded with 90 reported Ecuadorian citizens. The nameless boat was discovered more than 300 nautical miles from land with a faulty electrical system and was taking on water. The crew of the RENTZ safely transferred all 90 persons safely aboard and gave them food, water and medical attention. They also took over the vessel and returned the citizens to safety in Puerto Quetzal.</p> <p>2013 – April deployment of RENTZ was cancelled due to budget limitations imposed by sequestration.</p>
DANFS* Entry	Yes: http://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/r/rentz.html

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

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	No

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.

naval design or warfighting capabilities?	
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
	http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/FFG46.htm
	https://awards.navy.mil/awards/
	FFG-7 OLIVER HAZARD PERRY-class: www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/ffg-7.htm

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