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**SUBJ: ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM COMMENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF
HISTORIC VESSELS**

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Enclosed is the annual report from the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels. This report is being submitted in accordance with the program comment issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 5 March 2010.

If you have any questions, my point of contact is Mr. Glen Clark, NAVSEA PMS 333, Navy Inactive Ships Program, (202) 781-0498 or Glen.A.Clark@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Schregardus", is written over the typed name and title.

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Enclosure: 1. Annual Report on the Program Comment for the Disposition of Historic Vessels

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**Annual Report to the
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
and the
National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
on the
Program Comment for the Department of the Navy
for the Disposition of Historic Vessels**

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Annual Report on the Program Comment for the Disposition of Historic Vessels

I. Introduction

This Annual Report to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) is required by the Program Comment for the Department of the Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels (hereinafter "the Program Comment"). The Program Comment was initiated by the Naval Sea Systems Command as an alternative method for the way in which the Navy will comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with regard to the determination of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of its vessels and the treatment of adverse effects that may result from their disposition. The Program Comment was approved and issued by the ACHP effective 5 March 2010 and published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 75, No. 49 on 15 March 2010.

For a property to be eligible for listing in the NRHP, it must meet one or more of the five evaluation criteria established by the Secretary of the Interior. The Program Comment provides guidance for applying these evaluation criteria to the Navy's vessels, including active and inactive (decommissioned) vessels, which have unique characteristics compared to many other types of property assessed under the NHPA. In accordance with the Program Comment, U.S. Navy vessels are evaluated using these five characteristics:

- i. The vessel was awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation. (A Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to military units that have performed an extremely meritorious or heroic act, usually in the face of an armed enemy.)
- ii. An individual act of heroism took place aboard the vessel such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross. (The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in action against an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)
- iii. A President of the United States was assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service.
- iv. The vessel was the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities, or other historic or socially significant event occurred on the vessel.
- v. Some other historic or socially significant event occurred on the vessel.

Qualified Navy Historians with knowledge about Navy vessels review active and inactive vessels to determine which meet one or more of the five evaluation characteristics stated above.

According to National Register Bulletin titled "*How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*," issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, a property shall not only be significant under the National Register criteria, but it also must retain integrity.

The National Register Bulletin states:

“The evaluation of integrity is sometimes a subjective judgment, but it must always be grounded in an understanding of a property's physical features and how they relate to its significance.

Historic properties either retain integrity (this is, convey their significance) or they do not. Within the concept of integrity, the National Register criteria recognize seven aspects or qualities that, in various combinations, define integrity.

To retain historic integrity a property will always possess several, and usually most, of the aspects. The retention of specific aspects of integrity is paramount for a property to convey its significance. Determining which of these aspects are most important to a particular property requires knowing why, where, and when the property is significant”.

The bulletin defines seven aspects of integrity that require evaluation to determine integrity. They are location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. For any vessel that meets one or more of the five Program Comment Evaluation Characteristics stated above, the same qualified Navy historians then determine whether that vessel continues to possess integrity applying the seven aspects of Integrity as described in the bulletin.

In accordance with the Program Comment, if the Navy determines that a vessel satisfies one or more of the five characteristics above, and possesses integrity such that the vessel looks much like it did when it was built or during the period for which it is considered historically significant, then the vessel is eligible for listing in the NRHP. For inactive vessels, the Navy documents its findings with a Determination of Eligibility (DoE) or a Determination of Ineligibility (DoI) statement after decommissioning but prior to vessel disposal. DoE's and DoI's are subject to participation by historic preservation stakeholders in accordance with Section III.C of the Program Comment. For active vessels, any DoE is preliminary until the vessel has been decommissioned, unless the vessel is planned to be a hot-ship Foreign Military Sale transfer on the same day it is decommissioned from U.S. Navy active service.

II. Report Requirements

In accordance with Section V of the Program Comment, the Navy will submit an annual report to the NCSHPO and the ACHP on the progress of the Program Comment on 1 December, annually. The Program Comment requires that the annual report include the following information:

- 1) The names and status of active vessels identified as eligible for listing in the NRHP, and the basis for their eligibility. See Table 1.
- 2) The names and status of decommissioned vessels identified as eligible for listing in the NRHP, and a copy of the statement of eligibility. See Table 2.
- 3) The names and status of decommissioned vessels identified as ineligible for listing in the NRHP, and a copy of the statement of ineligibility. See Table 3.

- 4) The names of the vessels eligible for listing in the NRHP whose final disposition occurred during the reporting period. See Table 4.

III. NHPA Eligibility Determinations

Tables 1 through 4 identify vessels and the completed NHPA eligibility determinations made for these vessels from the previous report through the cutoff date for information contained in this report, 1 November 2011. Copies of the DoE or DoI final determinations for inactive vessels listed in this report are publicly accessible at

www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/InactiveShips/Historic/Completed_Evaluations.aspx.

Table 1: Active Vessels Identified as Eligible for Listing in the NRHP

None.

Several active ships were identified as having the potential to be considered for listing in the NRHP; however, none of these evaluations were finalized by 1 November 2011. These will be addressed in the next annual report.

Table 2: Inactive Vessels Identified as Eligible for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places

Hull Number	Vessel Name	Vessel Status	Applicable Characteristic(s) (i, ii, iii, iv, v)
PG-90	CANON	Donation Hold	ii. LCDR David B. Robinson, Commanding Officer of CANON, and LT (j.g.) Robert S. Herbert, USNR, the weapons officer, each received the Navy Cross for heroism during battle of 11 August 1970.
DDG-2	CHARLES F. ADAMS	Donation Hold	iv. CHARLES F. ADAMS was the first ship to incorporate engineering, weapons systems or other upgrades to serve as the first ship designed and constructed specifically as a guided missile destroyer. Her design successfully established the guided missile destroyer as an integral part of the U.S. Navy.
T-AG-195	HAYES	Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register; designated for dismantling	iv. The HAYES's catamaran hull design marked the first time that this innovation had been used for a ship her size. T-AGOR-16 represented the most advanced design and engineering concepts in the U.S. oceanographic research vessels;

			supported the U.S. Navy's Submarine Noise Reduction Program. She was a "one-of-a-kind" vessel.
BB-61	IOWA	Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register; donation pending to Pacific Battleship Center	<p>iii and v. Whereas a President of the United States was not assigned to IOWA, she transported President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic in December 1943 to Africa and then back after the Tehran Conference. IOWA also hosted President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan in 1986.</p> <p>iv. The IOWA-class battleship represented the culmination of design of that type of ship in the USN, literally the end of the line as the final two units of her class were never constructed.</p>
SSN-68	LOS ANGELES	Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register	<p>iv. LOS ANGELES was the first of a class of new nuclear submarines designed to replace the first generation of that type of ship (STURGEON) and bridged the gap between that generation and the current SEAWOLF and VIRGINIA classes. LOS ANGELES incorporated improved sound quieting and a larger propulsion plant than previous classes.</p>
CG-47	TICONDEROGA	Donation Hold	<p>iv. TICONDEROGA was the first ship to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represented a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities. TICONDEROGA was the first ship designed to employ the AEGIS defensive radar system operationally in the fleet. The AEGIS system would prove to be a major success and revolutionize the surface navy in much the same way as the advent of guided missile technology.</p>

Status of participation by historic preservation stakeholders for vessels identified in Table 2 (Program Comment Section III.C):

- Ex-CANON (PG-90): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA), Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV), the ADAMS Class Veterans Association, Jacksonville Historic Naval Ships Association, et al., by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/237 of 3 August 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 03 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-HAYES (T-AG-195): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-IOWA (BB-61): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, NADV, the IOWA Veterans Association, Pacific Battleship Center, Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square, et al., by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/237 of 3 August 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 03 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-LOS ANGELES (SSN-68): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-TICONDEROGA (CG-47): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, NADV, USS TICONDEROGA Veterans Association, the Mississippi Maritime and Wartime Museum Project, et al., by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/237 of 3 August 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 03 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.

Table 3: Inactive Vessels Identified as Ineligible for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places

Hull Number	Vessel Name	Vessel Status
SSN-693	CINCINNATI	Stricken, to be recycled
FFG-39	DOYLE	Stricken, to be transferred via foreign military sales
SSN-677	DRUM	Undergoing recycling
LPD-6	DULUTH	Stricken, retained as a logistics support asset
FFG-53	HAWES	Stricken, retained as a logistics support asset
FFG-33	JARRETT	Stricken, to be transferred via foreign military sale
T-AE-35	KISKA	Stricken, To be dismantled
SSN-692	OMAHA	Stricken, To be recycled

Status of participation by historic preservation stakeholders for vessels identified in Table 3 (Program Comment Section III.C):

- Ex-CINCINNATI (SSN-693): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA), Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-DOYLE (FFG-39): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, and the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV) by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/259 of 2 September 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 30 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-DRUM (SSN-677): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-DULUTH (LPD-6): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, and the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV) by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/259 of 2 September 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 30 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-HAWES (FFG-53): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, and the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV) by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/259 of 2 September 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 30 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.

- Ex-JARRETT (FFG-33): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, and the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV) by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/259 of 2 September 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 30 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-KISKA (T-AE-35): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, HNSA, and the National Association of Destroyer Veterans (NADV) by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/259 of 2 September 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 30 October 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.
- Ex-OMAHA (SSN-692): The DOI was provided to the NCSHPO, Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA), Submarine Museums, and the Naval Submarine League by NAVSEA PMS 333 letter SER 333/040 of 7 March 2011. The DOI was posted to www.navsea.navy.mil/teamships/inactiveships/historic for a 60-day public comment period that expired on 7 May 2011. No comments were received by any stakeholder or member of the public.

Table 4: Vessels Eligible for listing in the NRHP Whose Final Disposition Occurred during the Reporting Period

None.
