

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
DOYLE	FFG-39
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7)-Class Guided Missile Frigate	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia, PA, Inactive Ship Maintenance Office	Stricken, To Be Disposed of By Transfer to Government Agencies, Activities, or Foreign Military Sale

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
22 August 2011	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
10 November 2011	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second ship named DOYLE, but first named for VADM James Henry Doyle (1897-1982), amphibious warfare hero who received the Distinguished Service Medal for his direction of the Inchon and Hungnam operations during the Korean War. The first DOYLE honored Richard Doyle, a sailor who had taken part in the destruction of the frigate PHILADELPHIA during the Tripolitan War in 1805.
Displacement	4,050 tons (full load)
Length	453 feet
Beam	47 feet
Draft	26 feet
Speed	29+ knots

Propulsion	Gas turbines; single screw
Armament	One 3-inch/62 caliber gun, 1 PHALANX Close in Weapon System (CWIS), one missile launcher (HARPOON, STANDARD); 6 ASW torpedo tubes, 4 .50 caliber machine guns
Laid Down	23 October 1981
Launched	22 May 1982
Built By	Bath (ME) Iron Works Corporation
Sponsor	Mrs. Kathleen Doyle Watson and Ms. Anne Doyle, granddaughters of the late VADM Doyle
Delivered	29 April 1983
Commissioned	21 May 1983
Decommissioned	29 July 2011
Stricken	29 July 2011

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	At least six Mediterranean deployments (including participation in Operation <i>Earnest Will</i> and two Persian Gulf deployments. Also operated in the Baltic Sea, and deployed to operate with the Middle East Force. Took part in UNITAS 39-98. Deployed to the Standing Naval Forces, Atlantic, and conducted three Southern Command Deployments.
Awards	One Joint Meritorious Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Commendations (one as part of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CVN-73) Battle Group, the other as part of the CARL VINSON (CVN-70) Battle Group), five Navy "E" Ribbons, two Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, three Armed Forces Service Medals (one of those recognizing her participation in Operation

	<i>Sharp Guardian</i> in the Adriatic), three Secretary of the Navy Letters of Commendation, two Chief of Naval Operations Letters of Commendation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, and three Coast Guard SOS Ribbons.
Noteworthy Events	During Caribbean Counter Drug Operations in 1995 DOYLE captured a sailing vessel attempting to smuggle 298 lbs. of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$10,000,000.00 , also conducted Law Enforcement and Training Operations in the Caribbean and Yucatan Channel, operated with ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) Battle Group, participated in Operation <i>Sea Signal</i> , an alien migration interdiction operation off the coast of Haiti.
DANFS* Entry	DOYLE's extant unclassified command histories/command operations reports are posted on line on the NHHC Web Site; her <i>DANFS</i> history is in the research stage.

**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 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
Assessment of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association .	Not applicable

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.

Sources	nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/FFG39.htm
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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.