

**U.S. Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
HAWES	FFG-53
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7)-class guided missile frigate	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
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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**

<b>Lineage</b>	First ship to be named in honor of RADM Richard E. Hawes, USN (Ret.) (1894-1968), Pre-WW II and WW II Salvage Hero
<b>Displacement</b>	4,086 tons (full load) 3,179 tons (light)
<b>Length</b>	445 feet
<b>Beam</b>	47 feet
<b>Draft</b>	26 feet (maximum navigational)
<b>Speed</b>	29+ knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	2 gas turbines, single screw
<b>Armament</b>	One 76 millimeter/62 caliber; six ASW torpedo tubes, one Vulcan Phalanx CIWS; one missile launcher (HARPOON,

	STANDARD); four .50-caliber machine guns
<b>Laid Down</b>	26 August 1983
<b>Launched</b>	18 February 1984
<b>Built By</b>	Bath (ME) Iron Works Corporation
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. William Craven Watson, daughter of the late RADM Richard E. Hawes, USN (Ret.) (1894-1968)
<b>Delivered</b>	1 February 1985
<b>Commissioned</b>	9 February 1985
<b>Decommissioned</b>	10 December 2010
<b>Stricken</b>	10 December 2010

### Vessel History

<b>Deployments</b>	Mediterranean, Black Sea, Eastern Pacific, Caribbean, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, and Arabian Gulf, as well as Northern Europe and North Atlantic.
<b>Awards</b>	One Combat Action Ribbon (Operation <i>Desert Storm</i> ), one Joint Meritorious Unit Award, three Navy Unit Commendations (one for service during Operation <i>Desert Storm</i> and two as a subordinate unit in awards to THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Battle Group and Battle Force, Sixth Fleet, Task Force 60, the latter for her participation in Operation <i>Iraqi Freedom</i> ), seven Navy “E” Ribbons, one Navy Expeditionary Medal (as element of COMNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT), three Armed Force Expeditionary Medals, one Southwest Asia Service Medal, one Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and nine Armed Forces Service Medals.
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	Participated in Operations <i>Desert Storm</i> and <i>Iraqi Freedom</i> , carried out contingency operations in the wake of the <i>al-Qaeda</i> bombing of the guided missile destroyer COLE (DDG-67) at Aden.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	HAWES’s extant unclassified command histories/command operations

	reports are posted on the NHHC website. <i>DANFS</i> history is in preparation.
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*\*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>Assessment of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association</b>	Ship has undergone repairs and alterations common to her class and type. No ship usually remains the same as the day she was commissioned.

<b>Sources</b>	HAWES (FFG-53) Ship Name and Sponsor, and Ship History files, NHHC History and Archives Division; Naval Vessel Register and Navy Awards websites.

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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.

**Addendum:** revised and updated on 05.15.15