

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
LOS ANGELES	SSN-688
Vessel Class	Previous Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN-688)-class nuclear submarine	n/a
Vessel Location	Current Status
Puget Sound (WA) Naval Shipyard	Undergoing inactivation

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
15 February 2011	Eligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
5 July 2011	Eligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	The fourth U.S. Navy ship named LOS ANGELES
Displacement	6,072 tons (full load)
Length	362 feet
Beam	33 feet
Draft	31 feet (maximum navigational)
Speed	20+ knots
Propulsion	Nuclear, single-screw
Armament	Four torpedo tubes
Laid Down	8 January 1972

Launched	6 April 1974
Built By	Newport News (VA) Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corp.
Sponsor	Mrs. Anne Armstrong, Counsellor to the President of the U.S.
Delivered	2 November 1976
Commissioned	13 November 1976
Decommissioned	NVR does not give a decommissioning date
Inactivated	1 February 2010
Stricken	NVR does not give a strike date

Vessel History

Deployments	Mediterranean 1977, Pacific Fleet, homeported at Pearl Harbor, HI, from 17 June 1978-6 August 1992, at Mare Island 6 August 1992 to 13 March 1995, then Pearl Harbor from 13 March to end of extant Command History Reports; deployed to Western Pacific (WestPac) 1979, Indian Ocean 1980, WestPac 1981, WestPac/Indian Ocean 1982-1983, WestPac 1986, WestPac 1988-1989, Northern Pacific 1989, Northern Pacific 1990, Eastern Pacific 1990, Western Pacific 1991, Northern Pacific 1992
Awards	3 Expeditionary Service Medals, 5 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 4 Navy E Ribbons, 1 Navy Unit Commendation, 1 Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation
Noteworthy Events	President James E. [Jimmy] Carter (the only U.S. President to qualify in submarines during his USN career), along with first lady Rosalyn Carter, rode the ship on 27 May 1977 as the guest of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, to observe the boat's capabilities
DANFS* Entry	In early stages of preparation

Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the vessel 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.)	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? (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.)	No
iii. Was a President of the United States was 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?	Yes. LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) 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.
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association	
Historical Evaluation Conclusion	Eligible

Sources	LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) Command History/Command Operations Reports, 1976-1995 [1998-2000 Classified], Miscellaneous Materials in LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) Source Folder and Ship Name and Sponsor Folder. NOTE: EXISTING
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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.

	REPORT COVERAGE IS INCOMPLETE

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 0 written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
None.	