

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
OSPREY	MHC 51
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OSPREY (MHC 51)-class coastal minehunter	none
Vessel Location	Current Status
Beaumont (TX) Reserve Fleet	Stricken, to be disposed of

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
29 February 2012	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
29 May 2012	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Fourth U.S. Navy ship to be named OSPREY
Displacement	904 tons (full load)
Length	188 ft (overall)
Beam	38 ft (extreme)
Draft	11 ft
Speed	10+ knots
Propulsion	Diesel engines, twin screws
Armament	2 .50 Cal Machine Guns, 2 M-60 Machine Guns
Laid Down	16 June 1988
Launched	23 March 1991

Built By	Intermarine USA, Savannah, GA
Sponsor	Mrs. Colleen O. Nunn
Delivered	23 August 1993
Commissioned	20 November 1993
Inactivated	15 June 2006
Decommissioned	15 June 2006
Stricken	15 June 2006

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Mine Warfare Readiness Group Two (MIWRG 2) Deployment (2000) Manama, Bahrain (2005)
Awards	1998- Awarded the Battle "E" for combat excellence in 1998, and Mission Area "E"s for Engineering, Supply and Logistics, Command and Control, and Maritime Excellence. First MHC to win the COMNAVSURFLANT Safety award in two consecutive years. 1999- Received all Mission Area Excellence Awards for 1999: Maritime Warfare Excellence, Engineering Survivability Excellence, Command and Control Excellence, and Logistics Management Excellence. 2001- Battle Efficiency Award.
Noteworthy Events	Minehunter failed Persian Gulf test. 2001 - Sustained significant damage when another ship collided with her pierside. 2002 - Located downed USAF aircraft in the Gulf of Mexico 2005 - Vital parts of ship's mine-hunting sonar (SQQ-30) were removed to repair damage on board mine countermeasures ship PATRIOT (MCM 7)

DANFS* Entry	None
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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 (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	n/a

Sources	Naval Vessel Register
	www.navsourc.org
	NHHC Ship History Files
	“Welcome Aboard – USS OSPREY” (n.d.)
	www.history.navy.mil/shiphist/index.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 no written comments.

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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition