

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
CARR	FFG-52
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
13 th (last) of OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7) class of guided missile frigates built by Todd Pacific Seattle; 46 th ship of the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class	n/a
Vessel Location	Current Status
Norfolk, VA (Homeport)	Active; scheduled for decommissioning 15 March 2013

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
22 October 2012	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
28 January 2013	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First U.S. Navy ship named for Gunners Mate 3rd Class Paul Henry Carr, awarded a posthumous Silver Star for heroism on board the destroyer escort SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (DE-413) in the Battle off Samar, 25 October 1944.
Displacement	4,100 tons
Length	453 ft
Beam	45 ft
Draft	26 ft, 11 inches
Speed	28 + knots
Propulsion	Main – 2 LM 2500 gas turbines with 40,000 shaft HP; 1 shaft with controllable pitch propeller. Auxiliary: 2 retractable 325 HP engines for maneuvering or casualty operations

Armament	MK 13 Mod 4 launcher; MK 75 76mm gun; MK 15 Close in Weapon System (CIWS); MK 46 ASW torpedoes; 2 triple MK 32 torpedo tube mounts; 2 SH-60 <i>Seahawk</i> LAMPS, MK III helicopters; AN/SQS-56 digital sonar; MK 92 Mod 2 fire control system; AN/SPS -55 surface search radar; AN/SPS-49 air search radar
Laid Down	26 March 1982
Launched	26 February 1983
Built By	Todd Pacific Shipyards, Seattle (WA) Division
Sponsor	Mrs. Goldie Carr Bensilhe, widow of the late GM3c Carr, for whom the ship was named
Delivered	11 July 1985
Commissioned	27 July 1985
Inactivated	13 March 2013
Decommissioned	13 March 2013
Stricken	13 March 2013

Vessel History

Deployment Highlights	<p>Original homeport was Charleston, SC; first operational deployment was to the Persian Gulf, where CARR was involved in Operation <i>Earnest Will</i>, escorting re-flagged oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz.</p> <p>CARR returned to Charleston in late March 1988, and 31 days later, was ordered underway to replace another ship that had been unable to get underway. Sent to sea to conduct anti-submarine exercises with the aircraft carrier JOHN F. KENNEDY and the submarine BONEFISH.</p> <p>On 24 April 1988, CARR was first on the scene to help rescue the crew of the attack submarine BONEFISH, which had suffered a battery fire while submerged. Deploying her 26-foot whaleboat and five inflatable life rafts, CARR helped rescue 89 of the BONEFISH's crew. For her professionalism</p>
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	<p>in the rescue, CARR was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation.</p> <p>In March 1989, CARR was sent to Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for Refresher Training (REFTRA). While the ship conducted exercises in all departments, Mikhail Gorbachev was making a visit to Havana, Cuba. News crews from NBC, headed by Henry Champ, and ABC, by Bob Zelnic, each spent a day aboard CARR to observe the training.</p> <p>CARR participated in Middle East Force Exercise (MEFEX) in 1989; at end of year, assisted in the cleanup of Naval Station Mayport, the Naval Weapons Station, and the local community affected by Hurricane <i>Hugo</i>. For this response the natural disaster, CARR was awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal.</p> <p>On 31 October, CARR sailed from Charleston for her second operational deployment, assigned to the Commander, Middle East Force. En route the Persian Gulf, CARR made port visits to the Azores, Palma Majorca, Spain, then transited the Suez Canal. During this deployment, CARR spent the first half assigned to tanker escort duties in the Strait of Hormuz. The later part of the cruise was spent operating in the Northern Persian Gulf, conducting electronic surveillance and early warning duties for the units operating to the south. CARR left the Persian Gulf the end of March 1990 and returned to Charleston a month later.</p>
Awards	Meritorious Unit Commendation (1988)
Noteworthy Event	<p>On 24 April 1988, CARR was first on the scene to help rescue the crew of the attack submarine BONEFISH, which had suffered a battery fire while submerged. Deploying her 26-foot whaleboat and five inflatable life rafts, Carr helped rescue 89 of the BONEFISH's crew, using the whaleboat, life rafts, her embarked SH-60B <i>Seahawk</i> of Helicopter Squadron (Light) 44, and the SH-3H <i>Sea King</i> helicopters from JOHN F. KENNEDY. The ship communicated to the land-based Commander, Atlantic Fleet watch center using the Joint Operational Tactical System's (JOTS) "opnote" capability. Crew muster lists were sent ashore as rescued crew members were identified. For her professionalism in the rescue, CARR received a Meritorious Unit Commendation.</p>
DANFS* Entry	DANFS history in process.

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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)	Not applicable.
Sources	Welcome Aboard United States Ship CARR (FFG52)
	www.carr.navy.mil
	navysite.de/ffg/FFG52.HTM
	www.combatindex.com/hardware/detail/sea/ffg52_data.html

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 one written comment.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
Tin Can Sailors, Inc.—The National Association of Destroyer Veterans, comment rec'd. 13 November 2012	Concurred with Navy's initial finding that USS CARR is ineligible as a candidate for listing on the NRHP.

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.

