

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is Unclassified

Name	Hull Number
AVENGER	MCM 1
Class	Previous Designation (if any)
AVENGER (MCM 1)-class mine countermeasures ship	
Location	Current Status
Homeported at Sasebo, Japan	Active, in commission

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
2 August 2013	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
14 November 2013	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Third ship of the name
Displacement	1,367 tons (full)
Length	224 feet
Beam	44 feet
Draft	12 feet (limiting)
Speed	14 knots
Propulsion	Diesel engines, twin screw
Armament	Two .50 caliber machine guns, two 7.62 millimeter machine guns,

	two grenade launchers
Laid Down	3 June 1983
Launched	15 June 1985
Built By	Peterson Shipbuilding Co., Sturgeon Bay, WI
Sponsor	Mrs. Sybil B. Stockdale, wife of VADM James B. Stockdale, USN (Ret.)
Delivered	28 August 1987
Commissioned	12 September 1987
Decommissioned	n/a
Inactivated	n/a
Stricken	n/a

Ship History

Deployment Summary	Homeported at Charleston, SC (1988-1993), Ingleside, TX (1993-2008), San Diego, CA (2008-2009), Sasebo, Japan, 2009- present. Operation <i>Desert Storm</i> ; Mediterranean/Northern Europe/Baltic (1997); Mediterranean (1999); Eastern Pacific (2001); Eastern Pacific/RimPac (2004), Arabian Gulf (2006).
Awards	1 Navy Unit Commendation (as part of Task Unit 151.11.1 during Operation <i>Desert Storm</i>), 3 Combat Action Ribbons, 1 Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation, 1 Southwest Asia Service Medal
DANFS* Entry	Published and posted on-line, but requires updating (1987-present) since the volume in which the history appeared (I-A) was published soon after the ship entered commissioned service in the U.S. Navy

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the ship awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?	No
ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place on board the ship 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 ship during his or her naval service?	No
iv. Was the ship 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 ship?	No
Historical Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	Navy Unit Awards Web Site; Command History Files (1987-2011), Naval History & Heritage Command, Bldg 200, WNY (file complete save for the years for 2005 and 2007).
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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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition