

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION

This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
UNDERWOOD	FFG 36
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7)- class guided missile frigate (29 th in class)	
Vessel Location	Current Status
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Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
24 December 2012	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
5 March 2013	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Named for Captain Gordon Waite Underwood (1910–1978), World War II submariner who received three Navy Crosses. His boat, SPADEFISH (SS-411), received the Presidential Unit Citation for her sterling work under his command.
Displacement	3,900 tons (as built)
Length	453 ft.
Beam	45 ft.
Draft	24 ft., 6 in.
Speed	28 + knots
Propulsion	Gas turbines, single screw
Armament	MK 13 guided missile launching system with STANDARD surface-to-air missiles and HARPOON surface-to-surface missiles; 76 MM rapid fire dual purpose gun; two triple tube antisubmarine torpedo mounts; close-in weapons system

	<p>(CIWS) (as built). Sensors: Medium Range Digital Sonar; Long Range Air Search Radar; Surface Search/Navigational Radar; Electronic Support Measures Receiving Set; Digital Fire Control System.</p> <p>This generation of OLIVER HAZARD PERRY-class frigates featured an advanced Digital Computer System which integrated all Weapons and Sensors.</p>
Laid Down	30 July 1981
Launched	6 February 1982
Built By	Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME
Sponsor	Mrs. Elizabeth T. Underwood, widow of the late CAPT Gordon W. Underwood, for whom the ship was named
Delivered	14 January 1983
Commissioned	29 January 1983
Inactivated	
Decommissioned	8 March 2013
Stricken	8 March 2013

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Mediterranean – 1985, 1998 (NATO Task Group), 1989, 1996 (Persian Gulf), 1999, 2002; Caribbean – 1986, 2000 (Counter-narcotics Ops), 2006; Arabian Gulf – 2000 (Operation <i>Desert Storm</i>), 2002 (Operation <i>Enduring Freedom</i>), 2004(Global War on Terrorism); Partnership of the Americas Tour 1986; North Atlantic 1987; Pacific Ocean 1990, 1995, 2009, 2010; Atlantic Ocean 2002, 2008; Red Sea 1994; Southern Seas – 2012 (South America and Caribbean)</p>
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Awards	<p>Coast Guard Unit Commendation – 1986</p> <p>Navy E Ribbon – 1986, 1993(2), 1995, 2007, 2009, 2010</p> <p>Battle Efficiency Award – 1986, 1993, 1995</p> <p>Meritorious Unit Commendation – 1986, 2001, 2002</p> <p>Joint Meritorious Unit Award – 1990</p> <p>Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation – 1991, 1996</p> <p>South West Asia Service Medal – 1991</p> <p>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – 1996</p> <p>Armed Forces Service Medal – 1997</p> <p>Chief of Naval Operations Letter of Commendation – 2007</p> <p>Humanitarian Service Medal - 2010</p> <p>Other – 1986, 1987,</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>January 1986, UNDERWOOD played a key role in the space shuttle <i>Challenger</i> disaster search and recovery effort. On 5 October 2010, UNDERWOOD returned to Mayport after a six-month deployment to the eastern Pacific, during which she had seized 4.3 metric tons of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$300 million.</p>
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	No.

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.

individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?	
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	www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/FFG36.htm
	www.navsource.org/archives/07/0736.htm
	www.navysite.de/ffg/FFG36.HTM
	awards.navy.mil/awards/webbas01.nsf/(vwWebPage)/home.htm?OpenDocument
	“Fighting Devils Win,” <i>Surface Warfare Magazine</i> , v. 12 no. 4, July/August 1987
	Commissioning Ceremony booklet for UNDERWOOD
“Welcome Aboard” booklet for UNDERWOOD	

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.

Addendum: revised and updated on 05.15.15