

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
BOULDER	LST 1190
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
NEWPORT (LST 1179)-class dock landing ship	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia, PA	Decommissioned

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
17 December 2013	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
24 March 2014	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	BOULDER, named for the county and city of Boulder, Colorado, is the first ship so named.
Displacement	8,450 tons
Length	523 feet
Beam	70 feet
Draft	19 feet

Speed	20 knots
Propulsion	Six (6) Alco V-16 Diesel Engines; 16,000 horsepower, bow thruster
Armament	one 20mm Phalanx CIWS, 4 3-inch/.50-caliber guns
Laid Down	6 September 1969
Launched	22 April 1970
Built By	National Steel & Shipbuilding Company, San Diego, CA
Sponsor	Mrs. Gordon L. Allott
Delivered	1 April 1971
Commissioned	1 June 1971
Inactivated	28 February 1994
Decommissioned	28 February 1994
Stricken	1 December 2008

Vessel History

Deployments	<p>1974-1975 Egypt Reopening of Suez Canal - OPERATION NIMBUS MOON</p> <p>Northern Europe – 1980 (Norway- TEAMWORK 80); 1982 (Denmark and Germany - BOLD GUARD/NORTHERN WEDDING 82); 1988 (Norwegian Sea- TEAMWORK 88)</p> <p>Caribbean - 1980 TEAMWORK 80 NATO, 1982 (served as a missile launching platform), 1984 (OCEAN VENTURE 84)</p>
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	<p>South America – 1976 (GUATEMALA); 1986(UNITAS XXVII),</p> <p>Mediterranean – 1972 (Spain- PHIBLEX 2-73 and DEEP FURROW 72 aka PHIBLEX 3-73, Monaco- PHIBLEX 4-73, Italy PHIBLEX 5-73 and 6-73); 1973 (Spain- FTX FLINTLOCK 73); 1974-1975 (Egypt- OPERATION NIMBUS MOON/NIMROD SPAR); 1978-1979 (MARG 3-78, OPERATION DISPLAY DETERMINATION); 1979-1980 (DISPLAY DETERMINATION 79, MARG 3-79, OPERATION CRISEX 79, PHIBLEX 12-79 and 1-80)</p>
Awards	<p>One Meritorious Unit Commendation, three Navy “E” Ribbons, two Humanitarian Service Medals, one Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>BOULDER received a Meritorious Unit Commendation for removal and disposal of ordnance from the Suez Canal in 1974.</p> <p>In 1976, BOULDER participated in Humanitarian Relief Efforts to the Earthquake-Damaged Guatemala.</p> <p>BOULDER ran aground on a submerged rock off the coast of Norway during exercise Teamwork '88. This was believed to be due to bad weather or uncharted underwater obstructions. The ship suffered some major scrapes and tears in the bottom of the hull and on 21 September 1988 entered drydock for repairs. The Navy ordered the relief of the commanding officer of the ship, CDR John E. Schalk. CDR Schalk was reassigned in Norfolk to staff the Atlantic Fleet Surface Force.</p>
DANFS* Entry	<p>Partial entry (<i>circa</i> 1980), updated to a placeholder in 2013 at the time of the initial determination.</p>

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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	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.

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

Sources	NHHC Archives, Washington Navy Yard
	www.history.navy.mil/danfs/b8/boulder.htm
	www.navysite.de/lst/lst1190.htm
	www.navsource.org/archives/10/16/161190.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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition