

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
SUMNER	T-AGS 61
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
PATHFINDER (T-AGS 60)-class surveying ship	None
Vessel Location	Current Status
Operates worldwide, no homeport assigned	In service with Military Sealift Command

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
30 June 2014	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 September 2014	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	The third U.S. Navy ship named SUMNER (the first named for the late Capt. Allan M. Sumner, USMC), and the second named in honor of Captain Thomas Hubbard Sumner (20 March 1807 – 9 March 1876), who developed the celestial navigation method known as the Sumner Line or line of position.
<b>Displacement</b>	3,019 tons (light), 5,000 tons (full)
<b>Length</b>	329 feet
<b>Beam</b>	58 feet
<b>Draft</b>	19 feet

<b>Speed</b>	16 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Diesel-electric; 4 EMD/Baylor diesel generators; 11, 425 horsepower (8.52 MW); 2 GE CDF 1944 motors; 8,000 horsepower (5.96 MW) sustained; 6,000 horsepower (4.48 MW); 2 Lips Z drives; bow thruster, 1,500 horsepower (1.19 MW).
<b>Armament</b>	n/a
<b>Laid Down</b>	18 November 1992
<b>Launched</b>	28 February 1994
<b>Built By</b>	Halter Marine Moss Pt. Shipyard, Mississippi
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Carlton [Marian] Croyle and Mrs. Robert [Pam] DeLeo, widows of the late Carlton Croyle and Robert DeLeo, Assistant Project Manager and Project Engineer, respectively, on the AGS-60 Program with Naval Sea Systems Command PMS-383, who perished in a plane crash in June 1993
<b>Delivered</b>	29 May 1995
<b>Commissioned</b>	n/a
<b>Inactivated</b>	n/a
<b>Decommissioned</b>	n/a
<b>Stricken</b>	n/a

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	MSC's surveying ships used precise, multi-beam, wide-angle, hydrographic sonar systems to collect water-depth measurements and other related data. The information was used to produce accurate charts and other products for Navy warfighters. In addition to survey work, SUMNER and PATHFINDER (T-AGS 61), with their naval mobile instrumentation system, provided down-
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	<p>range missile tracking for the Navy's Strategic Systems Program Office. SUMNER is one of seven such ships of MSC's Special Mission Ships Program.</p> <p>August 2008 - RIMPAC Exercises - SUMNER participated in mine-laying and recovery operations, as well as surveillance support.</p> <p>July 2009 - Morocco for Exercise <i>African Lion</i> - an annually scheduled combined U.S.-Moroccan exercise designed to improve interoperability and mutual understanding of each nation's tactics, techniques and procedures. SUMNER supported operations throughout the SEALOGEUR area of operations, sailing as far south as South Africa and as far North as Oslo, Norway.</p> <p>December 2009 - SUMNER surveyed the southern region of the Atlantic Ocean in support of the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office.</p> <p>2010 - SUMNER made a brief two-week return to the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility for survey operations in the southern Atlantic Ocean. The ship returned to Sealift Logistics Command Atlantic/U.S. 4th Fleet.</p> <p>February 2010 – SUMNER surveyed the harbor at Port au Prince, Haiti, to determine if there were major changes to the ocean floor, or if any debris from the earthquake was hidden where it could damage ships delivering relief supplies. SUMNER assisted by passing remote surveying systems and support equipment to sister ship HENSON (T-AGS 63).</p> <p>December 2011 - Subic Bay, Philippines</p> <p>2013 – Pearl Harbor, HI</p> <p>Expected to begin deactivation in 2014</p>
<b>Awards</b>	National Defense Service Medal
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	None found other than those mentioned in deployment summary above.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Placeholder entry in progress

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

## Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	
	<a href="http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/AGS61">http://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvrships/details/AGS61</a>
	<a href="http://www.msc.navy.mil/inventory/ships.asp?ship=161&amp;type=OceanographicSurveyShip">http://www.msc.navy.mil/inventory/ships.asp?ship=161&amp;type=OceanographicSurveyShip</a>
	<a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/10/1061.htm">http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/10/1061.htm</a>
	<a href="http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/details/ships/303872000/vessel:USNS_SUMNER">http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/details/ships/303872000/vessel:USNS_SUMNER</a>

## 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.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.