

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
BRIDGE	T-AOE-10
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
SUPPLY (AOE 6)-class fast combat support ship	AOE-10
Vessel Location	Current Status
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-site Maintenance Office, Bremerton, WA	Inactivated 30 September 2014

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
15 October 2014	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 January 2015	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second U.S. Navy ship to be named BRIDGE, in honor of Commodore Horatio Bridge, Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing during the Civil War and the first man in the Navy to employ the idea of comprehensive fleet supply including floating refrigeration.
Displacement	50,731 tons (full)
Length	754 ft.
Beam	107 ft.

Draft	40 ft. (max.)
Speed	30+ knots
Propulsion	Four LM-2500 Gas Turbine Engines (100,000 shp) Two Reversing Reduction Gears (RRGs) Four Reversing Converter Couplings (RRCs) Two Shafts with 23-Foot Fixed-Pitch Propellers
Armament	(removed prior to transfer to MSC): 25 mm Close-in Weapons System; 25 mm Sea Sparrow missile system; Super Rapid Blooming Off board Chaff launchers.
Laid Down	2 August 1994
Launched	24 August 1996
Built By	National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego, CA
Sponsor	Mrs. Julie P. Hamre, wife of Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. John J. Hamre
Delivered	1 April 1998
Commissioned	5 August 1988, Seattle, WA
Inactivated	30 September 2014
Decommissioned	29 June 2004; transferred to the Military Sealift Command

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	BRIDGE was a supply ship providing fuel, ammunition, provisions, freight storage, and mail delivery for a carrier group. Joined JOHN C. STENNIS Carrier Strike Group in Afghan war zone, 11/2001. Participated in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as part of NIMITZ (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group.
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	<p>AUG 2001 - OCT 2002 Middle Pacific</p> <p>FEB 2003 - NOV 2003 Desert Shield</p> <p>Demilitarized in 2004 prior to turnover to MSC.</p>
Awards	<p>1 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2000)</p> <p>1 Navy “E” Ribbon (2002)</p> <p>1 Meritorious Unit Commendation (2002)</p> <p>1 Humanitarian Service Award (2011) for relief efforts in Japan</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>In March 2011, the ship was deployed off northeastern Japan to assist with relief efforts after the earthquake and tsunami. Multiple surveys and repeated tests for traces of radiation have proven that during that time, the ship was not exposed to any leaking radiation from the Fukushima I nuclear accidents. BRIDGE conducted 25 underway replenishment operations, delivering more than 1.8 millions gallons of fuel in support of Operation TOMODACHI.</p>
DANFS* Entry	<p>Placeholder entry 5 Nov 2013</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 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	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.

naval design or warfighting capabilities?	
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	Memorandum to File, CAPT R.V. Stockton, re: Decommissioning of USS BRIDGE (AOE 10) and Transfer to Military Sealift Command, 29 June 2004
	Memorandum for the Record, Thomas B. Proffitt, Subj: Design of a Coat of Arms for the USS BRIDGE (AOE 10), 14 July 1997
	Welcome Aboard Booklet, USS BRIDGE (AOE 10)
	Archive Files, NHHHC
	USS BRIDGE (AOE 10) Change of Command Ceremony Booklet 18 Sept 2002

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