

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
GARY	FFG 51
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7)-class guided missile frigate	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	Stricken, to be disposed-of

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
17 August 2015	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
3 November 2015	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Third U.S. Navy ship named GARY, but the first to honor the service of then-LT (j.g.) Donald Arthur Gary, who risked his life to assist several hundred men trapped in a messing compartment filled with smoke on board the aircraft carrier FRANKLIN (CV 13) after she had been hit by two bombs during Japanese strikes on Task Force 58 off the coast of Japan on 19 March 1945. Recipient of Medal of Honor, the American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.
Displacement	3,800 tons
Length	453 ft.

Beam	47 ft.
Draft	26 ft.
Speed	30 kts.
Propulsion	<p>2 GE LM2500 Gas Turbines for 41,000 shaft horsepower; one controllable reversible pitch propeller; two 350 horsepower electric drive auxiliary propulsion units</p> <p>Auxiliaries: four 1000 Kilowatt ship's service diesel generators</p>
Armament	<p>MK-13 Guided missile launcher; HARPOON anti-ship missile; standard anti-aircraft missile; MK 75 76 MM/62 caliber rapid firing gun; MK 32 ASW torpedo tubes (two triple mounts) MK 15 close-in weapon system. Also: AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar; AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar; MK 92 Fire Control System; AN/SLQ-312 Electronic Warfare System; AN/SQS - 56 SONAR; MK 36 SRBOC Decoy system; AN/SLQ-25 Torpedo Countermeasure System; AN/SQQ-89 ASW Integration System; SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar</p>
Laid Down	18 December 1982
Launched	19 November 1983
Built By	Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp., Los Angeles Division, San Pedro, CA
Sponsor	Mrs. Dorothy Gary, widow of CMDR Gary; co-sponsor, Mrs. George D. (Joyce) Leamer, niece of CMDR Gary
Delivered	unknown
Commissioned	17 November 1984, Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, CA
Inactivated	n/a

Decommissioned	23 July 2015
Stricken	n/a

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Mission was to provide anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface protection for Underway Replenishment Groups, Convoys, Amphibious Forces and other Military and Merchant shipping. An Iranian mine damaged guided missile frigate SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG 58) in the Persian Gulf on 14 April 1988. On 18 April the U.S. launched retaliatory Operation <i>Praying Mantis</i> against the Iranian-occupied Rakhsh, Salman (Sassan), and Sīrī-D (Nassr) oil platforms. GARY coordinated her efforts with naval aircraft while protecting Mobile Sea Bases <i>Hercules</i> and <i>Wimbrown VII</i> during the fighting.</p> <p>While aircraft carrier KITTY HAWK (CV 63), guided missile destroyer CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54), and GARY, with an embarked SH-60B <i>Seahawk</i> of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) (HSL) 51 Detachment 5, passed through the Strait of Malacca, en route to the Indian Ocean, on 7 October 2001, they rescued five Indonesian fishermen from their sinking 40-foot fishing vessel.</p> <p>1995, was assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15 and Carrier Strike Group 5. Visited Ho Chi Minh City in 2005. Operation <i>Iraqi Freedom</i>; Operation <i>Martillo</i> counter-illicit trafficking mission, 2014; WESTPAC 1995-1996</p>
Awards	Battle “E” Award in 2003; Battle “E” award for Destroyer Squadron Nine, 1988
Noteworthy Events	Vessel was used in the filming of the motion picture “The Hunt for Red October” in 1989. Rescued an Iraqi Fishing Boat with 8 sailors shortly before the start of the Iraq War, on 13 March 2003
DANFS* Entry	Yes; detailed history under construction

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

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.

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 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	Commissioning Brochure
	USS GARY Familygram, 25 August 1989
	Welcome Aboard brochure
	Formal invitation to launching and christening ceremony from ToddPacific
	USS GARY Familygram 25 August 1989
	DANFS

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