

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
PHOENIX	SSN 702
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN-688)-class nuclear powered fast attack submarine	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bremerton, WA	Stricken; ex-PHOENIX is in Ship and Submarine Recycling Program.

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
16 October 2015	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Fourth ship to be named for the City of Phoenix, AZ.
Displacement	6,900 tons
Length	360 ft.
Beam	33 ft.
Draft	32 ft.
Speed	25+kts.

Propulsion	S6G water-cooled, pressurized nuclear reactor
Armament	4 21-inch torpedo tubes; MK-48/MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes; Tomahawk cruise missiles, submarine launched mines
Laid Down	30 July 1977
Launched	8 December 1979
Built By	General Dynamics, Electric Boat Div., Groton, CT
Sponsor	Mrs. Betty Harvey Rhodes, wife of U.S. Congressman John Rhodes
Delivered	
Commissioned	19 December 1981
Inactivated	18 September 1997
Decommissioned	29 July 1998
Stricken	29 July 1998

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Spent the first years following commissioning and Post-Shakedown Availability conducting several vital deployments and exercises. Highlighting 1983 was a deployment during which she operated in support of the CARL VINSON (CVN 70) Battle Group, performed oceanographic surveys, conducted independent Anti-Submarine Warfare operations. During better part of 1985 and early 1986, PHOENIX conducted four Anti-Submarine Warfare missions in the Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic. She also participated in a major NATO exercise. During 1986, she participated in a major Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX) and Prospective Commanding Officer operations. In 1987, she was deployed from February to May. In early 1988, she again conducted Prospective Commanding Officer operations and participated in another FLEETEX. During the rest of her</p>
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	active duty she was deployed to the Mediterranean and North Atlantic Ocean.
Awards	Three Meritorious Unit Commendations
Noteworthy Events	Completed a 203-day, 65,000 mile circumnavigation of the globe in 1983.
DANFS* Entry	None

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

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 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	Inactivation of USS PHOENIX SSN 702 Brochure

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.

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 ___ written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition