

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
BIRMINGHAM	SSN 695
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN 688)-class nuclear powered attack submarine	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bremerton, WA	Ship and Submarine Recycling Program

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
23 October 2015	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 February 2016	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Third U.S. Navy ship to be named for the city of Birmingham, AL.
Displacement	6,900 tons (submerged)
Length	362 ft.
Beam	33 ft. (breadth)
Draft	32 ft.

Speed	25+ Kts
Propulsion	S6G nuclear reactor, 2 turbines, 35,000 hp (26 MW), 1 auxiliary motor 325 hp (242 kW), 1 shaft
Armament	Torpedo Room complement of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADCAP and MK 48 Torpedoes • <i>Tomahawk</i> Land Attack Missiles • <i>Harpoon</i> Anti-Ship Missiles
Laid Down	26 April 1975
Launched	29 October 1977
Built By	Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock, Newport News, VA
Sponsor	Mrs. Maryon P. Allen, wife of Senator James B. Allen from Alabama
Delivered	8 December 1978
Commissioned	16 December 1978, Newport News, VA
Inactivated	27 March 1997, Pearl Harbor, HI
Decommissioned	22 December 1997
Stricken	23 December 1997

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Anti-submarine warfare
Awards	3 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 1 Navy Unit Commendation, 3 Battle

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Noteworthy Events	Footage taken during the commissioning trials for the BIRMINGHAM was used in the motion picture "The Hunt for Red October."
DANFS* Entry	Abbreviated <i>DANFS</i> place-saver entry posted 2006; needs to be updated to a full place-saver.

**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	Welcome Aboard USS BIRMINGHAM (undated)
	USS BIRMINGHAM SSN 695 Inactivation Ceremony Brochure
	Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
	Wikipedia

Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

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 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