

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
GROTON	SSN 694
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LOS ANGELES (SSN 688)-class nuclear powered submarine	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Bremerton, WA	To be disposed-of by submarine recycling

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second U.S. Navy ship to be named GROTON. The first was a frigate (PF 29) that served during World War II. An escort vessel (PCE 900) was named GROTON in 1956, but never conducted active service under that name.
Displacement	6,900 tons (submerged)
Length	360 ft.
Beam	33 ft. (breadth)

Draft	32 ft.
Speed	25+ kts.
Propulsion	Water-cooled nuclear-powered generator
Armament	4 21-inch torpedo tubes, MK48/ADCAP torpedoes, <i>Tomahawk</i> land attack cruise missile, <i>Tomahawk</i> anti-ship cruise missile
Laid Down	3 August 1973
Launched	9 October 1976
Built By	General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT
Sponsor	Mrs. Anne H. Richardson, wife of (former) Attorney General Elliot Richardson
Delivered	9 June 1978
Commissioned	8 July 1978, Groton, CT
Decommissioned	7 November 1997, Portsmouth, NH
Stricken	7 November 1997

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Principal mission was to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships; operated in all Seven Seas. In 1980, she set sail for the Indian Ocean and her first extended deployment. In 1982, she rejoined the Seventh Fleet to protect American interests in the Arabian Gulf. From 1983 to 1985 she conducted three deployments to the Northern Atlantic. Following an overhaul in Groton, CT, from 1989 to 1996 she had four deployments to the Mediterranean, including in 1994 the enforcement of the Yugoslavian arms embargo of Operation <i>Sharp Guard</i> . In 1995 and 1996, her presence in the Adriatic Sea was considered fundamental to peacekeeping in the Balkan
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Awards	Navy Unit Commendation (1980), Navy Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Service Medal, and NATO Medal. She won the “Hook ‘Em” award for anti-submarine warfare excellence in 1989.
DANFS* Entry	Place-saver entry in preparation.

**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	USS GROTON commemorative issue of “The News” (Groton, CT) 7 Oct 1976
	Welcome Aboard USS GROTON SSN 694
	Change of Command Ceremony Brochure, 17 Mar 1989
	Decommissioning Ceremony Brochure, 7 November 1997
	Naval Vessel Register

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