

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
FINAL 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
8 February 2016	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Fifth U.S. Navy ship to be named PHOENIX, but only the third to be named for the city in Arizona.
<b>Displacement</b>	6,900 tons
<b>Length</b>	360 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	33 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	32 ft.

<b>Speed</b>	25+kts.
<b>Propulsion</b>	S6G water-cooled, pressurized nuclear reactor
<b>Armament</b>	4 21-inch torpedo tubes; MK-48/MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes; Tomahawk cruise missiles, submarine launched mines
<b>Laid Down</b>	30 July 1977
<b>Launched</b>	8 December 1979
<b>Built By</b>	General Dynamics, Electric Boat Div., Groton, CT
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Betty Harvey Rhodes, wife of U.S. Congressman John Rhodes
<b>Delivered</b>	18 December 1981
<b>Commissioned</b>	19 December 1981
<b>Inactivated</b>	18 September 1997
<b>Decommissioned</b>	29 July 1998
<b>Stricken</b>	29 July 1998

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	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
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	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 active duty she was deployed to the Mediterranean and North Atlantic Ocean.
<b>Awards</b>	Three Meritorious Unit Commendations
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	Completed a 203-day, 65,000 mile circumnavigation of the globe in 1983.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Place-saver entry in preparation.

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	No
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	Inactivation of USS PHOENIX SSN 702 Brochure

<sup>1</sup> 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.


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**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