

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
DURHAM	LKA 114
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
CHARELSTON (LKA 113) – class amphibious cargo ship	Ex-AKA 114
Vessel Location	Current Status
Pearl Harbor, HI	Stricken

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
21 June 2017	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
18 September 2017	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second U.S. Navy ship to be named for the city of Durham, NC
Displacement	18,322 tons (full load)
Length	576 ft
Beam	82 ft

Draft	26 ft (max. navigational draft)
Speed	20+ kts
Propulsion	One propeller; 22, 000 shaft horsepower Westinghouse steam turbine
Armament	4 three-inch/ 50 cal. twin mounts
Laid Down	10 July 1967
Launched	29 March 1968
Built By	Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, Newport News, VA
Sponsor	Mrs. Alton A. Lennon, wife of NC congressman
Delivered	10 April 1969
Commissioned	24 May 1969
Inactivated	n/a
Decommissioned	25 February 1994
Stricken	31 August 2015

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	10 Western Pacific deployments including service in Hawaii, Philippines, Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia; RIMPAC 1985
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Awards	Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Battle Efficiency Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (6), Vietnam Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (3), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (10), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Noteworthy Events	1983- recovered a sunken landing vehicle in Dingaling Bay, Philippines
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	Decommissioning Ceremony Brochure
	USS DURHAM (LKA-114) A Guide for Newly Reporting Personnel
	Letter from VADM David Robinson, USN, to CAPT Robert Scott, CO, USS Durham, 14 January 1994
	Naval Vessel Register

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 no written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition