

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
KAUFFMAN	FFG 59
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7) – Class Guided Missile Frigate	
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia, PA	Stricken, Final Disposition Pending

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
28 Jun 2018	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
22 Mar 2019	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First ship in the U.S. Navy to carry the name
Displacement	4,100 tons

Length	453 ft
Beam	47 ft
Draft	26 ft
Speed	29+ knots
Propulsion	Two General Electric LM 2500 gas turbines, two 350 Horsepower Electric Drive Auxiliary Propulsion Units
Armament	one Mk75 76 mm/62 caliber rapid fire gun, Mk 32 ASW torpedo tubes (two triple mounts), one <i>Phalanx</i> CIWS, one Mk 38 Mod 2 25 mm machine gun system
Laid Down	8 Apr 1985
Launched	29 Mar 1986
Built By	Bath Iron Works Corp, Bath, ME
Sponsor	Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bush, daughter of Vice Adm. James L. Kauffman and sister of Rear Adm. Draper L. Kauffman
Delivered	13 Feb 1987
Commissioned	28 Feb 1987
Inactivated	21 Sep 2015
Decommissioned	21 Sep 2015
Stricken	21 Sep 2015

Vessel History

<p>Deployment Summary</p>	<p>Deployments: Mediterranean (5), NATO Standing Naval Forces (1), Atlantic phase of UNITAS (1), Middle East (1), Partnership of the Americas (2), and Middle East Forces in the Persian Gulf (1). Operations: COUNTER – NARCOTICS (3), OCEAN VENTURE (1), DENY FLIGHT (1), MARITIME GUARD, MARITIME INTERDICTION, SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, ENDURING FREEDOM, SOUTH WATCH, MARITIME SECURITY OPERATIONS (MSO) (3), MULTINACIONAL ALIANZA, OCEAN SHIELD, COUNTER-PIRACY, and COUNTER-ILLICIT TRAFFICKING. Exercises: DISPLAT DETERMINATION, INFINITE SHADOW, INDIGO SERVENT, NADOX 98, DESTINED GLORY, COOPERATIVE PARTNER, COME AS YOU ARE (CAYA) GREEN, INSPIRED SIREN, PHOENIX EXPRESS, FLEXIBLE LEADER, ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE (ASWEX), TEAMWORK SOUTH, and QUICKDRAW.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Chief of Naval Operations Letter of Commendation, Secretary of Naval Letter of Commendation, Armed Forces Service Medal (5), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Navy “E” Ribbon (4), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service ribbon (2), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (8), Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).</p>
<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>In 1988, KAUFFMAN crew member BM3 Kerekgyarto died instantly when the Slewing Arm Davit (SLAD) broke from its mount and fell on him. Investigation revealed a faulty weld as the cause.</p> <p>During KAUFFMAN’S 2005 counter narcotic operations in the Caribbean Sea, KAUFFMAN rendered assistance to two vessels. The first instance involved a vessel that had lost propulsion; KAUFFMAN assisted by towing the vessel over 250 miles to port in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The second occurred when the 237-foot coastal freighter RAMSLI was in danger of sinking after its cargo of cement had shifted. KAUFFMAN arrived on-scene just in time to launch her small boat and rescue the crew of eight, four pet monkeys and a dog before the vessel sank in nearly 2000 feet of water.</p> <p>During KAUFFMAN’s Med deployment in 1998, KAUFFMAN was afforded the opportunity to conduct a port visit to Dubrovnik, Croatia. As only the second U.S. ship to ever visit Dubrovnik, KAUFFMAN's visit attracted local and national press coverage. KAUFFMAN also became the first U.S. ship in 18 years to visit the port of Calpe, Spain.</p>

	During KAUFFMAN’S 2005 Middle East deployment, KAUFFMAN confiscated over 1,996 kgs of hashish. During KAUFFMAN’S 2015 counter drug operations, KAUFFMAN confiscated over 8,499 kgs of cocaine and detained 34 suspected narcotic traffickers.
DANFS* Entry	Kauffman (FFG-59)

**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	Naval History and Heritage Command https://www.history.navy.mil/research/archives/command-operations-reports/ships/k/kauffman-ffg-59-i.html and https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/k/Kauffman.html
----------------	--

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.

	U.S. Navy Awards
	<a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>KAUFFMAN FFG 59</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>KAUFFMAN FFG 59</UName><sort>1</sort>
	Naval History and Historical Command, CORs - Command Operations Reports

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 0 written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition