

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
MOBILE	LKA 115
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
CHARLESTON (LKA 113) – Class Amphibious Cargo Ship	AKA 115
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia, PA	Stricken, Final Status 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	Fourth ship in the Navy named for the city of Mobile, AL
Displacement	18,542 tons
Length	574 ft

Beam	82 ft
Draft	28 ft
Speed	20+ knots
Propulsion	Two boilers, one geared turbine, one propeller shaft, 22,000 shaft horsepower
Armament	Two 20 mm <i>Phalanx</i> CIWS
Laid Down	18 Jan 1968
Launched	19 Oct 1968
Built By	Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA
Sponsor	Mrs. John J. Sparksman, wife of Honorable John J. Sparksman, U.S. Senator from Alabama.
Delivered	1 Sep 1969
Commissioned	29 Sep 1969
Inactivated	4 Feb 1994
Decommissioned	4 Feb 1994
Stricken	31 Aug 2015

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Deployments: WESTPAC (9); Operations: DESERT SHIELD 90, DESERT STORM 91, and CONTINGENCY 91; Exercises: CONVOY 2-70 and 3-71 (2), ADMIXTURE 71, PAGASA II 73, SSANG YOUNG 75,
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	SSANG YOUNG II 77, BEAD CHEVRON 76, ICE BEARER76 , BELL NUGGET 77, FORTRESS LIGHTNING 77, TEAM SPIRIT 78 and 86 (2), KERNAL POTLATCH II 79, LANDEX 1-80, KERNAL BLITZ 80, 87, 88, and 89 (4), KERNAL USHER 82, 85, 88 and 90 (4), RIMPAC 84, BELL VOLCANO 84 COBRA GOLD 84, VALIANT USHER 84 and 88(2), VALIANT BLITZ 84 and 88 (2), GATOR JAY 85, FREEDOM BANNER 86, BEACH GUARD 86, and KERNAL RAIDER 93
, Awards	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – Operation Frequent Wind, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal - Iran/Indian Ocean, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy “E” Ribbon (3), Navy Unit Commendation (2), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (15)
Noteworthy Events	In 1970, MOBILE received the Golden Anchor Award for the highest Pacific Fleet enlistment ratio for an LKA. In 1972, MOBILE received enemy fire from batteries on Tiger Island, North Vietnam and returned fire, which marked the first enemy engagement by a CHARLESTON-class LKA. In Sep 1980, MOBILE transferred to Naval Reserve Force and returned to active status Jun 1983.
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	No

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.

upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	U.S. Navy Awards <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>MOBILE LKA 115</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>MOBILE LKA 115</UName><sort>1</sort>
	Naval Vessel Register http://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_LKA_115_2286.HTML
	Naval History and Historical Command, CORs - Command Operations Reports
	Decommission Booklet

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