

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
ST LOUIS	LKA 116
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
CHARLESTON – class amphibious cargo ship	AKA 116
Vessel Location	Current Status
Pearl Harbor, HI	Decommissioned

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
7 Jun 2018	
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Sixth vessel in the Navy named after the largest city in the state of Missouri
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Displacement	18,465 tons
Length	576 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 20mm Phalanx CIWS
Laid Down	3 Apr 1968
Launched	4 Jan 1969
Built By	Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA
Sponsor	Honorable Leonor K. Sullivan, M.C., Representative from the 3rd District of Missouri
Delivered	1 Oct 1969
Commissioned	22 Nov 1969
Inactivated	N/A
Decommissioned	2 Nov 1992
Stricken	31 Aug 2015

Vessel History

<p>Deployment Summary</p>	<p>Deployments: Vietnam WestPac 70, 72, 73, &75 (4), WestPac 77 & 79 (2), WestPac / MidPac / NorPac 80, and Persian Gulf 87; Operations: KEYSTONE ROBIN ALPHA AND CHARLIE 70, BEAR HUNT 85, EARNEST WILL 87, BALIKATAN 87, SEA ANGEL 91, and FIERY VIGIL 91; Exercises: ARG BRAVO 71, ZAMBALES 73 & 75 (2), SSANG YONG II 73, LANDEX 76, 1-77 & 5-77 (2), 87, & 88,(5), RESCUES 76, MAULEX 76 & 77 (2), MAFLEX 77 & 79 (2), RAIDEX 77, BAYAMHAN IV 77, FORTRESS LIGHTENING 77, PHIBEX VALIANT BLITZ 80, 84, 88, 89, 90, & 91 (6), PHIBLEX VALIANT USHER 80, 83, 88, & 91 (4), TEAM SPIRT 80, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, & 91 (9), VALIANT FLEX 80, FIREX 83, BALIDATAN 84 & 85 (2), BEAR HUNT 84, 86, 88, & 89 (4), BEACH GUARD 85, TRAEX 87, VALIANT MARK 88, 89, & 90 (3), PACEX 90, and FUJI 90.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal - Iran/Indian Ocean, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2), Navy “E” Ribbon (6), Vietnam Service Medal (12)</p>
<p>,</p>	<p>In 1985, during OPERATION BEAR HUNT 85- ST. LOUIS offloaded in Pusan, Korea, 2810 personnel, 1779 vehicles, 4808 pallets (including 190 landing force magazine pallets). Also offloaded was 190 outsized cargo vehicles and two Marine rotary – winged aircraft carried on the flight deck. In 1991, ST. LOUIS loaded 28 reverse osmosis water purification units (ROWPUs) each weighing more than 5 tons for use in the relief effort of Operation Sea Angel. ST. LOUIS then departed Okinawa, arrived 10 days later off the coast of Chittagong, Bangladesh to support Operation Sea Angel. Also in 1991, ST. LOUIS provided humanitarian assistance to the naval base in Subic Bay, Philippines and nearby Cubi Point Naval Air Station during Operation Fiery Vigil after the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, followed by several days of torrential rains and severe earthquakes.</p>
<p>DANFS* Entry</p>	<p>St. Louis VI (LKA-116)</p>

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

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.

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	U.S. Navy Awards <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ST LOUIS LKA 116</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ST LOUIS LKA 116</UName><sort>1</sort>
	Naval History and heritage Command - https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/s/st-louis-vi.html
	Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
	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 __ written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition