

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
**INITIAL DETERMINATION**



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
LAWARNCE H. GIANELLA	T-AOT 1125
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
GUS W DARNELL (AOT 1121)	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Beaumont, TX	Inactivated, National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF)

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
17 May 2019	
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
12 September 2019	No

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	First ship named for LAWARNCE H. GIANELLA
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<b>Displacement</b>	41,484 tons (full)
<b>Length</b>	615 ft
<b>Beam</b>	90 ft (extreme)
<b>Draft</b>	36 ft
<b>Speed</b>	16 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Diesel
<b>Armament</b>	None
<b>Laid Down</b>	N/A
<b>Launched</b>	1985
<b>Built By</b>	American Ship Building Co.
<b>Sponsor</b>	N/A
<b>Delivered</b>	04/22/1986 - Placed in service with the Military Sealift Command (MSC)
<b>Commissioned</b>	N/A
<b>Inactivated</b>	29 August 2019
<b>Decommissioned</b>	N/A
<b>Stricken</b>	

## Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	N/A
<b>Awards</b>	Environmental Achievement Award
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	<p>USNS LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA was the last and longest serving US Navy owned Champion Class T-5 tanker, operating since 1986. As the longest serving T-5 tanker, GIANELLA transferred more petroleum for the US Military than any other vessel in history. She transported over 200 million barrels of refined fuel in her lifespan</p> <p>USNS LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA typically carries diesel, gasoline, and JP5. Its reinforced bow allows it to occasionally make the yearly fuel delivery to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, 11 times.</p> <p>Military Sealift Command's petroleum tanker USNS LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA (T-AOT 1125) and fleet replenishment oiler USNS Laramie (T-AO 203) conducted a skin-to-skin lightering fuel transfer at sea, Nov. 28. This evolution marked the first time the U.S. Navy has transferred fuel between these two classes of ships using a standard commercial fuel hose.</p> <p>MV VADM K.R. Wheeler and USNS LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA, two Military Sealift Command ships conducted a training exercise off the coast of Yeosu, South Korea, Aug. 17-18 2009, where they rehearsed the U.S. military's unique capability to deliver fuel to ground forces ashore from a tanker anchored up to eight miles from the coast.</p> <p>During the Iran-Iraq War, USNS LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA supported U.S. fleet and convoy operations in the Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf by providing fuel consolidation (CONSOL) support to MSC fleet oilers. The ship also provided CONSOL and petroleum logistics support for Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.</p>
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Lawrence H. Gianella (T-AOT-1125)

*\*Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

## Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

<b>i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation? (A Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to military units that have performed an extremely meritorious or heroic act, usually in the face of an armed enemy.)</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? (The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in action against an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States was 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>	

<b>Sources</b>	Naval Vessel Register - <a href="https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AOT_1125.HTML">https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AOT_1125.HTML</a>
	Naval History and Heritage Command - <a href="https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/l/lawrence-h--gianella--t-aot-1125-.html">https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/l/lawrence-h--gianella--t-aot-1125-.html</a>
	U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command - <a href="https://www.msc.navy.mil/inventory/ships.php?ship=91">https://www.msc.navy.mil/inventory/ships.php?ship=91</a>
	U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command - <a href="https://www.msc.navy.mil/sealift/2018/January/transfer.htm">https://www.msc.navy.mil/sealift/2018/January/transfer.htm</a>

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<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.

### 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