

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
NASHVILLE	LPD 13
<b>Vessel Class</b>	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
AUSTIN LPD 4 - class of Amphibious Transport Docks	
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Philadelphia, PA	Decommissioned

<b>Initial Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Initial Finding</b>
8 Oct 2019	Ineligible
<b>Final Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places</b>

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	Third ship named after the capital of Tennessee.
<b>Displacement</b>	17,479 tons
<b>Length</b>	570 ft

<b>Beam</b>	100 ft
<b>Draft</b>	23 ft
<b>Speed</b>	21 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Two boilers, two steam turbines
<b>Armament</b>	Two 20mm Phalanx CIWS, two 25mm Mk 38 guns, eight 50-calibre machine guns
<b>Laid Down</b>	14 Mar 1966
<b>Launched</b>	7 Oct 1967
<b>Built By</b>	Lockheed Shipbuilding CO., Seattle, WA
<b>Sponsor</b>	Mrs. Roy L. Johnson, wife of the then Commander in Chief, US Pacific Fleet.
<b>Delivered</b>	26 Dec 1969
<b>Commissioned</b>	14 Feb 1970
<b>Inactivated</b>	30 Sep 2009
<b>Decommissioned</b>	30 Sep 2009
<b>Stricken</b>	13 Nov 2017

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	Deployments: Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) (10),, Mediterranean 77, 98, & 03 (3), Mediterranean Mine Countermeasure MCM 81, Persian Gulf 91, 93 & 98 (2), Indian Ocean 93, Amphibious
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	<p>Ready Group (ARG) 3-91, and Surge 05. Operations: Dawn Patrol 77, Caribbean 83, Distant Hammer 85, Sardinia 85 &amp; 87 (2), Dragon Hammer 87, Sharp Edge 90, Eager Mace 91, Sea Soldier VI 91, Support Democracy 94, Silver Wake 97, Restore Hope 93, Atlas Hinge 01, Iraqi Freedom 03, Enduring Freedom 03 and Barbary Thunder 05. Exercise: Display Determination 80 &amp; 88 (2), Damsel Fair 81, Deft Fighter 81, Ocean Safari 81, Roebuck 81, Cormoran 81, Indigo Musket 93, Spanish Capex 2-95, Spanish Phiblex 2-95 &amp; 97 (2), Destined Glory 95, Trident 95, Rescue Eagle 95, and Island Thunder 97.</p>
<p><b>Awards</b></p>	<p>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – Operation Uphold Democracy Haiti and Operation Restore Hope Somalia (2), Navy Expeditionary Medal (4) - Iran/Indian Ocean (1) and Lebanon (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Bosnia (6), Humanitarian Service Medal (4), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (4), Navy “E” Ribbon (5), Navy Unit Commendation (2), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation</p>
<p><b>Noteworthy Events</b></p>	<p>OPERATION PEGASUS was not only a first in the Amphibious Force, but also, a Navy first. The challenge of changing a warship into comfortable, safe transportation for 151 dependents needs were met, by ship's company imagination, resourcefulness and mostly, thoughtfulness. Accommodations were also a major consideration. The ship provided adequate and comfortable accommodations for all passengers due to NASHVILLE'S many staff and troop quarters. Food services strived to prepare only the best and even added an elegant touch with a bouquet of plastic flowers on every table. Through the far-sighted efforts of the Supply Department, no incidental needs were overlooked the ship's store was stocked with a complete line of family products from pacifiers to disposable diapers, while diaper pails, cribs, washing basins and even ironing boards were provided. In addition, the ship offered a nursery, kennel, laundry service, playground and private sunning area for the ladies. Nightly entertainment was provided on the flight deck by NASHVILLE's “Rock” and “Country and Western” bands.</p> <p>OPERATION PEGASUS was a success due to planning, preparation, administration and more importantly, the countless courtesies the men of NASHVILLE extended daily to their guests.</p> <p>A team of divers was cleaning the underwater hull of the NASHVILLE prior to entering dry dock. One diver lost his air mask while working under the ship. He was unconscious by the time he was drawn out of the water. Although he was rushed to a hospital with-in minutes, he never recovered.</p> <p>Following Israel’s invasion of Lebanon, Nashville remained in a “modified Location” pattern (MODLOC) until conduction the evacuation of American, Lebanese and various national civilians from Beirut. 380</p>

	civilians, cleared by U.S. officials, were brought aboard the ship for transfer to Larnaca, Cyprus.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	Nashville (LPD-13) III

\**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 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>	U.S. Navy Awards - <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&amp;Search=&lt;UName&gt;NASHVILLE LPD 13&lt;/UName&gt;&lt;sort&gt;1&lt;/sort&gt;">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&amp;Search=&lt;UName&gt;NASHVILLE LPD 13&lt;/UName&gt;&lt;sort&gt;1&lt;/sort&gt;</a> and
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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.

	<a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&amp;Search=&lt;UName&gt;USS NASHVILLE LPD 13&lt;/UName&gt;&lt;sort&gt;1&lt;/sort&gt;">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&amp;Search=&lt;UName&gt;USS NASHVILLE LPD 13&lt;/UName&gt;&lt;sort&gt;1&lt;/sort&gt;</a>
	Naval Vessel Register - <a href="http://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL LPD 13 2299.HTML">http://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL LPD 13 2299.HTML</a>
	Naval History and Historical Command, CORs - Command Operations Reports

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**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