

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
ARDENT	MCM 12
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
MCM 1	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
SAN DIEGO, CA	Decommissioned

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
10 Jul 2020	Not Eligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 Feb 2021	No

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Third ship named ARDENT
Displacement	1,372 tons (full)

Length	224 ft
Beam	39 ft (extreme)
Draft	12 ft
Speed	13.5 knots
Propulsion	Four 600bhp Isotta Fraschini diesel engines, two controllable reversible pitch propellers and two electric light load propulsion motors
Armament	2 M2HB .50 caliber machine guns; 2 M60, 7.62mm machine guns and 2 Mk19 grenade launchers
Laid Down	22/Oct/1990
Launched	26/Nov/1991
Built By	Peterson Builders Inc., Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
Sponsor	Mrs. Sue Ann Mashak Thompson, wife of Tommy G. Thompson, Governor of Wisconsin
Delivered	2/Aug/1993
Commissioned	18/Feb/1994
Inactivated	27 Aug 2020
Decommissioned	27 Aug 2020
Stricken	27 Aug 2020

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	90-day deployment to Cozumel, Mexico; SHAREM 119 exercise; Central Arabian Gulf (CAG) (13); exercise EAGER SENTRY; North Arabian Gulf (NAG) (9); South Arabian Gulf (SAG) (3); exercise Red Reef (2); exercise NEON FALCON (2); exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER (2); exercise MINE EX 98 (MCMEX98); exercise MIREM (2); Operation Desert Fox; GULFEX 2000; ARABIAN GAUNTLET (2);
Awards	Armed Forces Expeditionary (11) ((9) – Bosnia and (2) – Southern Watch); Combat Action Ribbon - Iraqi Freedom; Navy “E” Ribbon; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Navy Unit Commendation (4) – (1) – Iraqi Freedom
Noteworthy Events	ARDENT was tasked with assisting USNS CATAWBA in locating and recovering a crashed FA-18. ARDENT located the wreckage field and the main body of the aircraft that was associated with the crash, mapped the area wreckage, and conducted demolition of any large pieces of wreckage. ARDENT was tasked with finding two torpedoes lost overboard from one of the U.S. vessels. ARDENT was able to find both torpedoes within a hour of arriving on site.
DANFS* Entry	Ardent (MCM-12) III

**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

Criteria Evaluation¹

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.)	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? (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	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.

justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)	
iii. Was a President of the United States was 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	

Sources	Naval Vessel Register - https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_MCM_12.HTML
	Naval History and Heritage Command - https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/a/ardent-iii--mcm-12-.html https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/archives/command-operations-reports/ships/a/ardent-mcm-12-ii.html
	U.S. Navy Awards - <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ARDENT</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ARDENT</UName><sort>1</sort> , <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ARDENT MCM 12</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS ARDENT MCM 12</UName><sort>1</sort> and <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ARDENT MCM 12</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>ARDENT MCM 12</UName><sort>1</sort>

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