

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
CHAMPION	MCM 4
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 2019	Not Eligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
8 Feb 2021	No

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Fourth ship named CHAMPION
Displacement	1,372 tons (full)
Length	224 ft
Beam	39 ft (extreme)
Draft	12 ft
Speed	13.5 knots
Propulsion	Diesel
Armament	2 M2HB .50 caliber machine guns; 2 M60, 7.62 millimeter machine guns and 2 Mk19 grenade launchers.
Laid Down	28 Jun 1984
Launched	15 Apr 1989
Built By	Marinette Marine Corp.,
Sponsor	Mrs. Tina Karalekis, wife of S. Stephen Karalekis
Delivered	07 Jan 1991
Commissioned	08 Feb 1991 (special)
Inactivated	25 Aug 2020
Decommissioned	25 Aug 2020

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Vessel History

Deployment Summary	MARCOT 1-93; UNITAS 34-93; JTFEX 97-3, 00-1, GOMEX 97-2, 98-3, 00-2, 01-1; CV-65 FLEETEX, TX for Euro 99; NATO Exercise Olives Vertes; Unified Spirit 2000;
Awards	Navy “E” Ribbon
Noteworthy Events	Underway for Manzanillo, Mexico, USS CHAMPION rescued three fishermen onboard “Langousta 222.” CHAMPION became the first MCM to pass Surface Rescue Team Trainer, an evaluation conducted by Fleet Training Center, San Diego. Participated in the ground breaking of the Champion Park at Aransas Pass Nursing Home, Aransas Pass, TX.
DANFS* Entry	Champion (MCM-4) IV

**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	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.

an enemy force. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action not 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	Ineligible for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Sources	Naval Vessel Register - https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_MCM_4.HTML
	Naval History and Heritage Command - https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/c/champion-iv--mcm-4-.html ; https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/research/archives/command-operations-reports/ships/c/champion-mcm-4-iv.html
	U.S. Navy Awards - <a href="https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS CHAMPION</UName><sort>1</sort>">https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webapp01.nsf/(frmQUnitAwards)?OpenForm&Search=<UName>USS CHAMPION</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