

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

| Name | Hull Number |
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| Apache | T-ATF 172 |
| Vessel Class | Previous Vessel Designation (if any) |
| ATF 166 | N/A |
| Vessel Location | Current Status |
| NAVSEA Inactive Ship Maintenance On-Site Office, Philadelphia, PA | Disposal |

| Initial Evaluation Date | Initial Finding |
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| 21 March 2023 | Ineligible |
| Final Evaluation Date | Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places |
| 14 Nov 2023 | Ineligible |

Vessel Snapshot

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| Lineage | Apache has been used on four other ships. |
| Displacement | 1387 tons |

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| Length | 218 ft. |
| Beam | 42 ft. |
| Draft | 15 ft. |
| Speed | 14.5 knots |
| Propulsion | two GMC EMD 20-645F7B Diesel engines (5.73 MW sustained) two shafts, controllable reversible pitch propellers mounted in Kort nozzles, 7,200shp bow thruster, 300hp (224KW) |
| Armament | None |
| Laid Down | 22 March 1979 |
| Launched | 28 March 1981 |
| Built By | Marinette Marine Corporation, Marinette, Wisconsin |
| Sponsor | Mrs. John Young, wife of Captain John R. Young (Speaker) |
| Delivered | 23 July 1981 |
| Commissioned | 23 July 1981 |
| Inactivated | 26 August 2022 |
| Decommissioned | 26 August 2022 |
| Stricken | 26 August 2022 |

Vessel History

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| Deployment Summary | <p>Among her early assignments was a mission in September 1982 towing the battleship USS IOWA (BB-61), from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Westwego, Louisiana, where USS IOWA (BB-61) began modernization work preparatory to her return to active service.</p> <p>In 1983, Apache towing the decommissioned destroyer USS Barry (DD-933) to Washington Navy Yard, Washington D.C.</p> <p>In 1999, Apache moored pierside at Marseille, France.</p> <p>In 2002, Apache moored pierside at Valletta Port, Malta.</p> <p>Apache moored pierside at U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA.</p> <p>On 10 September 2003, Guided missile cruiser USS Philippine Seae (CG-58) Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) boarding team performed, practice-boarding procedures with Apache, in the Atlantic Ocean.</p> <p>Military Sealift Command fleet ocean tug Apache departed Norfolk, Virginia, Oct. 19 to begin searching for wreckage from the missing U.S. flagged merchant vessel El Faro.</p> |
| Awards | <p>Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation Navy Unit Commendation (2) Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2) - National Defense Service Medal - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2-Op Restore Hope, Somalia - 1-Op Uphold Democracy, Haiti, 1-Bosnia)</p> |
| Noteworthy Events | <p>Military Sealift Command fleet ocean tug Apache departed Norfolk, Virginia, Oct. 19 to begin searching for wreckage from the missing U.S. flagged merchant vessel El Faro.</p> |
| DANFS* Entry | |

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Criteria Evaluation¹

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| 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 justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.) | No |
| 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 | |
| Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible) | Ineligible |

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| Sources | https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_ATF_172.HTML |
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Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

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.

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 zero (0) written comments.

| Comments Received | Comment Disposition |
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