

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Walter S Diehl	T AO 193
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Henry J. Kaiser Class Fleet Oiler	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
James River Reserve Fleet, Ft. Eustis, VA	Out of Service in Reserve

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
Displacement	15,486 tons
Length	678 ft.

Beam	98 ft
Draft	38 ft
Speed	20 knots
Propulsion	Diesel Electric
Armament	None
Laid Down	08/07/1986
Launched	10/02/1987
Built By	Avondale Shipyards, Inc., New Orleans, LA
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	13 Sep 1988
Commissioned	N/A
Inactivated	1 Oct 2022
Decommissioned	N/A
Stricken	22 Nov 2022

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Walter S Diehl spent the majority of her service forward deployed, primarily in the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf regions providing support to the warfighting in multiple contingencies including but not limited to Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, The Global War on Terrorism, Operation Inherent Resolve, Valiant Shield 2016, Pacific Partnership 2018, and routine maritime security operations.
Awards	N/A
Noteworthy Events	N/A
DANFS* Entry	

**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 justifying an award of the Medal of Honor.)	No
iii. Was a President of the United States 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	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.

change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	U.S. Navy Awards
	Naval Vessel Register - https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AO_193.HTML
	http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/19/19193.htm

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 zero (0) written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition