

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
MAJ STEPHEN W PLESS	T-AK 3007
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
AK 3005	ex -CHARLES CARROL
Vessel Location	Current Status
James River Reserve Fleet (JRRF) Fort. Eustis, VA.	Disposal

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
21 Oct 2022	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
4 Jan 2023	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First of its name
Displacement	51,612 (full)
Length	821 ft
Beam	106 ft (extreme)
Draft	34 ft
Speed	20 knots
Propulsion	Steam Turbine
Armament	None
Laid Down	1983
Launched	1983
Built By	Sun Ship Building Company
Sponsor	Could not find.
Delivered	1985
Commissioned	N/A
Inactivated	21 March 2023
Decommissioned	21 March 2023
Stricken	21 March 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	On 13 December 1990, she unloaded cargos during Operation Desert Shield
Awards	N/A
Noteworthy Events	USNS Maj. Stephen W. Pless was delivered as the Charles Carroll in 1983 to the U.S. Maritime Administration. The U.S. Navy acquired the Charles Carroll under a long term charter in 1985 and she was converted to a roll on - roll off container ship at National Steel and Shipbuilding in 1985. Renamed and placed into service that same year, the SS Maj. Stephen W. Pless was assigned to the Military Sealift Command Pacific Area as a chartered, contractor operated maritime preposition ship. The vessel was acquired by Military Sealift Command and placed into service as the USNS Maj. Stephen W. Pless. The Pless was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet. The vessel's name sake is USMC Medal of Honor recipient Major Stephen W. Pless.
DANFS* Entry	N/A

**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 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

Sources	Naval Vessel Register: https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AK_3007.HTML
	https://www.navsource.org/archives/09/13/133007.htm
	https://www.navysite.de/ak/ak3007.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 __ written comments.

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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
NONE	