

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
SGT. MATEJ KOCAK	T-AK 3005
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
AK 3005	ex -JOHN B. WATERMAN, ex- SS SGT. Matej Kocak (AK-3005)
Vessel Location	Current Status
James River Reserve Fleet (JRRF), Ft. 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 for the ship
Displacement	51,612 (full)
Length	821 ft.
Beam	106 ft. (extreme)
Draft	34 ft.
Speed	20 knots
Propulsion	Steam Turbine
Armament	None
Laid Down	3 March 1980
Launched	1983
Built By	Sun Ship Building Company
Sponsor	Mrs. George B. Moran, wife of the director of Waterman Industries
Delivered	23 March 1983
Commissioned	25 April 1981
Inactivated	21 March 2023
Decommissioned	21 March 2023
Stricken	21 March 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>On January 2015, SGT. MATEJ KOCAK went underway to Thailand following ammunition on load to support Exercise COBRA GOLD.</p> <p>On 27 July 2015, SGT. MATEJ KOCAK completed its Sea Trials and earned her Certificate of Inspection. Sea trials is a series of tests that examine a ship's seaworthiness.</p>
Awards	Certificate of Completion
Noteworthy Events	<p>SGT. MATEJ KOCAK was delivered as the John B. Waterman in 1983 to the U.S. Maritime Administration. The U.S. Navy acquired the John B. Waterman under a long term charter in 1984 and she was converted to a roll on - roll off container ship at National Steel and Shipbuilding.</p> <p>Renamed and placed into service that same year, the SGT.MATEJ KOCAK 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 SGT. MATEJ KOCAK. SGT. MATEJ KOCAK was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet. The vessel's name sake is USMC Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Matej Kocak.</p> <p>On 22 January 2015, while underway outbound from White Beach, Okinawa, Maritime Prepositioning Ship SGT MATEJ KOCAK grounded on a reef.</p>
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

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.

Sources	Naval Vessel Register: https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AK_3005.HTML
	https://www.navsource.org/archives/09/13/133005.htm
	https://www.navysite.de/ak/ak3005.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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
NONE	