

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
SHUGHART	T-AKR 295
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
AKR 295	MV Laura Maersk
Vessel Location	Current Status
Maritime Administration Reserve Fleet, Beaumont, Texas	Transferred to MARAD Beaumont Reserve Fleet/ 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 SHUGHART
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Displacement	59,246 tons (full)
Length	907 ft.
Beam	106 ft. (extreme)
Draft	35 ft.
Speed	24 knots
Propulsion	Burmeister & Wain 12L90 GFCA Diesel; 1 shaft and stern thrusters
Armament	None
Laid Down	1980
Launched	9 July 1980
Built By	A.P. Moller-Maersk Shipyard,Lindovaerftet
Sponsor	Mrs. Stephanie A. Shughart, wife of Sergeant First Class Randall D. Shughart
Delivered	7 May 1996 - Placed in service with the Military Sealift Command (MSC)
Commissioned	8 February 1997
Inactivated	21 March 2023
Decommissioned	21 March 2023
Stricken	21 March 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	In July 1997, SHUGHART arrived at the Arabian Gulf and joined her sister ship, USNS GORDON, as part of the Afloat Prepositioning Squadron Four.
Awards	National Defense Service Medal - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2-Operations: Restore Hope, Somalia)
Noteworthy Events	USNS Shughart (T-AKR 295), is a United States Navy container roll-on roll-off cargo vessel. She was delivered in 1980 for the A.P. Moller-Maersk, Lindovaerftet Shipyard as the MV Laura Maersk. The US Navy acquired her in 1990's, and she was converted to a medium speed roll on roll off ship at National Steel and Shipbuilding in California. The Shughart was placed into non-commissioned service with Military Sealift Command on 7 May 1996. Namesake of the ship is Sergeant First Class Randall Shughart who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for service in Mogadishu, Somalia. The Shughart is assigned to the Atlantic Fleet of Military Sealift Command and stationed in Newport News, Virginia.
DANFS* Entry	http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/54/540295.htm

**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_AKR_295.HTML
	NavSource Online: http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/54/540295.htm
	https://www.navysite.de/akr/akr295.htm
	https://www.dvidshub.net/news/418258/msc-charters-tugboat-dead-ship-tow-texas
	http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/54/540295.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	