

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
YANO	T-AKR 297
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
N/A	ex -LEISE MAERSK
Vessel Location	Current Status
Norfolk, Virginia	Inactivated

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
21 Oct 2022	Not Eligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
4 Jan 2023	

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
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Displacement	59,246 tons (full)
Length	908 ft
Beam	106 ft (extreme)
Draft	34 ft
Speed	24 knots
Propulsion	Diesel
Armament	None
Laid Down	N/A
Launched	1980
Built By	A.P. Moller-Maersk Shipyard,Lindovaerftet
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	2/8/1997 - Placed in service with the Military Sealift Command (MSC)
Commissioned	N/A
Inactivated	
Decommissioned	N/A
Stricken	

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	N/A
Awards	None
Noteworthy Events	<p>USNS Yano (T-AKR 297), is a United States Navy container roll-on roll-off cargo vessel. The USNS Yano was built at Lindovaerftet shipyards in Odense, Denmark, and launched in 1980 as the SS Leise Maersk. The vessel was lengthened by Hyundai in 1987. The US Navy acquired the Yano in the 1990's, and she was converted to a medium speed roll on roll off ship at National Steel and Shipbuilding in California. The Yano was placed into non-commissioned service with military sealift command on 8 February 1997. Namesake of the ship is U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Rodney J. T. Yano, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor during service in Vietnam. The USNS Yano was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet of Military Sealift Command and stationed in Newport News, Virginia.</p>
DANFS* Entry	None

**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_297.HTML
	NavSource Online: http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/54/540297.htm
	https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/people/namesakes/rodney-yano.html

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	