

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Independence	LCS 2
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LCS - Independence Class	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-Site Maintenance Facility, Bremerton, WA	Stricken, Final Disposition Pending

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
10 Mar 2023	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
15 Apr 2024	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Seventh ship with Independence name
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Displacement	3228 tons
Length	422 ft.
Beam	104 ft.
Draft	15 ft.
Speed	47 knots
Propulsion	Diesel- Gas Turbine
Armament	One Mk-110 57mm gun, one SeaRAM CIWS
Laid Down	19 January 2006
Launched	28 April 2008
Built By	Austal USA, Mobile, Ala
Sponsor	Mrs. Doreen Scott, wife of the former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott.
Delivered	18 December 2009
Commissioned	16 January 2010
Inactivated	31 July 2021
Decommissioned	31 July 2021
Stricken	15 September 2022

Vessel History

<p>Deployment Summary</p>	<p>29 March 2010, Independence visited Naval Air Station Key West, Florida for a port visit.</p> <p>02 April 2010, Independence visited Naval Station Mayport, Fla., for a port visit.</p> <p>14 April. 2010, Independence visited Naval Station Norfolk for a year of additional testing and specialized crew trainings.</p> <p>26 April 2010 visited Port Everglades, Fl., for the start of annual Broward Navy Days Fleet Week.</p> <p>22 October 2010 Independence visited Naval Station Newport, R.I., for port visit.</p> <p>15 April 2012, Independence moored at Vasco Nunez de Balboa Naval Base after transiting Panama Canal.</p> <p>23 April 2012, Independence visited Manzanillo, Mexico for a port visit.</p> <p>02 May 2012, Independence changed homeport from Naval Station Mayport, Fl., to Naval Station San Diego, Ca.</p> <p>July 2014, Independence participated in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC).</p> <p>March 2019, Independence participated in a PASEX with the Canadian and Mexican Navy.</p> <p>May 2019, Independence supported the USS Montgomery Swatt Event and participated in the Portland Rose Festival, Portland Oregon.</p> <p>June 2019, Independence supported the Royal Canadian Navy Pre-deployment advanced technical training events ISO HMC OTTAWA's deployment.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Independence received the following awards throughout its distinguished service: Navy Battle "E" (1).</p>
<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>Independence has been a test and training ship and was key in developing the operational concepts foundational to the current configuration and deployment of LCS.</p> <p>During RIMPAC 2014, Independence accomplished being the firsts of its class including a San Diego to Hawaii transit without refueling, sustained embarkation and integration of SUM and HSC detachments, simultaneous</p>

dual helicopter operations, first boarding using organic visit board search and seizure (VBSS) team, first “ Real World” tasking, conducted vertical replenishment for stores, carrier plane guard operations, live Hellfire shoot from an LCS Air Asset, integration into Composite Warfare Commander (CWC) operations, Afloat Forward Staging Base Operations with Peruvian and Korean SOF, coordinated Air/Surface Search and Rescue (SAR) Exercise, acted as Opposing Force (OPFOR) against a multinational Surface Action Group (SAG).

In 2015, Independence during the transit through the Panama Canal to Naval Air Station Pensacola for preparations to conduct the initial Operation Test & Evaluation (IOT&E) of the Mine Countermeasure Mission Package for the Independence Class Seaframe.

In 2017, Independence found its crew. LCS crew 201’s “SPARTANS” now have a home. As the first single-crewed Independence –Variant ship, the crew (including the merged Mine Detachment 2 “PANTHERS”) restored Independence to Operational Readiness and prepared to get back to sea. After several months of Off-Hull training and support of embarked crews, the crew took permanent command of Independence 10 March 2017, relieving LCS crew 203 “Sea Dogs” (USS Coronado Blue) in San Diego, CA.

In 2018, was the year USS Independence went back to sea after being moored for 18 months in prolong maintenance availabilities, Independence made its triumphant return as an Operational Unit. INDY also supported the waterfront and the Navy, providing a platform for training and education with hundreds of individuals participating in tours of the ship and multiple crews completing their certification onboard. Additionally, Independence drove MCM Mission capability development in testing the Knifefish System and UISS, ascertaining MIW feasibility for LCS-2 Variant ship.

In March 2019, Independence participated in a PASEX with the Canadian and Mexican Navy.

In May 2019, Independence supported the USS Montgomery SWATT event and participation in the Portland Rose Festival on short notice.

In June 2019, Independence supported the Royal Canadian Navy Pre-Deployment Advanced Tactical training event deployment. The latter half of 2019 was devoted to read-E 6/7 and INSURV Material Assessment preparations and performance which Independence executed successfully with above fleet average scores.

	In 2020, Independence completed crew resource management and rapid refresh at the LCS Training Facility (LTF). Hosted distinguished leadership from the Japan Maritime Self- Defense Force (JMSDF), accomplished routine local underway, and achieved certification in several mission areas in pursuit of basic phase completion.
DANFS* Entry	https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/i/IndependenceVI.html

**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	

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.

Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	Ineligible
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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 0 written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition