

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
City of Corpus Christi	SSN 705
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
SSN 688	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington	Stricken, Final Disposition Pending

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
1 May 2023	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	The "City of" prefix was added before its 1983 commissioning to clarify that the ship is meant to honor the city, in response to Catholic politicians who protested against naming a warship using Latin words which translate to "Body of Christ."
Displacement	6129 tons
Length	362 ft. overall
Beam	33 ft.
Draft	32 ft. 15 inches
Speed	15 knots surface, 32+ knots submerged
Propulsion	1 S6G PWR nuclear reactor with D2W core (165 MW), HEU 93.5%. 2 x steam turbines (33,500) shp. 1 x shaft, 1 x secondary propulsion motor 325 hp (242 kW)
Armament	four 21" torpedo tubes aft of bow, Harpoon and Tomahawk ASM/LAM missiles from 12 VLS tubes, MK-48 torpedoes
Laid Down	4 September 1979
Launched	25 April 1981
Built By	Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut
Sponsor	Mrs. Lilla Burt Cummings, wife of Senator John Tower
Delivered	24 November 1982
Commissioned	8 January 1983

Inactivated	28 July 2016
Decommissioned	3 August 2017
Stricken	3 August 2017

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>March 31, 1984: USS City of Corpus Christi departed NSB New London for its maiden Indian Ocean deployment.</p> <p>October 19, 1984: The City of Corpus Christi returned to homeport after a nearly seven-month deployment, circumnavigating the globe around the Cape of Good Hope and transiting the Panama Canal on October 14, 1984.</p> <p>October 1985 - December 1985: North Atlantic</p> <p>November 1985- November 1985: Blue Nose - Arctic Circle</p> <p>December 21, 1985: SSN 705 returned to Groton, Conn., after a two-month underway in the North Atlantic.</p> <p>March 1986 - July 1986: Mediterranean</p> <p>July 25, 1986: USS City of Corpus Christi returned to Naval Submarine Base New London after a three-month surge deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Port calls to La Maddalena, Italy; and Toulon, France.</p> <p>November 1986 - August 1988: CNO OPS ADCAP</p> <p>January 5, 1987: USS City of Corpus Christi departed Port Canaveral, Fla., after unloading MK 48 ADCAP exercise torpedoes for test firings at AUTEC range.</p> <p>Port visit to Port Everglades, Fl., from January 15-16, 1987;</p> <p>Inport Port Canaveral again from January 17-19, 1987;</p> <p>Returned home on January 27, 1987;</p> <p>Underway for sea trials from February 25-27, 1987;</p> <p>Underway again for MK 48 ADCAP testing on March 2, 1987;</p>
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Inport Port Canaveral from March 4-7, 1987 and March 17-21, 1987;
Returned to Groton on March 27, 1987; Underway again on April 5, 1987;
Inport Port Canaveral from April 9-10, 1987.

October 1988 - March 1989: Mediterranean
May 1992 – November 1992: Mediterranean
June 1994 – August 1994: Blue Nose - Arctic Circle
September 1999: Shellback Initiation - 15 September 1999: Pacific Ocean
September 1999: Shellback Initiation - 15 September 1999 - Atlantic Ocean

January 8, 2003: The Los Angeles-class attack submarine emergency sortied from Apra Harbor to avoid a typhoon. Returned on January 13, 2003.

February 2, 2003: SSN 705 arrived in Naval Station Pearl Harbor for Primary Relief valve testing and training. Underway for Basic Submarine Assessment (BSA) and Mine Readiness Certification inspection from March 10-15, 2003;
Returned to homeport on March 23, 2003;
Underway to avoid the Typhoon Kujira from April 13-16, 2003;
Underway in support of exercise Tandem Thrust from April 21- May 5, 2003;
Underway for sea trials from May 19-21, 2003.

May 28, 2003: USS City of Corpus Christi departed Guam for Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) in the Hawaiian Op. Area.
Inport Pearl Harbor from June 4-7 and 13-18, 2003;
Returned home on June 25, 2003; Underway for sea trials from July 24-25, 2003.

	<p>From July 28 through September 15, 2003, the City of Corpus Christi was underway for a southern Pacific deployment in support of tactical development exercise Lungfish.</p> <p>July 2006: Shellback Initiation - 18 July 2006 - Pacific Ocean</p> <p>October 24, 2009: USS City of Corpus Christi arrived in Laem Chabang, Thailand, for a scheduled port visit.</p> <p>April 14, 2011: The City of Corpus Christi arrived in Brisbane, Australia, for a six-day port visit.</p> <p>November 4, 2013: USS City of Corpus Christi departed Pearl Harbor for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.</p> <p>September 12, 2015: USS City of Corpus Christi departed homeport for its final western Pacific deployment.</p> <p>February 12, 2016: USS City of Corpus Christi moored at Sierra 10 Wharf on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a five-month deployment.</p> <p>May 30, 2016: USS City of Corpus Christi held a decommissioning ceremony at Wharf S1B after more than 33 years of active service.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>After commissioning, and for each consecutive year up to 1989, USS City of Corpus Christi was awarded the Commander Submarine Squadron Two Battle Efficiency and Engineering Excellence “E” awards.</p> <p>USS City of Corpus Christi received the Meritorious Unit Commendation for operations in 1985 and the Navy Unit Commendation for operations in 1986.</p> <p>USS City of Corpus Christi was selected as the recipient of the Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO Battle Efficiency “E” for 1994.</p> <p>Following another highly successful Western Atlantic Deployment in 1995, USS City of Corpus Christi was awarded the Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO Tactical “T” for excellence in submarine tactics.</p> <p>USS City of Corpus Christi was awarded the 1997 Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR Communications “C” and Medical “M” for excellence in each respective field.</p> <p>USS City of Corpus Christi was awarded the 1999 Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR Tactical “T” and Silver “S” for Esprit de Corps.</p>

	<p>USS City of Corpus Christi was awarded the Battle Efficiency “E” for 2003 through 2005 and 2009, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation in 2011 for outstanding performance while forward deployed.</p> <p>Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) in a pierside ceremony on Naval Base Guam April 4, 2013.</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>During the naval Exercise Malabar, between the navies of India, the United States and Japan, in a simulated battle, the Indian Navy's INS Sindhudhvaj reportedly scored a kill against City of Corpus Christi. Sindhudhvaj is a Soviet-built Kilo class, but upgraded with the Indian USHUS sonar.</p>
DANFS* Entry	

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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	No

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.

change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	Ineligible

Sources	https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_SSN_705.HTML
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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 written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition