

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
USNS Gordon	T-AKR-296
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Gordon Class, Large, Medium-Speed Roll-on/Roll-off (LMSR)	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Northwest Harbor Baltimore, Maryland	Disposed of through Inter Agency Transfer to MARAD

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
Displacement	59,803 tons
Length	954 ft.
Beam	106 ft.

Draft	37 ft.
Speed	24 knots
Propulsion	1 × Burmeister & Wain 12K84EF diesel 26,000 hp(m) (19.11 MW) 2 × Burmeister & Wain 9K84EF diesels, 39,000 hp(m) (28.66 MW) 3 shafts (center cp prop) bow thruster
Armament	N/A
Laid Down	12 September 1972
Launched	12 September 1972
Built By	Burmeister & Wain Shipyard Denmark
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	1 June 1973
In-Service	23 August 1996
Inactivated	26 April 2023
Out of Service	26 April 2023
Stricken	26 April 2023

Vessel History

<p>Deployment Summary</p>	<p>Originally built as a merchant vessel, acquired and converted by the Navy, and was assigned to the United States Department of Defense's Military Sealift Command. As of April 2023, the ship was part of the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) Ready Reserve Force (RRF).</p> <p>Gordon was built in Denmark in 1972 as MV Jutlandia and entered commercial service on 1 June 1973. After some time spent in commercial service she was lengthened by Hyundai Heavy Industries in 1984 and later went on to be acquired by the US Navy under a long-term charter. She was converted to a US Navy Vehicle Roll-on/Roll-off Ship at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and on delivery to the Navy was assigned to the Military Sealift Command on 23 August 1996 under the name USNS Gordon, after Medal of Honor recipient Master Sergeant Gary Gordon. Gordon was one of 28 Strategic Sealift Ships operated by the Military Sealift Command. She was assigned to the MSC Atlantic surge force and was maintained at Canton, Baltimore, Maryland in Reduced Operational Status 4, meaning she can be on her way to pick up cargo within 4 days of notification.</p> <p>On 26 April 2023, Gordon was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. The same day, Gordon was transferred to the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) Ready Reserve Force (RRF) and renamed Gary I. Gordon also losing the USNS designation. If activated, Gary I. Gordon will report to the Military Sealift Command and change her prefix designation from MV to USNS. Gary I. Gordon was maintained in a reduced operating status and the crew is provided by commercial companies under contract to MARAD.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	
<p>DANFS* Entry</p>	

**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 was 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	
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_AKR_296.HTML
	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_Gary_I._Gordon

Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

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.

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