

# Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

## FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
Bob Hope	T-AKR-300
<b>Vessel Class</b>	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
Bob Hope Class, Large, Medium-Speed Roll-on/Roll-off (LMSR)	N/A
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Portland, Oregon	Disposed of through Inter Agency Transfer to MARAD

<b>Initial Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Initial Finding</b>
20 April 2023	Ineligible
<b>Final Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places</b>
17 September 2025	Ineligible

### Vessel Snapshot

<b>Lineage</b>	N/A
<b>Displacement</b>	67513 tons

<b>Length</b>	949 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	106 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	33 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	24 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	4 Colt Pielstick 10 PC4.2 V diesels, 65,160 hp(m) (47.89 MW)
<b>Armament</b>	N/A
<b>Laid Down</b>	29 May 1995
<b>Launched</b>	27 March 1997
<b>Built By</b>	Avondale Industries, Bridge City, LA
<b>Sponsor</b>	N/A
<b>Delivered</b>	18 November 1998
<b>In-service</b>	18 November 1998
<b>Inactivated</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Out of Service</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Stricken</b>	19 December 2022

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	A non-combatant roll-on/roll-off (RORO) vessel crewed by U.S. civilian mariners under the Navy's Military Sealift Command, Bob Hope and other
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	<p>ships of the class are used to preposition tanks, trucks and other wheeled vehicles and supplies needed to support an army heavy brigade.</p> <p>USNS Bob Hope was escorted through the Red Sea area of operations by the German frigate Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (F 218) during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003.</p> <p>USNS Bob Hope through the first four months of 2003 transported equipment and materiel in support of the 101st Airborne Division and the 3rd Infantry Division for Operation Iraqi Freedom.</p> <p>USNS Bob Hope was at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, Calif., on 10 March 2008.</p> <p>USNS Bob Hope was at Naval Base San Diego, Calif., on 29 September 2011.</p> <p>She has seen service delivering supplies and equipment to the Balkans and Iraq.</p>
<b>Awards</b>	<p>National Defense Service Medal</p> <p>Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal</p>
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	N/A
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	

\**Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*

**Criteria Evaluation<sup>1</sup>**

<b>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.)</b>	No
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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<b>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.)</b>	No
<b>iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	Yes: The vessel was the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities, or other special and unique considerations.
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	
<b>Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.nvr.navy.mil/shipdetails/shipdetail_AKR_300.html">https://www.nvr.navy.mil/shipdetails/shipdetail_AKR_300.html</a>
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	<a href="https://man.fas.org/dod-101/sys/ship/takr-300.htm">https://man.fas.org/dod-101/sys/ship/takr-300.htm</a>
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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
1	Comment Added