

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Brittin	T-AKR-305
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Bob Hope Class, Large, Medium-Speed Roll-on/Roll-off (LMSR)	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
Willamette River Portland, Oregon	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
17 September 2025	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
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Displacement	67513 tons
Length	949 ft.
Beam	106 ft.
Draft	33 ft.
Speed	24 knots
Propulsion	4 Colt Pielstick 10 PC4.2 V diesels, 65,160 hp(m) (47.89 MW)
Armament	N/A
Laid Down	3 May 1999
Launched	11 November 2000
Built By	Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Avondale Operations
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	11 July 2002
In-service	11 July 2002
Inactivated	12 April 2023
Out of service	12 April 2023
Stricken	12 April 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Brittin (T-AKR-305) was laid down on 3 May 1999 at New Orleans, La., by Avondale Shipyard, Inc.; and launched on 11 November 2000. She entered non-commissioned U.S. Navy service with the Military Sealift Command (MSC) with a primarily civilian crew on 11 July 2002. A non-combatant Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-on/Roll-off (LMSR) vessel, Brittin and other ships of her class are used to preposition tanks, trucks, various wheeled vehicles and supplies needed to support an army heavy brigade. She is assigned to the MSC Atlantic surge force and is maintained at a 96-hour readiness status in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wa.</p> <p>During mobilization for the continuing global war on terrorism, the MSC surge fleet of LMSRs and fast sealift ships delivered 10.7 million square feet of cargo. This was approximately forty percent of the total dry cargo carried by all MSC government-owned and chartered ships during fiscal year 2004.</p> <p>The Surge Project fleet includes 11 LMSRs and eight fast sealift ships that are all maintained in a four-day reduced operating status at various U.S. East and Gulf Coast ports. The LMSRs are especially suited for transporting heavy or bulky unit equipment such as tanks, large wheeled vehicles and helicopters.</p> <p>Surge Project LMSRs were one of MSCs biggest success stories during the 2004 deployment phase of the Operation Iraqi Freedom troop and equipment rotation. They were activated within three days and maintained an average speed of more than 17 knots throughout the deployment. With a 300,000 square foot capacity per ship, the 11 Surge Project LMSRs delivered more than 7.6 million square feet of cargo in 39 voyages. This averaged 194,540 square feet per ship per voyage. One LMSR effectively replaced six commercial ships chartered during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91.</p> <p>USNS Brittin (T-AKR-305) pushes into the pier of the Shuaiba Port in Kuwait as Soldiers from the 936th Expeditionary Terminal Operating Element, get ready to unload and reload military equipment on to the ship, March 12-15 2020</p> <p>The 7TBX is the Army's globally responsive force that conducts terminal operations to include Army watercraft operations in support of contingencies or humanitarian aid. The 7TBX executed phase four in the download of cargo off of T-AKR Brittin at Port of Beaumont, Texas, 25 September 2020</p>
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Awards	N/A
Noteworthy Events	N/A
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 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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Sources	https://www.nvr.navy.mil/shipdetails/shipdetail_AKR_305.html
	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_Nelson_V._Brittin
	https://www.army.mil/article/231725/sddcs_eight_readiness_levers
	https://www.ustranscom.mil/cmd/panewsreader.cfm?ID=BF1B3AF9-B640-86E6-BE54096AC911360F&yr=2020
	https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/b/brittin--t-akr-305-.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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
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