

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Roy P. Benavidez	T-AKR-306
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Bob Hope Class, Large, Medium-Speed Roll-on/Roll-off (LMSR)	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
James River, Newport News Marine Terminal Norfolk, VA	Disposed of through Inter Agency Transfer to MARAD

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	First of its name for the ship. The ship the name of U.S. Army Master Sergeant Raul (Roy) Perez Benavidez, who received the Medal of Honor for a series of daring and extremely courageous actions during the Vietnam War in 1968.
Displacement	67513 tons
Length	949 ft.
Beam	106 ft.
Draft	37 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	15 December 1999
Launched	11 August 2001
Built By	Avondale Shipyards, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor	Hilaria Benavidez, widow of the ship's namesake, is the ship's sponsor christened the ship
Delivered	10 September 2003
In-service	10 September 2003
Inactivated	21 September 2022

Out of service	21 September 2022
Stricken	21 September 2022

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>Roy P. Benavidez participated in Defender-Europe 2020 exercise as the largest deployment of US-based forces to Europe in 25 years, with some 20,000 soldiers deploying from the US to join another 17,000 troops from 17 other countries.</p> <p>The Defender-Europe 2020 exercise took place in April and May 2020, set up to get some of those soldiers and their gear to Europe, the US Military Sealift Command cargo ship Roy P. Benavidez and US-flagged merchant vehicle carriers MV Resolve and MV Patriot are already sailing across the Atlantic, escorted by guided-missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf.</p>
Awards	N/A
Noteworthy Events	Roy P. Benavidez operated in the Atlantic Ocean in support of naval operations to maintain maritime stability and security in order to ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied and partner interests
DANFS* Entry	

**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
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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.

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.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/people/namesakes/roy-benavidez.html
	https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AKR_306_3546.HTML
	https://www.msc.usff.navy.mil/Press-Room/Photo-Gallery/igphoto/2002480535/
	https://www.marinevesseltraffic.com/vessels/USNS-Benavidez-(T-AKR-306)/CURRENT-POSITION/9218210/368026000

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