

**Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation**  
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
USNS 1st Lt Baldomero Lopez	T-AK 3010
<b>Vessel Class</b>	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
T-AK	MV 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Baldomero Lopez (AK-3010)
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
James River Reserve Fleet (JRRF), Ft. Eustis, VA	Out of Service, In Reserve

<b>Initial Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Initial Finding</b>
10 March 2026	Ineligible
<b>Final Evaluation Date</b>	<b>Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places</b>
	Ineligible

**Vessel Snapshot**

<b>Lineage</b>	N/A
<b>Displacement</b>	46,111 tons (Full)

<b>Length</b>	674 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	108 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	29.5 ft
<b>Speed</b>	18 knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	2 x Stork-Wartsilia Werkspoor 16TM410 diesel engines; 27,000 hp sustained; single shaft, bow thruster; 1,000 hp
<b>Armament</b>	N/A
<b>Laid Down</b>	March 1984
<b>Launched</b>	October 1985
<b>Built By</b>	General Dynamics Corp., Quincy, Massachusetts
<b>Sponsor</b>	N/A
<b>Delivered</b>	November 1985, Purchased by Military Sealift Command (MSC) on 16 January 2007
<b>In-Service</b>	20 November 1985
<b>Inactivated</b>	10 June 2025
<b>Out of Service</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Stricken</b>	30 June 2025

## Vessel History

<p><b>Deployment Summary</b></p>	<p><b>August 1, 1990</b> – Seabees offloaded crates from <i>MV 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez</i> during <b>Operation Desert Storm</b>.</p> <p><b>October 3–13, 2004</b> – <i>MV 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez</i> transported over <b>400,000 square feet of combat gear</b> into the <b>Port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</b>, in support of U.S. forces deployed for <b>Operation Iraqi Freedom</b>.</p> <p><b>January 16, 2007</b> – U.S. Navy officially purchased the ship from its civilian operator, re-designating it as <b>USNS 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez (T-AK-3010)</b>.</p> <p><b>August 16, 2007</b> – Participated in a multinational anti-terrorism exercise in the <b>South China Sea and Strait of Malacca</b> as part of <b>Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEACAT)</b>. The vessel served as a training platform for U.S. Coast Guard teams instructing foreign military personnel on boarding and searching suspicious vessels.</p> <p><b>May 5, 2008</b> – Conducted a <b>Maritime Positioning Force (MPF)</b> exercise in <b>Chuk Samet, Thailand</b>, as part of <i>Freedom Banner 08</i>, providing equipment for the <b>3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade</b>. This event supported <i>Cobra Gold</i>, a larger multinational exercise.</p> <p><b>May 28, 2014</b> – Moored at the <b>Port of Aqaba’s Royal Jordanian Naval Forces Base, Kingdom of Jordan</b>, for a four-day offload of military vehicles and gear in support of <b>Exercise Eager Lion</b>.</p> <p><b>October 8, 2018</b> – Arrived in <b>Norway</b> to unload, inspect, and transport supplies during <b>Exercise Trident Juncture 2018</b>, which enhanced NATO allies’ interoperability under challenging conditions.</p> <p><b>October 2018</b> – During <b>Exercise Northern Screen</b> in <b>Bogen, Norway</b>, <i>Lopez</i> completed a full sea-based <b>Maritime Positioning Force (MPF)</b> offload.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over <b>300 shipboard crane lifts</b> were executed by <b>Naval Beach Group 2’s Naval Support Element (NSE), Amphibious Construction Battalion 2 (ACB-2), Assault Craft Unit 2 (ACU-2), Beachmaster Unit 2 (BMU-2), and Naval Cargo Handling Battalion 1 (NCHB-1)</b>.</li> <li>• More than <b>1,200 tons of Marine Corps combat equipment</b> were transferred using <b>Lift-on/Lift-off operations</b> and the <b>Improved Navy Lighterage System (INLS) Causeway Ferry</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>February 2020</b> – Participated in <b>Maritime Positioning Force Exercise (MPFEX) 20</b> off the coast of <b>Florida</b>, rehearsing the offload and processing of Marine Corps and Navy equipment in a tactical environment.</p> <p><b>April 10, 2024</b> – <i>USNS 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez</i> carried critical <b>humanitarian aid and floating infrastructure</b> for <b>Gaza relief operations</b> in the <b>Eastern Mediterranean Sea</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered components of the <b>Improved Navy Lighterage System (INLS)</b>.</li> <li>• Housed Navy cargo handling personnel.</li> </ul>
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<b>Awards</b>	N/A
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	In addition to demonstrating operational capability and mission readiness on a global scale, USNS 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez and crew actively deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism. Her involvement in these exercises highlights the importance of MPF ships in providing logistical support for military operations. These ships enable the rapid deployment of equipment and supplies, which is essential for projecting power and responding to crises around the world.
<b>DANFS* Entry</b>	N/A

\**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
<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</b>	No

<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>change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?</b>	
<b>v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?</b>	No
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvr/getHull.htm?shipId=927">https://www.nvr.navy.mil/nvr/getHull.htm?shipId=927</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.

<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Comment Disposition</b>