

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
USNS Choctaw County	T-EPF-2
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
Spearhead-class Expeditionary Fast Transport	JHSV-2, ex-Vigilant
Vessel Location	Current Status
Philadelphia Naval Yard	Out of Service, In Reserve

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
Displacement	2460 tons
Length	338 ft
Beam	93 ft
Draft	13 ft
Speed	43 knots (49 mph; 80 km/h) and a service speed of 35 knots (40 mph; 65 km/h).
Propulsion	4 MTU 20V8000 M71L Diesel Engines, each with a power of 9.1 megawatts (12,200 hp), driving four Wärtsilä WLD 1400 SR waterjets through ZF 60000NR2H reduction gears
Armament	N/A: Planned for non-combat missions, such as transportation of troops or equipment.
Laid Down	8 November 2011
Launched	1 October 2012
Built By	Austal USA
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	6 June 2013
Commissioned	N/A: Not commissioned like a typical Navy warship. Instead, as an expeditionary fast transport (EPF) operated by the Military Sealift Command, she was formally delivered to the U.S. Navy.
Inactivated	7 July 2025

Decommissioned	N/A: Never decommissioned, she was instead inactivated and stricken
Stricken	7 July 2025

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>November 5, 2014 – Departed Morehead City, North Carolina, for amphibious training during Exercise Bold Alligator 2014.</p> <p>February 3, 2016 – Arrived in the U.S. 5th Fleet area via Suez Canal</p> <p>April 10, 2016 – Participated in International Mine Countermeasures Exercise (IMCMEX) operations around Kuwait; acted as a command-and-control and logistics platform.</p> <p>September 20, 2021 – Arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, to participate in the inaugural Central Partnership Station (CPS) mission, building military-to-military capacity with the Lebanese Armed Forces.</p>
Noteworthy Events	<p>October 6, 2011 – Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced in Ackerman, Mississippi, that the second Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF), previously named <i>Vigilant</i> by the United States Army before the transfer of the EPF program to the Navy, would be named USNS <i>Choctaw County</i>.</p> <p>February 3, 2016 – First Expeditionary Fast Transport (EPF) to be forward-deployed to the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, North Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, and the Red Sea.</p>
Awards	None
DANFS* Entry	N/A

**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	No

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.

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.)	
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	Ineligible

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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 0 written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition
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