

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Milwaukee	LCS 5
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
LCS – Freedom Class	N/A
Vessel Location	Current Status
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-Site Maintenance Office Philadelphia, PA	Decommissioned

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

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	She was the fifth ship to be named for the city of Milwaukee
Displacement	3410 tons
Length	388 ft.

Beam	58 ft.
Draft	14 ft.
Speed	40 + knots
Propulsion	Combined two diesel power plants and two Rolls-Royce MT30 gas turbines, steerable water jet propulsion
Armament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 MK 110 57mm Gun system - 1 MK 31 RAM Launcher - 2 MK 46 Mod 2 30mm GWS - MK 50 Honeywell Torpedo - 2 .50 Cal Machine guns
Laid Down	27 October 2011
Launched	18 December 2013
Built By	Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI.
Sponsor	Mrs. Sylvia M. Panetta, the wife of former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, served as sponsor of the ship.
Delivered	16 October 2015
Commissioned	21 November 2015
Inactivated	29 September 2023
Decommissioned	29 September 2023
Stricken	29 September 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>On 30 November 2013, Milwaukee visited the Port of Montreal, Quebec, for a brief stop to refuel and anchored off Halifax, Nova Scotia, for an overnight stop on 3 December.</p> <p>On 11 December 2013, USS Milwaukee moored at Quay Wall East, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Va., due to a delay caused by the discovery of metallic debris in the port and starboard combining gear filter systems.</p> <p>On 25 August 2016, Milwaukee departed their homeport Naval Station Mayport for full ship shock trials (FSST) rehearsal; Conducted the first FSST test, 100 miles northeast of Ormond Beach.</p> <p>On 1 May 2018, Milwaukee recently departed homeport for Combat Systems Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT) in the Virginia Capes Operation Area.</p> <p>On 3 May 2018, Milwaukee conducted operations southeast of Wallops Island.</p> <p>On 11 May 2018, Milwaukee fired four Lockheed Martin AGM-114L Longbow Hellfire missiles that successfully struck fast inshore attack craft (FIAC) targets, while underway off the coast of Virginia, completing the first phase of a Surface-to-Surface Missile Module (SSMM) developmental testing for the Littoral Combat Ship program.</p> <p>On 8 February 2020, Milwaukee returned to its homeport after an 11-day underway in support of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) CSG's COMPTUEX, in the Jacksonville and Charleston Operation Areas.</p> <p>On 12 April 2020, Milwaukee returned to its homeport after a two-day underway in support of the initial ship aviation team training (ISATT) for USS Little Rock (LCS 9).</p> <p>On 26 April 2020, Milwaukee returned to its homeport after a six-day underway in the Jacksonville Operation Area.</p> <p>On 3 July 2020, Milwaukee departed homeport to participate in a Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise, in the Virginia Capes Operation Area and from 20 to 24 July conducted operations in the Cherry Point Operation Area.</p>
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From 8 to 19 October 2020, went underway in support of the USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) ARG's SWATT exercise, off the coast of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

On 16 August 2021, Milwaukee went underway in the Virginia Capes Operation Area.

On 16 October 2021, Milwaukee return to its homeport after a 12-day underway in support of the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) CSG's COMPTUEX, in the Cherry Point, Charleston and Jacksonville Operation Areas.

On 14 December 2021, Milwaukee, with an embarked Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 22 Detachment 5, departed its homeport for its first operational deployment in support of counter-illicit trafficking operations.

On 16 December 2021, Milwaukee participated in a photo exercise (PHOTOEX) with the USS Sioux City (LCS 11) and USS Billings (LCS 15), while underway from Port Everglades and moored at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on 20 December.

On 12 January 2022, Milwaukee moored at Container Terminal in Port of Ponce, Puerto Rico to refuel.

On 27 February 2022, Milwaukee moored in Port of Ponce, Puerto Rico, for a six-day upkeep; and commenced the southbound transit of Panama Canal on 10 March.

On 29 to 30 March 2022, Milwaukee commenced the northbound transit of Panama Canal and moored Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

On 2 April 2022, Milwaukee moored at their homeport following a three-and-a-half month deployment in the U.S. 4th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AoR). On 2 April 2022, Milwaukee returned to Mayport following a deployment to the 4th Fleet.

On 22 May 2022, Milwaukee moored at Homeport Pier in Stapleton, Staten Island, New York for a six-day port visit to participate in the annual Fleet Week New York City.

On 25 May 2022, Milwaukee moored at Homeport Pier in Stapleton, Staten Island, New York for a six-day port visit to participate in the 34th annual Fleet Festival.

On 1 July 2022, Milwaukee anchored off the coast of Bristol, Rhode Island., for a four-day port visit to participate in Independence Day

	<p>celebration. On 27 September 2022, Milwaukee went underway enroute to Virginia Capes Operation Area.</p> <p>On 19 October 2022, Milwaukee left Mayport for her second deployment in 2022. On 16 November 2022, Milwaukee made a brief stop off the coast of Oranjestad, Saint Eustatius, to render honors in conjunction with the Statia Day.</p> <p>Moored at Quay 1, Cruise Terminal in Port of Cartagena, Colombia, from Nov. 27- Dec. 3; Moored at Pier V on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay from Dec. 6-10.</p> <p>On 14 December 2022, Milwaukee moored at Container Terminal in Port of Limon, Costa Rica, for a two-day liberty visit; Brief stop at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to refuel.</p> <p>On 28 February 2023, Milwaukee with an embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) team 104, seized more than 2000 pounds of cocaine after interdicted a go-fast vessel (GFV), while underway in the Caribbean Sea;</p> <p>On 6 April 2023, Milwaukee moored at Container Terminal in Port of Oranjestad, Aruba, overseas territory of Netherlands, for a four-day liberty visit.</p>
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Navy Battle “E” Ribbon – National Defense Service Medal – Global War on Terror Service Medal</p>
<p>Noteworthy Events</p>	<p>Over the 2015 Labor Day weekend holiday, it was reported that Milwaukee generated waves greater than five feet tall during test runs near Door County's Chambers Island which damaged more than 40 boats. Milwaukee was still in the custody of Marinette Marine at the time of the incident and was conducting pre-commissioning acceptance trials. In June 2016, the Coast Guard announced that their investigation was complete and that no enforcement action would be taken against any of the parties involved.</p> <p>Milwaukee completed her acceptance trials prior to 1 November 2015 and was commissioned in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 21 November 2015. She has improved systems as well as mission modules compared to USS Freedom and USS Independence, the first two Littoral Combat Ships. Her keel was laid down on 27 October 2011. One of the improvements for</p>

	<p>Milwaukee is specially designed waterjets that replace the commercial versions used on previous Littoral Combat Ships.</p> <p>On 11 December 2015, on its way to San Diego from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Milwaukee experienced a "complete loss of propulsion" and was towed to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Virginia.</p> <p>On 23 February 2016, CNN reported an update on the status of Milwaukee. In that update Navy Lt. Rebecca Haggard stated that Milwaukee "is designed to operate with gas turbine and diesel engines, which can operate in tandem or independently, In the case of Milwaukee, when switching from one system to the other, a clutch failed to disengage as designed. Instead, the clutch remained spinning and some of the clutch gears were damaged." Lt. Haggard also stated that quick action by the crew prevented more serious problems and the damaged clutch was repaired in Virginia.</p> <p>On 30 December 2016, Milwaukee participated in a homeport shift ceremony that took place at Naval Station Mayport. The ship was previously based out of Naval Base San Diego. She is assigned to Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two.</p> <p>On 16 May 2018, Milwaukee fired four "Longbow" Hellfire missiles at Fast Inshore Attack Craft (FIAC) targets, as part of an Experimental platform development program.</p>
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	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.

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.)	
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

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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