

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
Detroit	LCS 7
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	Stricken, Final Disposition Pending

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 is the sixth ship to be named after the city of Detroit, Michigan.
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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	8 November 2012
Launched	18 October 2014
Built By	Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI.
Sponsor	Mrs. Barbara Levin (Wife of Senator Carl Levin)
Delivered	12 August 2016
Commissioned	22 October 2016
Inactivated	29 September 2023
Decommissioned	29 September 2023
Stricken	29 September 2023

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	<p>November 23, 2016, USS Detroit moored at Berth 4, Delta Wharf in its homeport of Naval Station Mayport, Fla., after a six-week transit from Marinette, Wis.</p> <p>January 6, 2017, The littoral combat ship returned to Mayport after a two-day underway in the Jacksonville Op. Area; Underway again from Jan. 9-17; Moved to Wharf B3 on Jan. 25; Moved to Wharf D4 on Jan. 27.</p> <p>February 11, 2017, USS Detroit (Crew 103) departed Naval Station Mayport for local operations; Brief stop at Wharf C1 before moored at Wharf D1 on Feb. 14; Brief underway on Feb. 16 and 24th; Underway for Combat Systems Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT) on Feb 27.</p> <p>March 30, 2017, USS Detroit departed Naval Station Mayport for a day-long underway in the Jacksonville Op. Area; Moved to Wharf C1 for a brief stop before returned to Wharf D4 on April 6; Day-long underway on April 12; Moored at Wharf D2 after a day-long underway on April 19; Day-long underway for Final Contract Trials (FCT) with the INSURV on April 26.</p> <p>From May 7-10, 2017, the Detroit conducted operations in the Jacksonville Op. Area; Moored at Wharf D4 in Naval Station Mayport on May 11.</p> <p>The Freedom-class littoral combat ship USS Detroit (LCS 7) departed its homeport of Mayport, Florida, for the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility on its maiden deployment October 31, 2019.</p> <p>January 5, 2020 The Detroit moored at Pier 16 in Port of Cristobal, Panama, for a two-day port call; Moored at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for upkeep from Jan. 11-17; Transited eastbound, off the coast of Caracas, Venezuela, on Jan. 21; Moored at Berth 8 in Port of Ponce, Puerto Rico, for a brief stop on Jan. 23; Transited westbound, off the north coast of Hispaniola Island, on Jan. 24.</p> <p>January 26, 2020, USS Detroit moored at S/S/I Mole Pier on Naval Air Station Key West, Fla., for a five-day liberty port visit; Transited northbound, off the southeast coast of Florida, on Feb. 1.</p> <p>March 11, 2020, USS Detroit moved from Delta Wharf to Wharf C2 on Naval Station Mayport to onload ammunition; Moved back to Wharf D2 on Wednesday afternoon; Resumed deployment on March 15.</p> <p>March 18, 2020, The Detroit (Blue), with an embarked Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 22 Det. 5, transited eastbound, approximately 12</p>
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n.m. off the coast of Jardines del Rey, Cuba; Moored at Bravo Wharf in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for a brief stop to refuel on March 20; Transited westbound, off the northeast coast of Cuba, on March 25; Arrived in the Key West Op. Area on March 27.

May 11, 2020, The Detroit participated in a photo exercise (PHOTOEX) with the USS Lassen (DDG 82), USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS Farragut (DDG 99), while underway in the Caribbean Sea; Moored at Pier 16 in Port of Cristobal, Panama, from May 19-20; Moored at Berth E, Pier 16 for a brief stop to refuel on May 29; Moored at S/S/I Mole Pier, NAS Key West from June 5-11.

June 14, 2020, The Detroit conducted deck landing qualifications with the U.S. Army's UH-60L Blackhawk, assigned to the Joint Task Force-Bravo's (JTF-B) 1-228th Aviation Regiment, while underway off the coast of Honduras; Moored at Berth E, Pier 16 in Port of Cristobal again from June 18-19.

June 23, 2020, USS Detroit moored at Quay 1, Cruise Terminal in Port of Cartagena, Colombia, for a brief stop to refuel; Moored at Berth E, Pier 16 in Port of Cristobal for a brief stop to refuel on June 29 and July 4; Moored at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for a brief stop on July 7; Transited northbound, off the southeast coast of Florida, on July 10.

July 11, 2020, USS Detroit (Blue) moored at Wharf D3 on Naval Station Mayport following a seven-month deployment in the U.S. 4th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AoR).

July 14, 2020, The Detroit moved from Delta Wharf to Wharf C2 on Naval Station Mayport for a brief stop to offload ammunition; Moved to Wharf C2 again on Aug. 17; Moved back to Wharf D3 on Aug. 18; Underway again on Aug. 21.

September 7, 2020, USS Detroit (Gold) departed Mayport for a scheduled deployment in the U.S. 4th Fleet AoR.

September 26, 2020, The Detroit moored at Vasco Nunez de Balboa Naval Base to conduct emergent repairs to its propulsion system; Moored at Colon 2000 Cruise Terminal, after transiting the Panama Canal, on Oct. 23; Moored at Bravo Wharf in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay on Oct. 27; Departed Cuba, escorted by offshore tug Gary Chouest, on Oct. 31; Transited northbound, off the coast of Miami, Fla., just before midnight on Nov. 4.

June 21, 2023, USS Detroit (Gold), with an embarked Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 28 Det. 11, departed Mayport for a surge

	<p>deployment in the U.S. 4th Fleet AoR; Moored at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for a brief stop on June 25.</p> <p>July 2, 2023, The Detroit moored at Pier 3 East in Port of San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a three-day liberty visit to celebrate the Independence Day; Moored at Port of Bridgetown, Barbados, from July 21-24.</p> <p>September 2, 2023, USS Detroit moored at Berth F, Cruise Terminal in Port of Oranjestad, overseas territory of Netherlands, for a three-day liberty visit to Aruba in conjunction with the U.S. Labor Day; Participated in a passing exercise (PASSEX) with the JS Kashima (TV 3508), JS Hatakaze (TV 3520) and ARC Victoria (PZE 48), while underway off the coast of Cartagena, Colombia, on Sept. 8; Inport San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Sept. 17-16.</p> <p>From September 17-20, 2023, the Detroit conducted operations off the south coast of Puerto Rico; Moored at Berth 8 in Port of Ponce from Sept. 21-22; Transited northbound, off the southeast coast of Florida, on Sept. 26.</p> <p>September 27, 2023, USS Detroit (Gold) moored at Wharf C2 on Naval Station Mayport following a three-month deployment in support of counter-illicit trafficking operations.</p>
Awards	N/A
Noteworthy Events	<p>On 30 December 2016, Detroit participated in a homeport shift ceremony that took place at Naval Station Mayport. The ship was previously based out of Naval Base San Diego. On 13 January 2017, Detroit completed her first flight deck evolutions to certify the flight deck for future air operations. The landings and VERTREP were conducted by the "World Famous Swamp Foxes" of HSM-74.</p> <p>On 8 March 2017, Detroit fired a vertical-launched AGM-114 Hellfire missile, the first such launch from a littoral combat ship. The Hellfire system is meant to engage small vessels and strike targets on land.</p> <p>In January 2020, Detroit conducted freedom of navigation and intelligence-gathering operations in the Caribbean Sea.</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 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

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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.

	https://www.southcom.mil/MEDIA/NEWS-ARTICLES/Article/2006530/uss-detroit-departs-on-maiden-deployment/

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