

## Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation

### INITIAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hull Number</b>
Little Rock	LCS 9
	<b>Previous Vessel Designation (if any)</b>
LCS – Freedom Class	N/A
<b>Vessel Location</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
NAVSEA Inactive Ships On-Site Maintenance Office, Philadelphia, PA	Decommissioned

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

#### Vessel Snapshot

<b>Lineage</b>	She is the second ship named after Little Rock, the capital city of Arkansas.
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<b>Displacement</b>	3410 tons
<b>Length</b>	388 ft.
<b>Beam</b>	58 ft.
<b>Draft</b>	14 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	40 + knots
<b>Propulsion</b>	Combined two diesel power plants and two Rolls-Royce MT30 gas turbines, steerable water jet propulsion
<b>Armament</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 MK 110 57mm Gun system</li> <li>- 1 MK 31 RAM Launcher</li> <li>- 2 MK 46 Mod 2 30mm GWS</li> <li>- MK 50 Honeywell Torpedo</li> <li>- 2 .50 Cal Machine guns</li> </ul>
<b>Laid Down</b>	27 June 2013
<b>Launched</b>	18 July 2015
<b>Built By</b>	Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Marinette, WI.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Congressman Janée L. Bonner
<b>Delivered</b>	25 September 2017
<b>Commissioned</b>	16 December 2017
<b>Inactivated</b>	29 September 2023
<b>Decommissioned</b>	29 September 2023
<b>Stricken</b>	29 September 2023

### Vessel History

<b>Deployment Summary</b>	06 February 2020 -USS Little Rock (Gold) departed on her maiden deployment to U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility (AoR) with embarked Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 22 Det. 4 operating with U.S. 4th Fleet. A U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment, and an aviation detachment operated an embarked MH-60 helicopter and MQ-8B Fire Scout Vertical Takeoff Unmanned Vehicles. The ship conducted operations targeting international drug trafficking in Central American coastal waters, marking her third deployment of an LCS in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South's Campaign MARTILLO.
<b>Awards</b>	N/A
<b>Noteworthy Events</b>	15 December 2020 -The Navy determined that a flaw in the Freedom-class LCS's combining gear led to an engineering defect that Lockheed Martin fixed. In March 2020 a failure occurred in Little Rock's combining gear system. This failure, linked to the ship's gas turbines, diesel engines, and the main drive shaft, prevented the ship from achieving the ship's 40-knot top speed.
<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</b>	

<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.

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
<b>Historic Evaluation Conclusion</b>	
Assessment of integrity of (as appropriate) design, materials, workmanship, feeling and/or association (only for vessels determined to be eligible)	Ineligible

<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_LCS_9.HTML">https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_LCS_9.HTML</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.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition