

Naval Vessel Historical
Evaluation
 FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
LCPL ROY M WHEAT	T-AK 3016
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
N/A	ex -GTS BAZALIYA
Vessel Location	Current Status
James River Reserve Fleet	Inactivated

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
2 February 2022	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
22 April 2022	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	N/A
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Displacement	50,059 tons (full)
Length	864 ft
Beam	98 ft (extreme)
Draft	35 ft
Speed	22 knots
Propulsion	Gas Turbine
Armament	None
Laid Down	N/A
Launched	1987
Built By	Chernomorskiy Zavod.
Sponsor	N/A
Delivered	10/7/2003 - Placed in service with the Military Sealift Command (MSC)
Commissioned	N/A
Inactivated	
Decommissioned	N/A
Stricken	

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	N/A
Awards	National Defense Service Medal
Noteworthy Events	<p>USNS LCPL ROY M WHEAT was laid down in 1987 as the GTS Valdimir Vaslayayev at the Chernomorski Zavod shipyard in Nikolaiev, Ukraine. It was the final of four cargo vessels of the Captain Smirnov Class. The vessel was operated by the Black Sea Shipping Company through out the 1980's until the collapse of the Soviet Union</p> <p>It was renamed the GTS Bazaliya in 1997 and the United States Navy acquired it in the same year. The LCPL ROY M WHEAT was named after the Medal of Honor winner Lance Corporal Roy Miller Wheat after conversion at the Bender Shipbuilding and Repair Company of Mobile, Alabama and put into service with Military Sealift Command in October of 2003. It is the only U.S. Navy vessel built in the U.S.S.R.</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 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

Sources	Naval Vessel Register - https://www.nvr.navy.mil/SHIPDETAILS/SHIPSDETAIL_AOT_1125.HTML
	NavSource Online - http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/13/133016.htm
	Forbes - https://www.forbes.com/sites/hisutton/2020/06/28/meet-the-us-navy-ship-that-was-made-in-the-soviet-union/?sh=33fc6ee77da0

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.

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