

Aviation Ships

Attack Carriers (CV, CVA, CVB, CVL, CVAN, CVN)

The CVB and CVL designations were established within the original CV designation on 15 July 1943. CVA replaced CV and CVB on 1 October 1952; CVL went out of use on 15 May 1959. CV and CVN replaced CVA and CVAN on 30 June 1975 to designate the multimission character of aircraft carriers after the decommissioning of the last CVS in 1974.

During the U.S. involvement in World War II (7 December 1941 to 2 September 1945) the Navy operated 110 carriers (includes those designated CV, CVE and CVL). It commissioned 102 carriers (includes those designated CV, CVE and CVL) during the above mentioned time frame. The Navy also operated two training carriers during World War II with the designation IX. They were *Wolverine* (IX 64) and *Sable* (IX 81).

Original Classes	<i>Langley</i> Class:	1 ship (CV 1)
	<i>Lexington</i> Class:	2 ships (CV 2 and 3)
	<i>Ranger</i> Class:	1 ship (CV 4)
	<i>Yorktown</i> Class:	2 ships (CV 5 and 6)
	<i>Wasp</i> Class:	1 ship (CV 7)
	<i>Hornet</i> Class:	1 ship (CV 8)
<i>Essex</i> Class (Long-Hull <i>Essex</i> Class or <i>Ticonderoga</i> Class)	24 ships; CV 9 through 21, 31 through 35, 37 through 40, 45, and 47. Of these numbers, 14, 15, 19, 21, 32–34, 36–40, 45 and 47 are sometimes referred to as “Long-Hull” <i>Essex</i> class or <i>Ticonderoga</i> Class.	
<i>Independence</i> Class	9 ships, CVL 22 through 30.	
<i>Midway</i> Class	3 ships, CVB 41 through 43.	
<i>Saipan</i> Class	2 ships, CVL 48 and 49.	
<i>Enterprise</i> Class	1 ship, CVAN-65.	
<i>Forrestal</i> Class	4 ships, CVA 59 through 62.	
<i>Kitty Hawk</i> Class	4 ships, CVA 63, 64, 66 and 67.	
<i>Nimitz</i> Class	9 ships, CVN 68 through 76.	



Core (CVE 11) underway during World War II with a couple of TBM Avengers on the forward flight deck.



Nimitz (CVN 68), one of the Navy's current super carriers, underway with a full load of planes on her flight deck, DN-SC-84-00358.

Carrier Listing for CV, CVA, CVB, CVAN, CVN, and CVL

Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss***	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Conversion Project*	Date Conversion Completed	Comments
1	<i>Langley</i>	20 Mar 1922 27 Feb 1942	CV 1 AV 3	21 Apr 1937			Lost, enemy action.
2	<i>Lexington</i>	14 Dec 1927 8 May 1942	CV 2				Lost, enemy action.
3	<i>Saratoga</i>	16 Nov 1927	CV 3				Expended, Operation Crossroads, 26 Jul 1946.
4	<i>Ranger</i>	4 Jun 1934 18 Oct 1946	CV 4				Sold for scrap 31 Jan 1947.
5	<i>Yorktown</i>	30 Sep 1937 7 Jun 1942	CV 5				Lost, enemy action.
6	<i>Enterprise</i>	12 May 1938 17 Feb 1947	CV 6 CVA 6 CVS 6	1 Oct 1952 8 Aug 1953			Sold, 1 Jul 1958.
7	<i>Wasp</i>	25 Apr 1940 15 Sep 1942	CV 7				Lost, enemy action.
8	<i>Hornet</i>	20 Oct 1941 26 Oct 1942	CV8				Lost, enemy action.
9	<i>Essex</i>	31 Dec 1942 30 Jun 1969	CV 9 CVA 9 CVS 9	1 Oct 1952 8 Mar 1960	27A 125	Feb 1951 Mar 1956	Stricken 1 Jun 1973.
10	<i>Yorktown</i>	15 Apr 1943 27 Jun 1970	CV 10 CVA 10 CVS 10	1 Oct 1952 1 Sep 1957	27A 125	Jan 1953 Oct 1955	Stricken 1 Jun 1973. Floating museum, Charleston, S.C., 13 Nov 1975.
11	<i>Intrepid</i>	16 Aug 1943 15 Mar 1974	CV 11 CVA 11 CVS 11	1 Oct 1952 31 Mar 1962	27C 27C	Jun 1954 Apr 1957	Floating Museum, New York City, N.Y.
12	<i>Hornet</i>	29 Nov 1943 26 May 1970	CV 12 CVA 12 CVS 12	1 Oct 1952 27 Jun 1958	27A 125	Oct 1953 Aug 1956	Stricken 1989.
13	<i>Franklin</i>	31 Jan 1944 17 Feb 1947	CV 13 CVA 13 CVS 13	1 Oct 1952 8 Aug 1953			Stricken 10 Oct 1964.
14	<i>Ticonderoga</i>	8 May 1944 1 Sep 1973	CV 14 CVA 14 CVS 14	1 Oct 1952 21 Oct 1969	27C 27C	Dec 1954 Mar 1957	Stricken 16 Nov 1973.
15	<i>Randolph</i>	9 Oct 1944 13 Feb 1969	CV 15 CVA 15 CVS 15	1 Oct 1952 31 Mar 1959	27A 125	Jul 1953 Feb 1956	Stricken 1 Jun 1973.
16	<i>Lexington</i>	17 Feb 1943 8 Nov 1991	CV 16 CVA 16 CVS 16 CVT 16 AVT 16	1 Oct 1952 1 Oct 1962 1 Jan 1969 1 Jul 1978	27C	Sep 1955	Stricken 30 Nov 1991.
17	<i>Bunker Hill</i>	25 May 1943 9 Jul 1947	CV 17 CVA 17 CVS 17	1 Oct 1952 8 Aug 1953			Stricken 1 Nov 1966, retained as moored electronic test ship San Diego, Calif., until Nov 1972. Scrapped 1973.

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18	<i>Wasp</i>	24 Nov 1943 1 Jul 1972	CV 18 CVA 18 CVS 18	1 Oct 1952 1 Nov 1956	27A 125	Sep 1951 Dec 1955	Sold for scrap 21 May 1973.
19	<i>Hancock</i>	15 Apr 1944 30 Jan 1976	CV 19 CVA 19 CV 19	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1975	27C 17C	Mar 1954 Nov 1956	Stricken 31 Jan 1976.
20	<i>Bennington</i>	6 Aug 1944 15 Jan 1970	CV 20 CVA 20 CVS 20	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1959	27A 125	Nov 1952 Apr 1955	Stricken 1989.
21	<i>Boxer</i>	16 Apr 1945 1 Dec 1969	CV 21 CVA 21 CVS 21 LPH 4	1 Oct 1952 1 Feb 1956 30 Jan 1959			Stricken 1 Dec 1969.
22	<i>Independence</i>	14 Jan 1943 28 Aug 1946	CVL 22				Sunk in weapons test 29 Jun 1951.
23	<i>Princeton</i>	25 Feb 1943 24 Oct 1944	CVL 23				Lost, enemy action..
24	<i>Belleau Wood</i>	31 Mar 1943 13 Jan 1947	CVL 24				Transferred to France 1953–1960. Stricken 1 Oct 1960.
25	<i>Cowpens</i>	28 May 1943 13 Jan 1947	CVL 25 AVT 1	15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Nov 1959.
26	<i>Monterey</i>	17 Jun 1943 16 Jan 1956	CVL 26 AVT 2	15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Jun 1970.
27	<i>Langley</i>	31 Aug 1943 11 Feb 1947	CVL 27				Transferred to France 1951–1963. Sold 19 Feb 1964.
28	<i>Cabot</i>	24 Jul 1943 21 Jan 1955	CVL 28 AVT 3	15 May 1959			Transferred to Spain on 30 Aug 1967, returned to private U.S. organization in 1989.
29	<i>Bataan</i>	17 Nov 1943 9 Apr 1954	CVL 29 AVT 4	15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Sep 1959.
30	<i>San Jacinto</i>	15 Dec 1943 1 Mar 1947	CVL 30 AVT 5	15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Jun 1970.
31	<i>Bon Homme Richard</i>	26 Nov 1944 2 Jul 1971	CV 31 CVA 31	1 Oct 1952			Stricken 1989.
32	<i>Leyte</i>	11 Apr 1946 15 May 1959	CV 32 CVA 32 CVS 32 AVT 10	1 Oct 1952 8 Aug 1953 15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Jun 1969.
33	<i>Kearsarge</i>	2 Mar 1946 15 Jan 1970	CV 33 CVA 33 CVS 33	1 Oct 1952 1 Oct 1958	27A 125	Mar 1952 Jan 1957	Stricken 1 May 1973.
34	<i>Oriskany</i>	25 Sep 1950 20 Sep 1979	CV 34 CVA 34 CV 34	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1975	27A 125	Oct 1950 May 1959	Stricken 1989.
36	<i>Antietam</i>	28 Jan 1945 8 May 1963	CV 36 CVA 36 CVS 36	1 Oct 1952 1 Aug 1953	**		Stricken 1 May 1973.

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Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss***	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Conversion Project*	Date Conversion Completed	Comments
37	<i>Princeton</i>	18 Nov 1945 30 Jan 1970	CV37 CVA 37 CVS 37 LPH 5	1 Oct 1952 1 Jan 1954 2 Mar 1959			Stricken 30 Jan 1970..
38	<i>Shangri-La</i>	15 Sep 1944 30 Jul 1971	CV 38 CVA 38 CVS 38	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1969	27C	Feb 1955	Stricken 15 Jul 1982.
39	<i>Lake Champlain</i>	3 Jun 1945 2 May 1966	CV 39 CVA 39 CVS 39	1 Oct 1952 1 Aug 1957	27A	Sep 1952	Stricken 1 Dec 1969.
40	<i>Tarawa</i>	8 Dec 1945 13 May 1960	CV 40 CVA 40 CVS 40 AVT 12	1 Oct 1952 10 Jan 1955 17 Apr 1961	27A	Sep 1952	Stricken 1 Jun 1967.
41	<i>Midway</i>	10 Sep 1945 11 Apr 1992	CVB 41 CVA 41 CV 41	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1975	110	Nov 1957	In reserve.
42	<i>Franklin D. Roosevelt</i>	27 Oct 1945 1 Oct 1977	CVB 42 CVA 42 CV 42	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1975	110	Jun 1956	Stricken 30 Sep 1977.
43	<i>Coral Sea</i>	1 Oct 1947 26 Apr 1990	CVB 43 CVA 43 CV 43	1 Oct 1952 30 Jun 1975	110A	Jan 1960	Sold for scrap 30 Mar 1993.
45	<i>Valley Forge</i>	3 Nov 1946 15 Jan 1970	CV 45 CVA 45 CVS 45 LPH 8	1 Oct 1952 1 Jan 1954 1 Jul 1961			Stricken 15 Jan 1970.
47	<i>Philippine Sea</i>	11 May 1946 28 Dec 1958	CV 47 CVA 47 CVS 47 AVT 11	1 Oct 1952 15 Nov 1955 15 May 1959			Stricken 1 Dec 1969.
48	<i>Saipan</i>	14 Jul 1946 14 Jan 1970	CVL 48 AVT 6 AGMR 2	15 May 1959 8 Apr 1965			
49	<i>Wright</i>	9 Feb 1947 22 May 1970	CVL 49 AVT 7 CC 2	15 May 1959. 11 May 1963			
59	<i>Forrestal</i>	1 Oct 1955 30 Sep 1993	CVA 59 CV 59 AVT 59	30 Jun 1975 4 Feb 1992			Stricken 11 Sep 1993.
60	<i>Saratoga</i>	14 Apr 1956 20 Aug 1994	CVA 60 CV 60	30 Jun 1972			Stricken 30 Sep 1994.
61	<i>Ranger</i>	10 Aug 1957 10 Jul 1993	CVA 61 CV 61	30 Jun 1972			Inactive in Reserve.
62	<i>Independence</i>	10 Jan 1959	CVA 62 CV 62	28 Feb 1973			Active.
63	<i>Kitty Hawk</i>	29 Apr 1961	CVA 63 CV 63	29 Apr 1973			Active.
64	<i>Constellation</i>	27 Oct 1961	CVA 64 CV 64	30 Jun 1975			Active.

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Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss***	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Conversion Project*	Date Conversion Completed	Comments
65	<i>Enterprise</i>	25 Nov 1961	CVAN 65 CVN 65	30 Jun 1975			Active.
66	<i>America</i>	23 Jan 1965 30 Sep 1996	CVA 66 CV 66	30 Jun 1975			Inactive in Reserve.
67	<i>John F. Kennedy</i>	7 Sep 1968	CVA 67 CV 67	29 Apr 1973			Active.
68	<i>Nimitz</i>	3 May 1975	CVAN 68 CVN 68	30 Jun 1975			Active.
69	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i>	18 Oct 1977	CVN 69				Active.
70	<i>Carl Vinson</i>	13 Mar 1982	CVN 70				Active.
71	<i>Theodore Roosevelt</i>	25 Oct 1986	CVN 71				Active.
72	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>	11 Nov 1989	CVN 72				Active.
73	<i>George Washington</i>	4 Jul 1992	CVN 73				Active.
74	<i>John C. Stennis</i>	9 Dec 1995	CVN 74				Active.
75	<i>Harry S. Truman</i>		CVN 75				Keel laid 29 Nov 1993.
76	<i>Ronald Reagan</i>		CVN 76				

* Projects 27A and the first 27Cs are axial deck modernizations; all others are angled deck conversions. For more detail, see chronology entries for 4 Jun 1947, 1 Feb 1952, 2 Sep 1953 and 27 May 1954.

** Experimental angled deck installation completed Dec 1952.

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Note 1: Construction of hull numbers omitted above were either terminated or cancelled. Numbers 35, 46, and 50–55 were scheduled for *Essex* class; 44, 56 and 57 for *Midway* class. Number 58 was *United States*.

Note 2: The contracts originally let for CV 59 and 60 (*Forrestal* and *Saratoga*) did not include an angled deck in their designs. In 1953 the Navy redesigned the flight deck plans for *Forrestal* and incorporated an angled landing deck. These changes were also made to the designs for *Saratoga*. The contract for *Forrestal* was awarded in 1951 and for *Saratoga* in 1952. The contract for *Ranger* and *Independence* (CV 61 and 62) were not awarded until 1954. Therefore, the original contract designs for *Ranger* and *Independence* would have included an angled deck. Technically speaking, *Ranger* (CVA 61) was the first carrier designed and built as an angled deck carrier.

Escort Carriers (AVG, ACV and CVE)

The original escort carrier designation AVG (Aircraft Escort Vessel) was first assigned on 31 March 1941. The classification was changed to ACV (Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier) on 20 August 1942 and to CVE (Escort Carrier) on 15 July 1943. The CVE designation went out of use when the remaining escort carriers were reclassified AKV (Aircraft Ferry) on 7 May 1959.

Classes:

<i>Long Island</i>	1 ship, hull number 1
<i>Charger</i>	1 ship, hull number 30 (originally built for Royal Navy)
<i>Bogue</i>	11 ships, hull numbers 9, 11-13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 31
<i>Sangamon</i>	4 ships, hull numbers 26-29
<i>Casablanca</i>	50 ships, hull numbers 55-104
<i>Commencement Bay</i>	19 ships, hull numbers 105-123

Hull numbers not listed above are accounted for as follows:

2-5 not assigned;

6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 32-54 transferred to the Royal Navy;

124-139 cancelled.



A Navy/Marine Corps HRP-1, also known as the flying banana, lands aboard Saipan, 1948, USN-706643.

Carrier Listing for CVE Designations

Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss*	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Comments
1	<i>Long Island</i>	2 Jun 1941 20 Mar 1946			Stricken 12 Apr 1946.
9	<i>Bogue</i>	26 Sep 1942 30 Nov 1946	CVHE 9	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
11	<i>Card</i>	8 Nov 1942 13 May 1946 1 Jun 1959	CVHE 11 CVU 11 AKV 40	12 Jun 1955 1 Jul 1958 7 May 1959	Stricken 15 Sep 1970.
12	<i>Copahee</i>	15 Jun 1942 5 Jul 1946	CVHE 12	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
13	<i>Core</i>	10 Dec 1942 4 Oct 1946	CVHE 13 CVU 13 AKV 41	12 Jun 1955 1 Jul 1958 7 May 1959	Stricken 15 Sep 1970.
16	<i>Nassau</i>	20 Aug 1942 28 Oct 1946	CVHE 16	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
18	<i>Altamaha</i>	15 Sep 1942 27 Sep 1946	CVHE 18	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
20	<i>Barnes</i>	20 Feb 1943 29 Aug 1946	CVHE 20	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
21	<i>Block Island</i>	8 Mar 1943 29 May 1944			Lost to enemy action.
23	<i>Breton</i>	12 Apr 1943 30 Aug 1946	CVHE 23 CVU 23 AKV 42	12 Jun 1955 1 Jul 1958 7 May 1959	Stricken 6 Aug 1971.
25	<i>Croatan</i>	28 Apr 1943 20 May 1946	CVHE 25 CVU 25 AKV 43	12 Jun 1955 1 Jul 1958 7 May 1959	Stricken 15 Sep 1970.
26	<i>Sangamon</i>	25 Aug 1942 24 Oct 1945	AO 28 AVG 26	23 Oct 1940 14 Feb 1942	Stricken 1 Nov 1945. <i>Sangamon</i> was a fleet oiler (AO 28) before being converted to an escort carrier.
27	<i>Suwannee</i>	24 Sep 1942 8 Jan 1947	AO 33 AVG 27 CVHE 27	16 Jul 1941 14 Feb 1942 12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959. <i>Suwannee</i> was a fleet oiler (AO 33) before being converted to an escort carrier.
28	<i>Chenango</i>	19 Sep 1942 14 Aug 1946	AO 31 ACV 28 CVHE 28	20 Jun 1941 19 Sep 1942 12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959. <i>Chenango</i> was a fleet oiler (AO 31) before being converted to an escort carrier.
29	<i>Santee</i>	24 Aug 1942 21 Oct 1946	AO 29 ACV 29 CVHE 29	30 Oct 1940 24 Aug 1942 12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959. <i>Santee</i> was a fleet oiler (AO 29) before being converted to an escort carrier.
30	<i>Charger</i>	3 Mar 1942 15 Mar 1946			Stricken 29 Mar 1946.
31	<i>Prince William</i>	9 Apr 1943 29 Aug 1946	CVHE 31	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
55	<i>Casablanca</i>	8 Jul 1943 10 Jun 1946			Sold 23 Apr 1947.
56	<i>Liscome Bay</i>	7 Aug 1943 24 Nov 1943			Lost to enemy action.
57	<i>Anzio (ex-Coral Sea)</i>	27 Aug 1943 5 Aug 1946	CVHE 57	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.

Carrier Listing for CVE Designations—Continued

Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss*	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Comments
58	<i>Corregidor</i>	31 Aug 1943 4 Sep 1958	CVU 58	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Oct 1958.
59	<i>Mission Bay</i>	13 Sep 1943 21 Feb 1947	CVU 59	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Sep 1958.
60	<i>Guadalcanal</i>	25 Sep 1943 15 Jul 1946	CVU 60	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 May 1958.
61	<i>Manila Bay</i>	5 Oct 1943 31 Jul 1946	CVU 61	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 May 1958.
62	<i>Natoma Bay</i>	14 Oct 1943 20 May 1946	CVU 62	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 May 1958.
63	<i>St. Lo (ex-Midway)</i>	23 Oct 1943 25 Oct 1944			Commissioned on 23 Oct 1943 as <i>Midway</i> (CVE 63) and renamed <i>St. Lo</i> (CVE 63) on 10 Oct 1944. Lost to enemy action on 25 Oct 1944.
64	<i>Tripoli</i>	31 Oct 1943 25 Nov 1958	CVU 64	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Feb 1959.
65	<i>Wake Island</i>	7 Nov 1943 5 Apr 1946			Stricken 17 Apr 1946.
66	<i>White Plains</i>	15 Nov 1943 10 Jul 1946	CVU 66	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Jul 1958.
67	<i>Solomons</i>	21 Nov 1943 15 May 1946			Stricken 5 Jun 1946. Launched as <i>USS Nassuk Bay</i> (CVE 67) on 6 Oct 1943 and renamed <i>Solomons</i> (CVE 67) in Nov 1943.
68	<i>Kalinin Bay</i>	27 Nov 1943 15 May 1946			Stricken 5 Jun 1946.
69	<i>Kasaan Bay</i>	4 Dec 1943 6 Jul 1946	CVHE 69	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
70	<i>Fanshaw Bay</i>	9 Dec 1943 14 Aug 1946	CVHE 70	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
71	<i>Kitkun Bay</i>	15 Dec 1943 19 Apr 1946			Sold 18 Nov 1946.
72	<i>Tulagi</i>	21 Dec 1943 30 Apr 1946			Stricken 8 May 1946.
73	<i>Gambier Bay</i>	28 Dec 1943 25 Oct 1944			Lost to enemy action.
74	<i>Nehenta Bay</i>	3 Jan 1944 15 May 1946	CVU 74 AKV 24	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
75	<i>Hoggatt Bay</i>	11 Jan 1944 20 Jul 1946	CVHE 75 AKV 25	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
76	<i>Kadashan Bay</i>	18 Jan 1944 14 Jun 1946	CVU 76 AKV 26	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
77	<i>Marcus Island</i>	26 Jan 1944 12 Dec 1946	CVHE 77 AKV 27	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
78	<i>Savo Island</i>	3 Feb 1944 12 Dec 1946	CHVE 78 AKV 28	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Sep 1959.
79	<i>Ommaney Bay</i>	11 Feb 1944 4 Jan 1945			Lost to enemy action.

Carrier Listing for CVE Designations—Continued

Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss*	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Comments
80	<i>Petrof Bay</i>	18 Feb 1944 30 Jul 1946	CVU 80	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 Jun 1958.
81	<i>Rudyerd Bay</i>	25 Feb 1944 11 Jun 1946	CVU 81 AKV 29	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
82	<i>Saginaw Bay</i>	2 Mar 1944 19 Jun 1946	CVHE 82	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
83	<i>Sargent Bay</i>	9 Mar 1944 23 Jul 1946	CVU 83	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 Jun 1958.
84	<i>Shamrock Bay</i>	15 Mar 1944 6 Jul 1946	CVU 84	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 27 Jun 1958.
85	<i>Shipley Bay</i>	21 Mar 1944 28 Jun 1946	CVHE 85	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
86	<i>Sitkoh Bay</i>	28 Mar 1944 27 Jul 1954	CVU 86 AKV 30	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
87	<i>Steamer Bay</i>	4 Apr 1944 8 Aug 1946	CVHE 87	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
88	<i>Cape Esperance</i>	9 Apr 1944 15 Jan 1959	CVU 88	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Mar 1959.
89	<i>Takanis Bay</i>	15 Apr 1944 1 May 1946	CVU 89 AKV 31	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Aug 1959.
90	<i>Thetis Bay</i>	21 Apr 1944 1 Mar 1964	CVHA 1 LPH 6	1 Jul 1955 28 May 1959	Stricken 1 Mar 1964.
91	<i>Makassar Strait</i>	27 Apr 1944 9 Aug 1946	CVU 91	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Sep 1958.
92	<i>Windham Bay</i>	3 May 1944 Jan 1959	CVU 92	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Feb 1959.
93	<i>Makin Island</i>	9 May 1944 19 Apr 1946			Stricken 5 Jun 1946.
94	<i>Lunga Point</i>	14 May 1944 24 Oct 1946	CVU 94 AKV 32	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
95	<i>Bismarck Sea</i>	20 May 1944 21 Feb 1945			Lost to enemy action.
96	<i>Salamaua</i>	26 May 1944 9 May 1946			Stricken 21 May 1946.
97	<i>Hollandia</i>	1 Jun 1944 17 Jan 1947	CVU 97 AKV 33	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
98	<i>Kwajalein</i>	7 Jun 1944 16 Aug 1946	CVU 98 AKV 34	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
99	<i>Admiralty Islands</i>	13 Jun 1944 24 Apr 1946			Stricken 8 May 1946.
100	<i>Bougainville</i>	18 Jun 1944 3 Nov 1946	CVU 100 AKV 35	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
101	<i>Matanikau</i>	24 Jun 1944 11 Oct 1946	CVU 101 AKV 36	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
102	<i>Attu</i>	30 Jun 1944 8 Jun 1946			Stricken 3 Jul 1946.

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Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission or loss*	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Comments
103	<i>Roi</i>	6 Jul 1944 9 May 1946			Stricken 21 May 1946.
104	<i>Munda</i>	8 Jul 1944 13 Sep 1946	CVU 104	12 Jun 1955	Stricken 1 Sep 1958.
105	<i>Commencement Bay</i>	27 Nov 1944 30 Nov 1946	CVHE 105 AKV 37	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
106	<i>Block Island</i>	30 Dec 1944 27 Aug 1954	LPH 1 CVE 106 AKV 38	22 Dec 1957 17 Feb 1959 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jul 1959.
107	<i>Gilbert Islands</i>	5 Feb 1945 15 Jan 1955	AKV 39	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1961.
108	<i>Kula Gulf</i>	12 May 1945 15 Dec 1955	AKV 8	7 May 1959	Stricken 15 Sep 1970.
109	<i>Cape Gloucester</i>	5 Mar 1945 5 Nov 1946	CVHE 109 AKV 9	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
110	<i>Salerno Bay</i>	19 May 1945 16 Feb 1954	AKV 10	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1960.
111	<i>Vella Gulf</i>	9 Apr 1945 9 Aug 1946	CVHE 111 AKV 11	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1960.
112	<i>Siboney</i>	14 May 1945 31 Jul 1956	AKV 12	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1970.
113	<i>Puget Sound</i>	18 Jun 1945 18 Oct 1946	CVHE 113 AKV 13	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1960.
114	<i>Rendova</i>	22 Oct 1945 30 Jun 1955	AKV 14	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
115	<i>Bairoko</i>	16 Jul 1945 18 Feb 1955	AKV 15	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
116	<i>Badoeng Strait</i>	14 Nov 1945 17 May 1957	AKV 16	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Dec 1970.
117	<i>Saidor</i>	4 Sep 1945 12 Sep 1947	CVHE 117 AKV 17	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Dec 1970.
118	<i>Sicily</i>	27 Feb 1946 4 Oct 1954	AKV 18	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jul 1960.
119	<i>Point Cruz</i>	16 Oct 1945 31 Aug 1956	AKV 19	7 May 1959	Stricken 15 Sep 1970.
120	<i>Mindoro</i>	4 Dec 1945 4 Aug 1955	AKV 20	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Dec 1959.
121	<i>Rabaul</i>		CVHE 121 AKV 21	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Sep 1971. Inactivated after trials on 30 Aug 1946, never commissioned.
122	<i>Palau</i>	15 Jan 1946 15 Jun 1954	AKV 22	7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Apr 1960.
123	<i>Tinian</i>		CVHE 123 AKV 23	12 Jun 1955 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jun 1970. The ship was accepted by the Navy on 30 Jul 1946, but never commissioned.

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World War II Training Carriers

During World War II the Navy's requirements for pilots provided an increased demand on the training command for carrier flight decks for carrier qualification training. To alleviate the need to take a front line carrier out of action for carrier qualification training, the Navy acquired two vessels that had operated on the Great Lakes and converted them to training carriers with the designation IX, miscellaneous auxiliary.

<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Commission and Decommission</i>	<i>Disposition and Status</i>
64	<i>Wolverine</i>	12 Aug 1942 7 Nov 1945	A side-wheel steamer built in 1913 and originally named Seeandbee. She was acquired by the Navy on 12 Mar 1942 and conversion to a training carrier began on 6 May 1942. Stricken 28 Nov 1945.
81	<i>Sable</i>	8 May 1943 7 Nov 1945	The ship was built in 1924 by the American Shipbuilding Company and named Greater Buffalo. She was acquired by the Navy on 7 Aug 1942, named Sable on 19 Sep 1942 and converted to a training carrier. Stricken 28 Nov 1945.

Antisubmarine Support Aircraft Carriers (CVS)

Classification and designation for CVS (Antisubmarine Support Aircraft Carrier) established 8 August 1953.

Classes: All ships used in this role were *Essex* class carriers modified to serve in the ASW role. *Enterprise* (CV 6) was designated CVS 6 but was never used as such. This listing is for quick reference, with the reclassification dates and other data found in the Carrier Listing for CV, CVA, CVB, CVAN, CVN and CVL.

<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>
6	<i>Enterprise</i>	20	<i>Bennington</i>
9	<i>Essex</i>	21	<i>Boxer</i>
10	<i>Yorktown</i>	32	<i>Leyte</i>
11	<i>Intrepid</i>	33	<i>Kearsarge</i>
12	<i>Hornet</i>	36	<i>Antietam</i>
13	<i>Franklin</i>	37	<i>Princeton</i>
14	<i>Ticonderoga</i>	38	<i>Shangri-La</i>
15	<i>Randolph</i>	39	<i>Lake Champlain</i>
16	<i>Lexington</i>	40	<i>Tarawa</i>
17	<i>Bunker Hill</i>	45	<i>Valley Forge</i>
18	<i>Wasp</i>	47	<i>Philippine Sea</i>

Amphibious Assault Ships (LPH)

Hull No.	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition and Status
1	<i>Block Island</i>	30 Dec 1944 27 Aug 1954	CVE 106 LPH 1* CVE 106 AKV 38	22 Dec 1957 17 Feb 1959 7 May 1959	Stricken 1 Jul 1959.
2	<i>Iwo Jima</i>	26 Aug 1961 14 Jul 1993			Stricken 10 Jul 1993.
3	<i>Okinawa</i>	14 Apr 1962 17 Dec 1992			Stricken 17 Dec 1992.
4	<i>Boxer</i>	16 Apr 1945 1 Dec 1969	CV 21 CVA 21 CVS 21 LPH 4**	16 Apr 1945 1 Oct 1952 1 Feb 1956 30 Jan 1959	Stricken 1 Dec 1969.
5	<i>Princeton</i>	18 Nov 1945 30 Jan 1970	CV 37 CVA 37 CVS 37 LPH 5***	18 Nov 1945 1 Oct 1952 1 Jan 1954 2 Mar 1959	Stricken 30 Jan 1970.
6	<i>Thetis Bay</i>	21 Apr 1944 1 Mar 1964	CVHA 1 LPH 6****	1 Jul 1955 28 May 1959	Stricken 1 Mar 1964.
7	<i>Guadalcanal</i>	20 Jul 1963 31 Aug 1994			Stricken 31 Aug 1994.
8	<i>Valley Forge</i>	3 Nov 1946 15 Jan 1970	CV 45 CVA 45 CVS 45 LPH 8*****	3 Nov 1946 1 Oct 1952 1 Jan 1954 1 Jul 1961	Stricken 15 Jan 1970.
9	<i>Guam</i>	16 Jan 1965			Active.
10	<i>Tripoli</i>	6 Aug 1966 8 Sep 1995			
11	<i>New Orleans</i>	16 Nov 1968			Active.
12	<i>Inchon</i>	20 Jun 1970	MCS 12	1 Mar 1995	Active.

* *Block Island* was reclassified LPH 1 on 22 Dec 1957, but the conversion was cancelled and the LPH 1 designation was not reassigned. The ship never operated with the LPH 1 designation.

** *Boxer* operated with the designation LPH 4 from 30 Jan 1959 until her decommissioning on 1 December 1969.

*** *Princeton* operated with the designation LPH 5 from 2 Mar 1959 until her decommissioning on 30 Jan 1970.

**** *Thetis Bay* operated with the designation LPH 6 from 28 May 1959 until her decommissioning on 1 Mar 1964.

***** *Valley Forge* operated with the designation LPH 8 from 1 Jul 1961 until her decommissioning on 15 Jan 1970.

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Amphibious Assault Ships (LHA)

Class: Wasp		5 ships	
Hull Number	Name	Commissioned	Disposition and Status
1	<i>Tarawa</i>	29 May 1976	Active.
2	<i>Saipan</i>	15 Oct 1977	Active.
3	<i>Belleau Wood</i>	23 Sep 1978	Active.
4	<i>Nassau</i>	28 Jul 1979	Active.
5	<i>Peleliu</i>	3 May 1980	Active.

Amphibious Assault Ships (Multi-Purpose) (LHD)

Class: Wasp		7 ships	
Hull Number	Name	Commissioned	Disposition and Status
1	<i>Wasp</i>	29 Jul 1989	Active.
2	<i>Essex</i>	17 Oct 1992*	Active.
3	<i>Kearsarge</i>	30 Jun 1993	Active.
4	<i>Boxer</i>	11 Feb 1995	Active.
5	<i>Bataan</i>		Under construction.
6	<i>Bonhomme Richard</i>		Under construction.
7	(name not assigned yet)		Authorized.

* The ship was commissioned without ceremony on 24 Aug 1992 to permit it to go to sea to avoid a hurricane that was threatening Pascagoula, Miss. The official commissioning ceremony was held on 17 Oct 1992.

Seaplane Tenders (AV)

Classes:

Five single ships	AV 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.
<i>Curtiss</i> Class	2 ships, AV 4 and 5.
<i>Currituck</i> Class	4 ships, AV 7, 11-13.
<i>Pocomoke</i> Class	2 ships, AV 9 and 10.
<i>Kenneth Whiting</i> Class	4 ships, AV 14 to 17.

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
1	<i>Wright</i> * <i>San Clemente</i> *	16 Dec 1921 21 Jun 1946	AZ 1 AV 1 AG 79 AG 79	17 Jul 1920 1 Nov 1923 1 Oct 1944 1 Feb 1945	Stricken 1 Jul 1946.
2	<i>Jason</i>	23 Jun 1913 30 Jun 1932	AC 12 AV 2	21 Jan 1930	Stricken 19 May 1936.
3	<i>Langley</i> **	7 Apr 1913	AC 3 CV 1 AV 3	7 Apr 1913 20 Mar 1922 21 Apr 1937	Lost to enemy action 27 Feb 1942.

Seaplane Tenders (AV)—Continued

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
4	<i>Curtiss</i>	15 Nov 1940 24 Sep 1957			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
5	<i>Albemarle</i> ***	20 Dec 1940 21 Oct 1960	T-ARVH 1	11 Jan 1966	Stricken 31 Dec 1974.
6	<i>Patoka</i>	13 Oct 1919 1 Jul 1946	AO 9 AV 6**** AO 9 AG 125	13 Oct 1919 11 Oct 1939 19 Jun 1940 15 Aug 1945	Stricken 31 Jul 1946.
7	<i>Currituck</i>	26 Jun 1944 31 Oct 1967			Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
8	<i>Tangier</i>	8 Jul 1940			Decommissioned sometime between May 1946 and Jan 1947. Stricken 1 Jun 1961.
9	<i>Pocomoke</i>	18 Jul 1941 10 Jul 1946			Stricken 1 Jun 1961.
10	<i>Chandeleur</i>	19 Nov 1942			Placed in reserve 12 Feb 1947. Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
11	<i>Norton Sound</i>	8 Jan 1945 11 Dec 1986	AVM 1	8 Aug 1951	
12	<i>Pine Island</i>	26 Apr 1945 16 Jun 1967			Stricken 1 Feb 1971.
13	<i>Salisbury Sound</i>	26 Nov 1945 31 Mar 1967			Stricken 1 Feb 1971.
14	<i>Kenneth Whiting</i>	8 May 1944 30 Sep 1958			Stricken 1 Jul 1961.
15	<i>Hamlin</i>	26 Jun 1944 15 Jan 1947			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
16	<i>St. George</i>	24 Jul 1944 1 Aug 1946			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
17	<i>Cumberland Sound</i>	21 Aug 1944 27 May 1947			Stricken 1 Jul 1961.

* *Wright* was renamed *San Clemente* on 1 Feb 1945 to permit the use of the name *Wright* for a carrier under construction.

** *Jupiter* was commissioned as a collier on 7 Apr 1913 and decommissioned on 24 Mar 1920 for conversion to an aircraft carrier. She was renamed *Langley* on 21 Apr 1920 and recommissioned as *Langley* (CV 1) on 20 Mar 1922.

*** *Albemarle* was decommissioned on 21 Oct 1960 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 Sep 1962 and placed in the custody of the Maritime Administration James River Fleet. However, she was transferred back to the Navy on 7 Aug 1964 for conversion to a floating aeronautical maintenance facility for helicopters. On 27 March 1965 *Albemarle* was renamed *Corpus Christi Bay* and redesignated T-ARVH 1. On 11 Jan 1966 she was transferred to the Military Sealift Command (MSC). She was eventually taken out of service by MSC and stricken.

**** *Patoka* was authorized for conversion to AV on 25 Feb 1924 and operated as such, but was not reclassified an AV until 11 Oct 1939.

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Small Seaplane Tenders (AVP)

Classes:

Lapwing Class Converted minesweepers assigned to aviation duty in the 1920s; first given aviation designation 22 Jan 1936; 9 ships, AVP 1 to 9.

Barnegat Class 32 ships, AVP 10 to 13, 21–26, 28–41 and 48–55.

Childs Class 7 ships, AVP 14 to 20.

Hull numbers omitted may be accounted for as follows: 27, 56, and 57 were commissioned as AGPs; 42–47 and 58–67 were cancelled.

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition
1	<i>Lapwing</i>	12 Jun 1918 29 Nov 1945	AM 1 AVP 1	22 Jan 1936	Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Aug 1946.
2	<i>Heron</i>	30 Oct 1918 12 Feb 1946	AM 10 AVP 2	22 Jan 1936	Transferred to Force Logistics Command 25 Jul 1947.
3	<i>Thrush</i>	25 Apr 1919 13 Dec 1945	AM 18 AVP 3	17 Jul 1920 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 8 Jan 1946 Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Aug 1946.
4	<i>Avocet</i>	17 Sep 1918 10 Dec 1945	AM 19 AVP 4	22 Jan 1936	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
5	<i>Teal</i>	20 Aug 1918 23 Nov 1945	AM 23 AVP 5	30 Apr 1931 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 5 Dec 1945. Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Jan 1948.
6	<i>Pelican</i>	10 Oct 1918 30 Nov 1945	AM 27 AVP 6	22 Jan 1936	Stricken 19 Dec 1945. Transferred to Maritime Commission 22 Nov 1946.
7	<i>Swan</i>	31 Jan 1919 13 Dec 1945	AM 34 AVP 7	30 Apr 1931 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 8 Jan 1946. Transferred to Maritime Commission 12 Oct 1946.
8	<i>Gannet</i>	10 Jul 1919	AM 41 AVP 8	22 Jan 1936	Lost to enemy action 7 Jun 1942.
9	<i>Sandpiper</i>	9 Oct 1919 10 Dec 1945	AM 51 AVP 9	Jul 1920 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 17 Apr 1946. Transferred to Maritime Commission 12 Oct 1946.
10	<i>Barnegat</i>	3 Jul 1941 17 May 1946			Stricken 23 May 1958.
11	<i>Biscayne</i>	3 Jul 1941 29 Jun 1946	AGC 18	10 Oct 1944	Transferred to USCG 19 Jul 1946; returned to USN as target, 9 Jul 1968.
12	<i>Casco</i>	27 Dec 1941 10 Apr 1947			Transferred to USCG 19 Apr 1949.
13	<i>Mackinac</i>	24 Jan 1942 Jan 1947			Transferred to USCG 19 Apr 1949; returned 15 Apr 1968, expended as target.
14	<i>Childs</i>	22 Oct 1920 10 Dec 1945	DD 241 AVP 14 AVD 1	1 Jul 1938 1 Oct 1940	Stricken 8 Jan 1946.
15	<i>Williamson</i>	29 Oct 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 244 AVP 15 AVD 2 DD 244	1 Jul 1938 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.
16	<i>George E. Badger</i>	28 Jul 1920 3 Oct 1945	DD 196 AVP 16 AVD 3 APD 33 DD 196	1 Oct 1939 2 Aug 1940 19 May 1944 20 Jul 1945	Transferred to Treasury Dept. in 1930 and returned 1934. Stricken 25 Oct 1945.
17	<i>Clemson</i>	29 Dec 1919 12 Oct 1945	DD 186 AVP 17	15 Nov 1939	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.

Seaplane Tenders (AVP)—Continued

<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Commission and Decommission</i>	<i>New Designation or Change of Designation</i>	<i>Date of Designation Change</i>	<i>Disposition & Status</i>
			AVD 4 DD 186 APD 31 DD 186	6 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 17 Jul 1945	
18	<i>Goldsborough</i>	26 Jan 1920 11 Oct 1945	DD 188 AVP 18 AVD 3 DD 188 APD 32 DD 188	15 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 10 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
19	<i>Hulbert</i>	27 Oct 1920 2 Nov 1945	DD 342 AVP 6 DD 342	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 28 Nov 1945.
20	<i>William B. Preston</i>	23 Aug 1920 6 Dec 1945	DD 344 AVP 20 AVD 7	18 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
21	<i>Humboldt</i>	7 Oct 1941 19 Mar 1947	AG 121 AVP 21	30 Jul 1945 10 Sep 1945	Transferred to USCG 24 Jan 1949.
22	<i>Matagorda</i>	16 Dec 1941 20 Feb 1946	AG 122 AVP 22	30 Jul 1945 10 Sep 1945	Transferred to USCG 7 Mar 1949; returned to USN in 1968 used as target in 1969.
23	<i>Absecon</i>	28 Jan 1943 19 Mar 1947			Transferred to USCG 5 Jan 1949 and then to South Vietnamese Navy on 15 Jul 1972.
24	<i>Chincoteague</i>	12 Apr 1943 12 Dec 1946			Transferred to USCG 7 Mar 1949.
25	<i>Coos Bay</i>	15 May 1943 30 Apr 1946			Transferred to USCG 5 Jan 1949; returned 16 Aug 1967 expended as target.
26	<i>Half Moon</i>	15 Jun 1943 4 Sep 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
28	<i>Oyster Bay</i>	17 Nov 1943 26 Mar 1946	AVP 28 AGP 6 AVP 28	1 May 1943 16 Mar 1949	The ship never operated as an AVP for the U.S. Navy. Transferred to Italy 23 Oct 1957.
29	<i>Rockaway</i>	6 Jan 1943 21 Mar 1946	AG 123 AVP 29	30 Jul 1945 26 Oct 1945	Transferred to USCG 24 Dec 1948. Stricken Sep 1966.
30	<i>San Pablo</i>	15 Mar 1943 29 May 1969	AGS 30	25 Aug 1949	Decommissioned as AVP 30 on 13 Jan 1947. Stricken 1 Jun 1969.
31	<i>Unimak</i>	31 Dec 1943 26 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
32	<i>Yakutat</i>	31 Mar 1944 29 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 31 Aug 1948, returned to USN 1970. Transferred to Navy of South Vietnam on 10 Jan 1971 until its fall in 1975, then transferred to Philippine government on 5 Apr 1976.
33	<i>Barataria</i>	13 Aug 1944 24 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 17 Sep 1948.
34	<i>Bering Strait</i>	19 Jul 1944 21 Jun 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
35	<i>Castle Rock</i>	8 Oct 1944 6 Aug 1946			Transferred to USCG 16 Sep 1948.
36	<i>Cook Inlet</i>	5 Nov 1944 31 Mar 1946			Transferred to USCG 20 Sep 1948. Transferred to South Vietnam as HQ-05, 21 Dec 1971.

Seaplane Tenders (AVP)—Continued

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
37	<i>Corson</i>	3 Dec 1944 9 Mar 1956			Stricken 1 Apr 1966.
38	<i>Duxbury Bay</i>	31 Dec 1944 29 Apr 1966			Stricken 1 May 1966.
39	<i>Gardiners Bay</i>	11 Feb 1945 1 Feb 1958			Transferred to Norway under Military Assistance Program. Stricken 1 Jul 1966.
40	<i>Floyds Bay</i>	25 Mar 1945 26 Feb 1960			Stricken 1 Mar 1960.
41	<i>Greenwich Bay</i>	20 May 1945			Stricken 1 Jul 1966.
48	<i>Onslow</i>	22 Dec 1943 22 Apr 1960			Stricken 1 Jun 1960.
49	<i>Orca</i>	23 Jan 1944 Mar 1960			Transferred to Ethiopia 31 Jan 1962.
50	<i>Rehoboth</i>	23 Feb 1944 15 Apr 1970	AGS 50	2 Sep 1948	Decommissioned as AVP 50 on 30 Jun 1947. Stricken 15 Apr 1970.
51	<i>San Carlos</i>	21 Mar 1944 30 Jun 1947	AGOR 1	15 Dec 1958	Transferred to MSTs 11 Jul 1958, renamed <i>Josiah Willard Gibbs</i> on 15 Dec 1958. Transferred to Greece 15 Dec 1971.
52	<i>Shelikof</i>	17 Sep 1944 30 Jun 1947			Stricken 1 May 1960.
53	<i>Suisun</i>	13 Sep 1944 5 Aug 1955			Stricken 1 Apr 1966.
54	<i>Timbalier</i>	24 May 1946 15 Nov 1954			Stricken 1 May 1960.
55	<i>Valcour</i>	5 Jul 1946 15 Jan 1973	AGF 1	15 Dec 1965	Stricken 15 Jan 1973.

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Destroyer Seaplane Tenders (AVD)

Class: *Clemson* Class DD 14 ships, ex flush deck 1190 ton DDs converted for seaplane tending duties from 1938 to 1940.

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
1	<i>Childs</i>	22 Oct 1920 10 Dec 1945	DD 241 AVP 14 AVD 1	1 Jul 1938 1 Oct 1940	Stricken 8 Jan 1946.
2	<i>Williamson</i>	29 Oct 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 244 AVP 15 AVD 2 DD 244	1 Jul 1938 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.
3	<i>George E. Badger</i>	28 Jul 1920 3 Oct 1945	DD 196 AVP 16 AVD 3 APD 33 DD 196	1 Oct 1939 2 Aug 1940 19 May 1944 20 Jul 1945	Transferred to Treasury Dept. in 1930 and returned 1934. Stricken 25 Oct 1945.

Destroyer Seaplane Tenders (AVD)—Continued

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition
4	<i>Clemson</i>	29 Dec 1919 12 Oct 1945	DD 186 AVP 17 AVD 4 DD 186 APD 31 DD 186	15 Nov 1939 6 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 17 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
5	<i>Goldsborough</i>	26 Jan 1920 11 Oct 1945	DD 188 AVP 18 AVD 3 DD 188 APD 32 DD 188	15 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 10 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
6	<i>Hulbert</i>	27 Oct 1920 2 Nov 1945	DD 342 AVP 6 DD 342	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 28 Nov 1945.
7	<i>William B. Preston</i>	23 Aug 1920 6 Dec 1945	DD 344 AVP 20 AVD 7	18 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
8	<i>Belknap</i>	28 Apr 1919 4 Aug 1945	DD 251 AVD 8 DD 251 APD 38	2 Aug 1940 14 Nov 1943 22 Jun 1944	Sold for scrap 30 Nov 1945.
9	<i>Osmond Ingram</i>	28 Jun 1919 8 Jan 1946	DD 255 AVD 9 DD 255 APD 35	2 Aug 1940 4 Nov 1943 22 Jun 1944	Stricken 21 Jan 1946.
10	<i>Ballard</i>	5 Jun 1919 5 Dec 1945	DD 267 AVD 10	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
11	<i>Thornton</i>	15 Jul 1919 2 May 1945	DD 270 AVD 11	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 13 Aug 1945.
12	<i>Gillis</i>	3 Sep 1919 15 Oct 1945	DD 260 AVD 12	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 1 Nov 1945.
13	<i>Greene</i>	9 May 1919 23 Nov 1945	DD 266 AVD 13 APD 36	6 Apr 1941 1 Feb 1944	Stricken 5 Dec 1945.
14	<i>McFarland</i>	30 Sep 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 237 AVD 14 DD 237	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.

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Aviation Logistic Support Ships

Various types of ships fitted out to support operations, logistics and repair activities of Naval aircraft.

Aircraft Ferry (AKV)

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
1	<i>Kitty Hawk</i>	26 Nov 1941 24 Jan 1946	AVP 1 AKV 1	15 Sep 1943	Returned to owner, Seatrain Lines, 24 Jan 1946.
2	<i>Hammondsport</i>	11 Dec 1941 7 Mar 1946	AVP 2 AKV 2	15 Sep 1943	Returned to Maritime Commission 7 Mar 1946.

Note: Other ships classified AKV appear on Escort Carrier List.

Transport and Aircraft Ferry (APV)

4	<i>Lafayette</i>		AP 53 APV 4	24 Dec 1941 15 Sep 1943	Caught fire and capsized during AP conversion from French liner <i>Normandie</i> , never repaired or commissioned. Stricken 11 Oct 1945.
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Aircraft Repair Ships (ARV)

1	<i>Chourre</i>	7 Dec 1944 13 Sep 1955	ARV 1		Stricken 1 Sep 1962.
2	<i>Webster</i>	17 Mar 1945 28 Jun 1946	ARV 2		Stricken 1 Sep 1962.

Aircraft Repair Ships (Aircraft) (ARVA)

5	<i>Fabius</i>	7 Jun 1945 4 Apr 1952	ARVA 5		Stricken 1 Jun 1973.
6	<i>Megara</i>	27 Jun 1945 16 Jan 1956	ARVA 6		Place in commission status 19 Jun 1945 for ferry purposes. Stricken 1 Jun 1973.

Aircraft Repair Ships (Engines) (ARVE)

<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Commission and Decommission</i>	<i>New Designation or Change of Designation</i>	<i>Date of Designation Change</i>	<i>Disposition & Status</i>
3	<i>Aventinus</i>	30 May 1945 4 Apr 1952	ARVE 3		Transferred to Chile in Aug 1963.
4	<i>Chloris</i>	19 Jun 1945 9 Dec 1955	ARVE 4		Scrapped 1 Jun 1973.

Advanced Aviation Base Ships (AVB)

1	<i>Alameda County</i>	12 Jul 1943 25 Jun 1962	LST 32 AVB 1	28 Sep 1957	Stricken 30 Jun 1962.
2	<i>Tallahatchie County</i>	24 May 1949 15 Jan 1970	LST 1154 AVB 2	3 Feb 1962	Stricken 15 Jan 1970.

Aviation Supply Ships (AVS)

1	<i>Supply</i>	8 Feb 1944 4 Feb 1946	IX 147 AVS 1	25 May 1945	Stricken 25 Feb 1946.
2	<i>Fortune</i>	19 Feb 1944 18 Oct 1945	IX 146 AVS 2	25 May 1945	Returned to War Shipping Administration 18 Oct 1945.
3	<i>Grumium</i>	20 Oct 1943 20 Dec 1945	AK 112 IX 174 AVS 3	20 Jun 1944 25 May 1945	Returned to Maritime Commission 28 Dec 1945.
4	<i>Alioth</i>	25 Oct 1943 18 May 1946	AK 109 IX 204 AVS 4	31 Dec 1944 25 May 1945	Transferred to Maritime Commission 13 May 1947.
5	<i>Gwinnett</i>	10 Apr 1945 11 Feb 1946	AG 92 AVS 5	25 May 1945	Returned to Maritime Commission 11 Feb 1946.
6	<i>Nicollet</i>	27 Apr 1945 17 Jun 1946	AG 93 AVS 6	25 May 1945	Stricken 3 Jul 1946.
7	<i>Pontotoc</i>	22 Mar 1945 26 Apr 1946	AG 94 AVS 7	25 May 1945	Stricken and returned to owner 26 Apr 1946.
8	<i>Jupiter</i>	22 Aug 1942	AK 43 AVS 8	31 Jul 1945	Stricken 1 Aug 1965.

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Patrol Craft Tenders (AGP)

These ships were fitted to service PBRs and UH-1 helicopters and worked with the Navy's riverine Task Force in South Vietnam beginning in 1967.

<i>Hull Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Commission and Decommission</i>	<i>New Designation or Change of Designation</i>	<i>Date of Designation Change</i>	<i>Disposition & Status</i>
786	<i>Garrett County</i>	28 Aug 1944	LST 786 AGP 786	25 Sep 1970	Transferred to South Vietnam 23 Apr 1971.
821	<i>Harnett County</i>	22 Nov 1944	LST 821 AGP 821	25 Sep 1970	Transferred to South Vietnam 12 Oct 1970.
838	<i>Hunterdon County</i>	4 Dec 1944	LST 838 AGP 838	25 Sep 1970	Transferred to Malaysia 1 Jul 1971.
846	<i>Jennings County</i>	9 Jan 1945	LST 846 *		Stricken 25 Sep 1970.

* *Jennings County* was never redesignated AGP although she served in that capacity in Vietnam.

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The transport workhorse for carrier-onboard-delivery (COD), the C-2A Greyhound, lands aboard Kitty Hawk.

Ship Designations

AC	Collier
AG	Miscellaneous Auxiliary
AGC	Amphibious Force Flagship
AGMR	Major Communications Relay Ship
AGOR	Oceanographic Research Ship
AGP	Patrol Craft Tender (Motor Torpedo Boat Tender, Old Design.)
AGS	Surveying Ship
AKV	Aircraft Ferry; later, Cargo Ship and Aircraft Ferry.
AM	Mine Sweeper
AO	Fleet Oiler
AP	Transport
APV	Transport and Aircraft Ferry
ARG	Repair Ship, Engines
ARV	Aircraft Repair Ship
ARVA	Aircraft Repair Ship (Aircraft)
ARVE	Aircraft Repair Ship (Engines)
ARVH	Aircraft Repair Ship (Helicopter)
AV	Seaplane Tender
AVB	Advanced Aviation Base Ship
AVD	Seaplane Tender (Destroyer)
AVM	Guided Missiles Ship
AVP	Seaplane Tender (Small)
AVS	Aviation Supply Ship
AVT	Auxiliary Aircraft Transport
AZ	Lighter-than-air Tender
CV	Aircraft Carrier
CVA	Attack Aircraft Carrier
CVAN	Nuclear-Powered Attack Aircraft Carrier
CVB	Aircraft Carrier, Large (Old)
CVE	Escort Aircraft Carrier
CVHA	Assault Helicopter Aircraft Carrier until 1963—later LPH
CVHE	Escort Helicopter Aircraft Carrier (Old)
CVL	Small Aircraft Carrier
CVS	Antisubmarine Warfare Support Aircraft Carrier
CVU	Utility Aircraft Carrier
DD	Destroyer
IX	Miscellaneous auxiliary
LHA	Amphibious Assault Ship (General Purpose)
LHD	Amphibious Assault Ship (Multi-Purpose)
LPH	Amphibious Assault Ship (Helicopter)
LPD	Amphibious Assault Ship
LST	Landing Ship, Tank
T-ARVH	Associated with ARVH, indicates operated by military Sealift Command, formerly Military Sea Transportation Service.

Aviation Ships in Active Status as of 1 July

YEAR	CV **	CVS	CVL	CVE	LHA/ LPH/ LHD ***	AV	AVD	AVP	AVM	ARV	AVS	AKV	AGP	AVB	CVT/ AVT
1922	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1923	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1924	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1925	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1926	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1927	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1928	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1929	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1930	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1931	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1932	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1933	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1934	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1935	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1936	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1937	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1938	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1939	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1940	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1941	6	—	—	1	—	5	14	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1942	5	—	—	3	—	5	14	14	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
1943	7	—	5	17	—	6	14	20	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
1944	13	—	9	63	—	10	5	27	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
1945	20	—	8	70	—	11	5	36	—	6	7	2	—	—	—
1946	14	—	1	10	—	8	—	11	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
1947	12	—	2	8	—	5	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1948	11	—	2	7	—	5	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1949	8	—	3	7	—	5	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1950	7	—	4	4	—	3	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1951	14	—	4	10	—	4	—	9	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
1952	16	—	5	12	—	5	—	11	1	3	1	—	—	—	—
1953	17	—	5	12	—	5	—	11	1	3	1	—	—	—	—
1954	16	4	3	7	—	5	—	11	1	2	1	—	—	—	—
1955	17	5	2	3	—	5	—	8	1	2	1	—	—	—	—
1956	19	7	1	3	—	5	—	7	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
1957	16	8	1	—	1	4	—	7	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1958	15	11	—	—	1	4	—	6	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1959	14	10	—	—	3	3	—	6	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1960	14	10	—	—	3	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1961	15	10	—	—	4	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1962	16	10	—	—	6	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1963	15	10	—	—	6	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1964	15	10	—	—	6	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1965	15	10	—	—	7	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
1966	17	10	—	—	8	4	—	4	1	—	1	—	4	1	—
1967	16	9	—	—	8	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	1	—
1968	15	9	—	—	9	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	1	—
1969	15	8	—	—	8	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	1	1
1970	15	4	—	—	7	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	1	1

Aviation Ships in Active Status as of 1 July—Continued

YEAR	CV **	CVS	CVL	CVE	LHA/ LPH/ LHD ***	AV	AVD	AVP	AVM	ARV	AVS	AKV	AGP	AVB	CVT/ AVT
1971	14	4	—	—	7	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1
1972	14	2	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1973	14	2	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1974	14	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1975	15	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1976	13	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1977	13	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1978	13	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1979	13	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1980	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1981*	12	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1982*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1983*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1984*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1985*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1986*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
1987*	14	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1988*	14	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1989*	14	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1990*	14	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1991*	14	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1992*	13	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1993*	13	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1994*	12	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1995*	12	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1996*	13	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Footnotes:

* During this reporting period, 1981–1996, the total carriers listed under CV does not include the carrier undergoing a major Service Life Extension Program.

** Includes all designations CV, CVA, CVB, CVAN and CVN, that have been used for the Fleet carriers; missions the same.

*** These LHA/LPH/LHDs are counted the same since mission is very similar.



Bennington (CVS 20) underway in the 1960s with antisubmarine aircraft and helicopters on the flight deck.