

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic USS Hazard (AM-240)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2500 North 24th Street (East) not for publication

city, town Omaha vicinity of

state Nebraska code 31 county Douglas code 55

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Hazard Corporation and Greater Omaha Military Historical Society

street & number 2500 North 24th Street (East)

city, town Omaha vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Douglas County Courthouse

street & number 1819 Farnam Street

city, town Omaha state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title National Register Nomination Form has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records National Park Service, Interagency Resources Division

city, town Washington state DC 20013-7127

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

USS Hazard (AM-240) was built by the Winslow Marine Railway & Shipbuilding Co., Winslow, Washington. She was launched on May 21, 1944, and was commissioned on October 31, 1944.

USS Hazard is a fleet minesweeper of the Admirable class. Admirable class minesweepers were basic minesweepers similar to the British Bangor class designed to meet minimum requirements for size, speed, and endurance. They were fitted for both wire and acoustic sweeping and could also double as anti-submarine warfare and anti-aircraft ships. Admirable class minesweepers formed the majority of American minesweepers built during World War II.

Specific ship data concerning USS Hazard is:

Length: 185 feet Displacement: 900 tons (Loaded)

Beam: 33 feet Draft: 10 feet (Loaded)

Speed: 15 knots Crew: 104 (wartime)

Armament: One 3"/50 caliber deck gun; one rocket launcher; two depth charge racks; various combinations of anti-aircraft guns.

USS Hazard is in excellent condition. The ship was transferred to Omaha with all of her spare parts and equipment intact. The only equipment missing from USS Hazard is the minesweeping cable. All equipment (radio, engines, ovens, electrical systems, plumbing) is fully operational. --USS Hazard still retains its original dishes, kitchen utensils, and stationery. USS Hazard is one of the best preserved and intact warships remaining from World War II. USS Hazard is a virtual time capsule dating from 1945.

USS Hazard is permanently berthed at the Omaha Marina in East Omaha, Nebraska. She is maintained as a World War II museum and memorial.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	architecture	education	military	social
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration settlement	philosophy	theater
X 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation
		invention		other (specify)

Specific dates 1944-1945 Builder Architect Winslow Marine Railway & Shipbuilding

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The fleet minesweeper was one of the many support ships designed to service and protect the larger naval vessels in operation against the Japanese in World War II.

Although the Japanese had done little mining in the path of the United States navy they were known to have purchased thousands of British and American mines after World War I. Many of these mines were used in the Philippines and in the waters close to Japan where they caused considerable trouble. The purpose of the fleet minesweeper was to arrive before the fleet and sweep the area for mines. Fleet minesweepers remained with the fleet, during operation, constantly sweeping to insure safe operation for the larger ships of the navy. Fleet minesweepers were the first to arrive in enemy waters and the last to leave. Their job, although not glamorous or well known by the American public, was absolutely essential to the safety and success of American naval operations against Japan in World War II.

USS Hazard represents fleet minesweepers that fought against Japan in World War II for the following reasons:

1. USS Hazard is an example of an Admirable class fleet minesweeper that fought against Japan in World War II. Admirable class minesweepers formed the largest class of American minesweepers ordered during the war and proved to be one of the most successful classes. They were also employed as patrol and escort vessels.
2. USS Hazard earned three battle stars for her World War II service.
3. USS Hazard is in excellent condition and is one of the most intact warships surviving from World War II.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property N/A

Quadrangle name Omaha, North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	5	2	5	7	0	10	10	4	15	7	13	2	18	10
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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