



# USS LST-1148

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Builder: Chicago Bridge & Iron Company in Seneca, Illinois

Commissioned: 9 June 1945

Assigned to: LST Flotilla 34, Group 102, Division 203

Decommissioned: Her Coast Guard crew was replaced by a Navy crew on 19 April 1946

Disposition: She was struck from the Naval Register on 15 September 1974 and was sold for scrap on 1 August 1975.

Length: 327' 9" oa

Beam: 50'

Draft: 1' 6" bow, 7' 5" stern (unloaded); 8' 2" bow, 14' 1" stern (loaded -- at sea); 3' 1" bow, 9' 6" (loaded -- beaching)

Displacement: 1,625 (light); 4,080 (w/ full load of 2,100 tons)

Propulsion: 2 x General Motors 12-567 diesels, twin shafts/rudders

Range: 24,000 nm @ 9 knots

Top Speed: 11.6 knots

Complement: 111

Troops: 163

Armament: 8 x 40mm guns; twelve x 20mm guns

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## **Commanding Officers:**

LT Richard Goodhart, USCGR: 7 June 1945 - 7 July 1945

LT Ernest W. Payne, USCG: 7 July 1945 - 19 April 1946

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**History:****USS LST-1148**  
**LST Flotilla 34, Group 102, Division 203**

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-1148* was laid down on 15 February 1945 at the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company in Seneca, Illinois. She was launched on 22 May 1945 and was ferried down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was commissioned on 9 June 1945 under the command of LT Richard Goodhart, USCGR.

She proceeded to Galveston, Texas, on 17 June 1945 for two weeks of shakedown exercises and then took aboard supplies, PT [Patrol Torpedo boats] boats and Navy personnel as passengers and departed on 13 July 1945 for Pearl Harbor, via the Canal Zone, San Diego, California, and Seattle, Washington, unloading her PT boats at the latter port. She arrived at Pearl harbor on 27 August 1945 and after unloading took aboard naval personnel as passengers for Okinawa. Here she arrived on 26 October 1945, and departed two days later for Sasebo, Japan, where she arrived 31 October 1945.

On 10 December 1945 she arrived at Okinawa on her way home and arrived at San Pedro, California, on 30 January 1946, via Saipan and Pearl Harbor. Here a Navy crew replaced her Coast Guard crew on 19 April 1946. She was decommissioned on 11 May 1946 and placed in the Pacific Reserve Fleet. She was recommissioned on 3 October 1950 at Astoria, Oregon. Here she saw action during the Korean War. She was renamed USS *Sumner County* (LST-1148) on 1 July 1955. She saw service in Vietnam prior to being decommissioned on 9 October 1969 and was again laid up in reserve. She was struck from the Naval Register on 15 September 1974 and was sold for scrapping on 1 August 1975.

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**Photographs:**

None available

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