

Historical Highlights

1 Mar 66	Keel laid by Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.	18 May 71	Evacuated crew member from SS AMICA (Norwegian ship); Medical Officer performed appendectomy.
3 Feb 68	Launched. Christened by sponsor, Mrs. Arthur A. de la Houssaye.	28-31 Jul 71	Provided civic action medical assistance in Paluan Village, Mindoro, R.P.I.
6 Nov 68	Crew moved aboard.	5 Nov 71	Returned from WESTPAC.
16 Nov 68	Commissioned at U. S. Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, PA. First helicopters landed for display purposes.	17 Feb 72	Entered Dry Dock #1, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, for new low pressure turbine and communications upgrades.
10-12 Dec 68	First underway helicopter operations; MEDEVAC of shipyard worker by HC-4.	17 Jul 72	Underway for WESTPAC (Vietnam contingency operations and Philippine flood relief).
24 Feb 69	Transited Panama Canal.	1 Oct 72	Evacuated 28 personnel from USS NEWPORT NEWS after her 8 inch gun turret exploded.
3 Mar 69	Arrived homeport San Diego.	23 Oct 72	15,000th helicopter landing.
1 Aug 69	Underway for WESTPAC (Vietnam War).	4 Feb 73	Rescue and Assistance Team helps USS TOLOVANA (AO 72) in fighting fire while at anchor.
11 Jan 70	Conducted memorial service for USS DUPAGE.	13 May 73	Returned from WESTPAC.
27 Mar 70	Returned from WESTPAC.	25 Sep 73	Recovered Skylab III crew and command module.
14 May 70	Arrived in San Francisco to participate in Maritime Week and Armed Forces Week festivities; hosted over 5,000 visitors.	29 Sep 73	Gun Mounts 32 and 34 removed for installation of Basic Point Defense Missile System (BPDMS).
9-19 Jul 70	Transported load of miscellaneous aircraft to Pearl Harbor.	8 Feb 74	Recovered Skylab IV crew and command module.
17-28 Aug 70	Supported Nixon's Presidential Visit to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.	16 Mar 74	Underway for WESTPAC.
28 Sep 70	NASA evaluated Pettybone crane (Tilley) for use with Apollo 14 Mission.	30 May 74	Performed MEDEVAC of crewman from merchant ship OCEANIC LONDON.
7 Jan 71	Underway for Apollo 14 Mission.	31 May 74	Performed MEDEVAC of female crew member from merchant ship KYMO.
09 Feb 71	Recovered Apollo 14 crew and command module.	10 Jun 74	Performed MEDEVAC of crewman from USS ST. LOUIS (LKA 116).
11 Feb 71	Astronauts flown off to Pago Pago, Samoa.	31 Aug 74	Returned from WESTPAC.
25 Feb 71	Returned from WESTPAC.	5 Jul 75	Underway for WESTPAC.
15 Apr 71	Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department established.	24 Jul 75	Recovered U. S. astronauts and command module from Apollo/Soyuz Test Project.
1 May 71	Underway for WESTPAC.		
12 May 71	Provided medical assistance to SS COLUMBIA MARINER.		