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This month, on November 11, 2017 – Veterans Day – we were asked to take a moment to honor those who served or are currently serving in our armed forces and to **thank them for their service to our country and protecting our freedoms.**

The Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park is the region’s focal point for recognizing veterans. We are proud to claim we are the largest inland naval & military park in the country. Our mission includes honoring veterans, educating the public of the sacrifices made by those that served, and preserving our collection of historic ships and military artifacts for the benefit of generations to come.

With less than 3% of our operating budget coming from any government source, we have to earn every dollar through admissions, gift shop revenue, special events, private grants, and individual donations. The money is needed to preserve the ships and artifacts and develop programming and exhibits that shine a light on veterans and their sacrifices.

The Naval Park is celebrating another successful year. We have welcomed over 100,000 visitors – represented by all 50 states and 110 different countries! We rank #3 on Trip Advisor’s® List of Best Things To Do in Buffalo - #1 in the category of museums! We are proud to offer one of our region’s most popular tourist attractions and it’s not over yet. On December 16, 2017, for the first time in the history of the Navy, a new ship - the new USS Little Rock LCS-9 – will be commissioned alongside her namesake.

In other developments, we have introduced Phase I of the M & T Bank Mobile Audio Tour; the USS Little Rock’s port side deck is being replaced and the aft heads that support the Encampment Program are being renovated; we held numerous ceremonies to honor veterans, commemorate military events, and celebrate patriotic holidays; and two new exhibits will be unveiled next spring.

With all of this excitement taking place, we hope that you will help us to continue that momentum by considering a gift today to our Annual Fund Campaign. Your generosity is most appreciated.

With sincere gratitude,

Capt. Brian Roche, USCG (Ret.)
 Executive Director

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New LCS-9 - Coming December 2017!