For more than 40 years, the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park has fulfilled its mission to Honor, Inspire, Educate, and Preserve. Countless hours spent by staff, docents, volunteers, and friends have created the largest inland naval and military park in our nation.

As a not-for-profit organization, contributions from generous donors to our fundraising initiatives and annual campaigns have allowed the Park to continue to fulfill its mission. We are grateful to all who support the Park and we pledge to be good stewards of the funds provided by our donors.

In addition to fundraising for annual operating expenses and capital projects, the Park has established specific funds dedicated to supporting the restoration and long-term care of artifacts entrusted to the Park including the four museum ships - USS Little Rock CLG-4, USS The Sullivans DD-537, USS Croaker SS-246, and PTF-17. A fund also supports the memorial gardens and monuments that require long-term care and maintenance.

Planned Giving Opportunities

The Col. Patrick J. Cunningham Legacy Society was created to honor Col. Patrick J. Cunningham, who dedicated much of his civilian life to building the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park until his passing in 2018.

When you make a Planned Gift to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, you join Col. Cunningham and his family in ensuring the Park will continue its mission for generations to come.

Making a Planned Gift to the Park is a powerful way to preserve your legacy or the legacy of a loved one who served in the military. It also honors the brave men and women that served our country in defense of freedom.

We invite you to join the Col. Patrick J. Cunningham Legacy Society. Your pledge of support today will honor those of yesterday and ensure the legacy for the generations of tomorrow.
Planned Giving

There are many ways to support the Buffalo Naval Park with a gift from your estate. The simplest ways are to include the Buffalo Naval Park in your will or as a beneficiary of your retirement account.

Please contact the Buffalo Naval Park to receive our tax id number and preferred language to ensure that your gift is directed to support the cause you care about the most. We are also happy to talk with you about other ways that you can support the Naval Park that may have additional tax benefits for you and your family.

We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor or attorney about the planned gift that will work best for your circumstance.

Donor Recognition

If you have included the Buffalo Naval Park in your estate plans we would like to know, so we can celebrate your generosity! When you have informed us of your plans to support the Naval Park you will receive:

- Recognition on the Wall of Honor
- Name recognition in publications and communications with your approval
- Invitation to special events for donors and family members
- Lifetime Membership to the Park

Learn more about legacy giving

- Email Paul Marzello paul@buffalonavalpark.org
- Call Paul Marzello at 716-847-1773 ext. 14
- Visit us online: buffalonavalpark.org/legacygiving

Donor Designation

With Major Gifts and Planned Gifts, you can also designate how your gift is used by The Buffalo Naval Park. The Park has established a number of funds that provide options for you to direct your support of the Park based on your preferences.

- USS The Sullivans Fund
  Support, maintenance and restoration of the Fletcher-class destroyer

- USS Little Rock Fund
  Support, maintenance and restoration of the Cleveland-class cruiser

- USS Croaker Fund
  Support, maintenance and restoration of the Gato-class submarine

- PTF-17 Fund
  Support, maintenance and restoration of the Nasty Class Fast Patrol Boat.

- Gardens & Monuments Fund
  Support, maintenance and installation of gardens and memorials

- Unrestricted Fund
  Support the Naval Park as needed

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Our mission is to honor veterans, active military, and military families; educate about the history and values of service and sacrifice in defense of freedom; inspire a sense of patriotism and appreciation in protecting the right to liberty and justice for all; and preserve the military artifacts entrusted to our care. The many exhibits and artifacts featured at the Buffalo Naval & Military Park bring to life some of the major events in our nation’s history to defend freedom and democracy and honor those who have served.

The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park opened to the public in 1979. It has grown to become the largest inland Naval and Military Park in the country featuring four decommissioned museum ships, dozens of exhibits and thousands of artifacts. Your support of the Park ensures future generations will be able to experience our shared military history.