Located on the Buffalo Waterfront, the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park is a can’t-miss family destination featuring four decommissioned U.S. Navy vessels along with exhibits, monuments, educational programs, and more.

Come aboard and step back in time as you walk the deck of a World War II-era destroyer, cruiser, and submarine, and explore the stories they hold. HISTORY AWAITS YOU!
USS The Sullivans is named for the five brothers from Waterloo, Iowa who lost their lives while serving together aboard USS Juneau CL 52 in November 1942. This **Fletcher-class destroyer** is the first ship to be named for more than one person, and it served in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Blockade, and assisted in the rescue efforts of the nuclear submarine USS Thresher. The ship arrived in Buffalo in 1977 for display and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986.

**USS THE SULLIVANS DD 537**

- **Commissioned:** 1945
- **Decommissioned:** 1976
- **Length:** 376’
- **Beam(width):** 39’
- **Displacement:** 2,150 tons
- **Complement:** 1,400 Sailors and Marines

USS Little Rock, a Cold War flagship of the 2nd and 6th Fleet, is the last surviving vessel from the **Cleveland-class of light cruisers** in the world. Originally classified as CL 92, USS Little Rock was 1 of 3 ships to be converted to a **Galveston-class guided missile cruiser** and was recommissioned in 1960 as CLG 4. The ship patrolled the Atlantic from the Arctic Circle to South America and was a fixture in the Mediterranean Sea. USS Little Rock arrived in Buffalo for display in 1977.

**USS LITTLE ROCK CLG 4**

- **Commissioned:** 1943
- **Decommissioned:** 1976
- **Length:** 610’
- **Beam(width):** 66’
- **Displacement:** 11,500 tons
- **Complement:** 1,400 Sailors and Marines
USS Croaker is a **Gato-class submarine** that conducted six war patrols in the Pacific theater during World War II. Originally classified as SS 246, USS Croaker was converted to a Hunter-Killer submarine and recommissioned in 1953 as SSK 246. The submarine operated in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean and later served as a Naval Reserve trainer. USS Croaker arrived in Buffalo for display in 1988 and was placed on the National and New York State registers of historic places in 2008.

PTF 17 is a **Nasty-class (Tjeld) Fast Patrol Boat**, a Norwegian design built under license by John Trumpy and Sons at Annapolis, Maryland. Only 20 PTF boats were created in this class for the United States, and they were all used to patrol coastal and inland waters in Vietnam. They were able to travel at speeds up to 40 knots. PTF 17 was later assigned to Coastal River Division 21 which was headquartered at Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago, Illinois. PTF 17 arrived in Buffalo for display in 1979.
Tour route can be physically challenging due to tight spaces and ladders. Use caution when touring and be aware of overhead obstructions.

Follow the yellow line for the main tour route, and blue lines for an extended tour route if you have more time.

Appropriate clothing and footwear are highly recommended. Backpacks are not recommended.

Guests under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Inside the Museum Building is a gift shop, restaurant, and U.S. Military exhibits on the 2nd Floor. The museum contains artifacts from multiple branches of the military, including a P-39 Airacobra that was built in Buffalo, as well as rotating and temporary exhibitions.

The Outdoor Exhibit Yard contains some of the largest military equipment in our collection including a Navy FJ-4B Fury Jet, Air Force F-101F Voodoo Fighter Interceptor Jet, UH-1 “Huey” helicopter, an Army M-41 tank, the PTF-17 boat, and more.

Located in our green oasis along the waterfront, the Veterans Memorial Gardens is home to several monuments to honor and remember Veterans. This space can serve as a quiet place for remembrance and reflection before or after touring the museum and ships.
PLAN YOUR VISIT

OPERATING SCHEDULE

April through September: Open Daily 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October: Open Daily 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
November: Open Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Operating schedules and availability are subject to change without notice. Last ticket is sold one hour before the park closes. In the event of snowy and icy conditions, ships may close due to safety concerns. Please call ahead of time to confirm availability.

TICKETS

Purchase your tickets for a self-guided tour on site or online at buffalonavalpark.org/visit/buy-tickets

Visit our website to learn more about guided tours, curator tours, group visits, overnight youth encampments, and other programs.

Become a member and enjoy unlimited admission and special discounts!

*Additional street and lot parking is available in the area.