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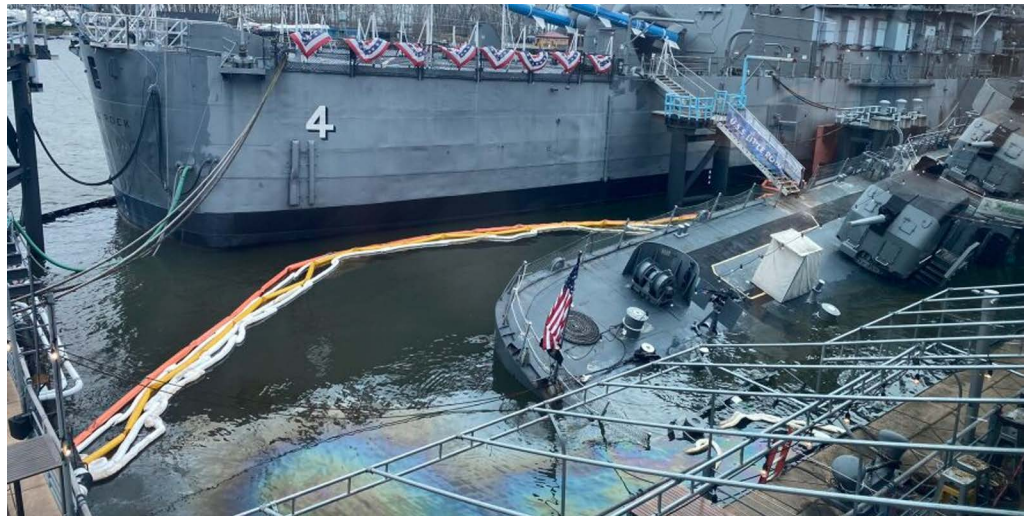
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\$500K allocated to help fix USS *The Sullivans*



More help is on the way to save USS *The Sullivans*.

Local lawmakers joined officials from the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park on Tuesday to celebrate **additional funding for the historic World War II ship.**

\$500,000 has been allocated to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to help fix the *Fletcher*-class destroyer. New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes made the announcement Tuesday saying the money is being allocated from the majority leader's "state discretionary capital funds."

"The USS *The Sullivans* has served for generations as a popular Buffalo waterfront attraction and a beloved piece of American history," said Peoples-Stokes. "I applaud the incredible work of the Naval Park, the City of Buffalo and Erie County, emergency responders and contractors, and our military,

who aided in the rescue of the vessel after a water breach partially submerged the USS *The Sullivans*."

The announcement comes two months after the hull of *The Sullivans* was breached and the ship started taking on water. *The Sullivans* could be seen listing on the shore of Lake Erie. The dramatic scene has caused onlookers to flock down to the waterfront to get a look.

"The incident with the USS *The Sullivans* in April, while unfortunate and unexpected, is not unimaginable with an 80-year-old warship that is 50 years past her expected life. While the ship was raised in less than three weeks, there is still much work to do to preserve and maintain USS *The Sullivans* and we are grateful for the support of Majority Leader Peoples-Stokes," said Paul Marzello, president and CEO of the **Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park.**

"The funding allocated through DASNY will help with repairs to the ship as well preserve the intangible artifacts on board."

Crystal Peoples-Stokes
New York State Assembly
Majority Leader

News Around the Fleet



■ Modern Navy helps Get USS Orleck Ship-Shape

Job one was to move what Navy Talent Acquisition Group Jacksonville members called a very big "typewriter" from one part of the USS *Orleck* to another.

It was actually a teletype machine used to relay printed messages to ships when the Navy destroyer was on active duty during the Vietnam and Korean wars.

"That 2,000-pound typewriter that was a task. But that was pretty cool," said Petty Officer 1st Class Duane Lee on the soon-to-be floating museum on Jacksonville's Northbank. "We set up a couple of tents and we did a couple of sweepers to make sure the ship was clean. Anything they asked us to do, we pretty much did it."

Heeding the call from the Jacksonville Naval Museum for volunteers, current and retired military spent June 10 on board the 77-year-old destroyer making the storied 390-foot warship ship-shape for the city's bicentennial the next day.

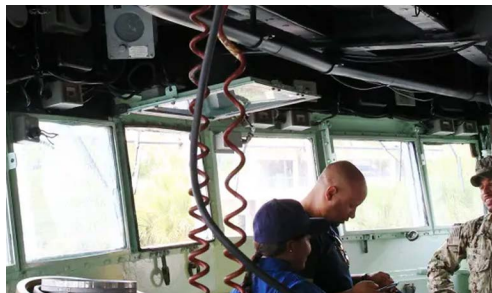
"I've just been helping out wherever needed, doing a lot of moving chairs and rearranging, and a lot of preservation," said Petty Officer 1st Class Juan Hall.

Sweating through his T-shirt as he took a break on the cramped bridge, museum treasurer and ship manager Craig Bernat said he appreciated the help from the sailors, some hammering at a recalcitrant bolt on a nearby hatchway.

"When we pulled the ship in here [in late March], I was worried about me being the only volunteer," said Bernat, a recruiter



(Orleck ship manager Craig Bernat in the ship's communications room (Florida Times-Union))



Petty Officer Juan Hall (right) talks with fellow Petty Officer Duane Lee and Chief Youdline Adam on the bridge of the USS Orleck as they and others from the U.S. Navy's Jacksonville recruitment office volunteered to clean up the ship for future museum duty (Florida Times-Union)

when he was in the Navy. "But then everybody showed up the first weekend we asked for volunteers and we had almost 30 people. Every few days we have a bunch of active-duty Navy showing up. If it hadn't been for them, I tell you we would not be where we are today."

Just because it has served as a museum in recent years does not mean the *Orleck* is ready to handle daily visitors yet, Bernat said.

"Unfortunately they did not have the volunteer crew to come on board and do the work," he said of the *Orleck's* last homeport. "You had one or two people trying to maintain this 390-foot vessel and it doesn't

work that way. So we have been working on that right now."

The museum is raising money for necessities like Navy-grade gray paint as it asks for volunteers to help prepare the ship for museum duties.

"It's getting the spaces all cleaned up top to bottom, preserving them and getting rid of the rust best we can, then move onto the next space," Bernat said. "There are no rats, mice or pigeons aboard this ship. Cobwebs, I am sure there are, and dust balls, that's what we are cleaning up."

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■ Camp Aboard USS *Kidd* This Summer

Did you know you can spend the night aboard the USS *Kidd*? Talk about a one-of-a-kind experience you'll never forget, even if you don't see any ghosts!

Admission for the Overnight Camping program is \$30.00 per person (adults & children). There is a minimum of 20 people required to make a reservation and all participants must be at least six (6) years of age or older. The USS *Kidd* requires a minimum ratio of one (1) adult per every eight (8) children. There may be other groups aboard the ship with you on the night of your stay. [WEBSITE](#)



■ USS *Constellation* Gains a New Education Center



The Historic Ships in Baltimore USS Constellation Education Center and Inner Harbor Water Taxi Terminal opened Saturday after 22 years in the making. (Photo by Ed Gunts)

One of Baltimore's longest construction projects has finally opened its doors to the public, the latest in a series of improvements aimed at rejuvenating the Inner Harbor.

The Historic Ships in Baltimore USS *Constellation* Education Center and Inner Harbor Water Taxi Terminal is the name of a one-story building that now serves as a visitor center and boarding platform for the 1854 warship that's one of the city's biggest attractions.

The *Constellation* had been docked temporarily on the Inner Harbor's west shore, awaiting completion of the new building. On Tuesday, it was moved back to its regular berth on the west side of Pier 1, and connected to the education center by two

gangways. On Saturday at 10:30 a.m., a staffer unlocked the chain link construction fence that still frames the site, opened the gates, and visitors started heading towards the ticket counter.

Within the first half-hour, the new attraction had drawn visitors from Peru, New Zealand, Ireland, England, Slovenia and many other places, all paying \$20 for a chance to tour the *Constellation* and other vessels that are part of Historic Ships in Baltimore, the maritime museum that operates the facility. Some of the initial visitors said they came specifically to tour the *Constellation*; others said they saw the gates open and just decided to go in.

"We thought it was a pirate ship," said Jessica Fane, a visitor from Atlantic City, New Jersey,

in town to see the Orioles game against the Cleveland Guardians and celebrate her one-year anniversary with her partner, Keri.

"We didn't come to Baltimore to do historic things, but this is a nice surprise," Keri Fane said after their tour. "This is definitely worth it."

Tilen Rihtarsic and Nina Podjed said they're touring the U. S. from Slovenia, had already been to Washington, D. C. and were on their way to Philadelphia and New York. "We're doing a road trip and we wanted to stop here," Rihtarsic said. "Very nice."

"I saw the [*Torsk*] submarine this morning and I'm always interested in history," said Sylvia Corwin of Atlanta, visiting with her sister Geno Angulo from Lima, Peru. "Amazing."

"It's about time," said Ann Fentriss, a south Baltimore resident who walks along the Inner Harbor promenade every day for exercise and passed by Pier 1 just before the gates opened. "How long has it taken?"

Christopher Rowsom, executive director of Historic Ships in Baltimore and the man who unlocked the gates, said the education center was having a "soft opening" and that there likely would be a formal dedication ceremony later in the month. For now, he said, he's just happy to see it open.

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■ Albacore Park Offering Cooking Classes; Education Programs

Albacore park is pleased to announce daily presentations and demonstrations!
Hands-on! Perfect for families!
Let's learn about submarines!

Mondays:

- *Corpsman UP!* Learn about medical procedures on submarines!
- *Whatever Floats Your Boat!* Buoyancy Activities

Two for Tuesdays:

- *Sink or Float!* Buoyancy for your little ones
- *Dashes & Dots* – Morse Code

Wednesdays:

- *Virtual Reality* – **NEW** this year!
Your journey to the USS ALBACORE through VR
- *Wave That Flag!* Try your hand at silent communications with Semaphore Flags

Thursdays:

- *Dashes & Dots* – Morse Code
- *Virtual Reality* – **NEW** this year!
Your journey to the USS ALBACORE through VR

Fridays:

- *Whatever Floats Your Boat!* Buoyancy Activities

Saturdays:

- *Corpsman UP!* Learn about medical procedures on submarines!
- Cold War Presentations in Museum

Sundays:

- *Virtual Reality* – **NEW** this year!
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- Cold War Presentations in Museum

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Portsmouth Submarine Memorial Association (PSMA) and Albacore Park Museum 569 Submarine Way, a National Historic Landmark Site in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is pleased to announce "First Friday Cooking Demonstrations" with submariner and Mess Management Specialist (MS), Joe Afienko, on Friday, July 1 and Friday, August 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Food purchased by the U.S. Navy is high quality food. To maintain this high quality from the time it reaches the U.S. Navy stores until it is served, the food must have careful preparation and service. Storage, recipes, and preparation will be covered by Mr. Afienko and he will serve up some traditional submariner fare samples for you to taste. Executive Director, Patricia Violette says, "Keeping the crew well fed and healthy are important aspects for the Galley cooks. There were so many meals per day with so many seating's – it is hard to imagine how difficult it was for the cooks to operate while their submarine is diving or surfacing – those angles and dangles must have been nearly impossible to control the Galley fryers and grills unless adequately notified by the Commanding Officer. Sometimes, it was very dangerous for those cooks."

On Friday, July 1, enjoy the traditional SOS or rather, chipped beef on toast, a military favorite. Then, on Friday, August 6, you'll enjoy a much-appreciated dish of bread pudding. A crewman's favorite! There will be small samples and a discussion about eating and cooking on board a submarine!

They have also been working very hard to bring quality engaging programming to our visitors and groups this summer! Their staff has trained and are ready to immerse guests in submarine culture! Activities start Sunday, June 26! For more info, go to their [website](#).



■ *Kitty Hawk* Arrives in Brownsville for Scrapping

The Navy's last conventional super carriers arrived in Brownsville, Texas this week after taking one last towed sail before getting scrapped.

The former USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) reached South Padre Island, near the Texas-Mexico border at the end of May as veterans of one of the Navy's last conventional carriers looked on, according to a report in *The Brownsville Herald*.

The ship is now at International Shipbreaking Limited, which bought the supercarrier for a penny last year to dismantle and recycle. The shipyard will also scrap the former USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67),

similarly purchased for a penny.

A spokesperson for International Shipbreaking Limited said the yard will begin "actual structural dismantling in July" and plans to finish the dismantling process in about 18 months. The expected completion date is December 2023.

Kitty Hawk left Bremerton, Wash., on Jan. 15 to make its last sail to Brownsville ahead of the dismantlement, Kitsap Sun reported at the time.

International Shipbreaking Limited's 2021 purchase of *Kitty Hawk* dealt a final blow to some veterans' desires to make the ship into a museum,



similar to the five other aircraft carrier museums throughout the United States, *USNI News* previously reported. One problem facing efforts to make the ship a museum was finding a city to house the super carrier that did not

already have an aircraft carrier museum, Ryan Szimanski, the executive director of the Historic Naval Ships Association, told *USNI News* at the time.

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■ What Makes HMS *Belfast* a Legend?

(Original Text from *Interesting Engineering Online Article*)

Laid down over 80 years ago, HMS *Belfast*, which survived the Second World War, is one of the most famous ships in British naval history. She saw action keeping Arctic convoys safe from German U-boats, helped hunt and destroy the German heavy cruiser SS *Scharnhorst*, provided support fire during the D-Day landings, and even did her bit in the Korean War.

Still resplendent in her camouflage paint scheme, the ship attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists to the very day.

HMS *Belfast* is a Town-class light cruiser formerly in service to the Royal Navy. Her keel was laid in December of 1936, and

she was launched, fittingly, on St. Patrick's day in 1938.

The first Royal Navy vessel to bear the name (due to her being built in Belfast, Northern Ireland), she joined the British Home Fleet in August of 1939 - just in time for World War 2.

Her early days in the war were spent blockading German shipping routes, but she hit a mine and suffered extensive damage. After some plans to write her off, she underwent extensive repairs and rejoined the fight in 1942, sporting heavier armor, better guns, improved radar, and other upgraded equipment.

Following her return to service, she spent some time in 1943 escorting Allied convoys through Arctic shipping lanes to support the Soviet war



effort. That very same year, she played a pivotal role during the Battle of North Cape, which led to the destruction of the Kriegsmarine's feared battlecruiser *Scharnhorst*.

The following year, HMS *Belfast* took part in Operation Overlord by supporting the Normandy

Landings during D-Day. Her role was to help shell the beaches to clear obstacles and defenses for the amphibious landings to come.

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■ USS Monitor Found in 'Astonishing Condition'



The USS *Monitor*, a Civil War ship which sunk off the coast of North Carolina in 1862, has been found in "astonishing condition," experts have said, according to **CBS News**.

Even though the site was disturbed 20 years ago when divers recovered parts of the ship, a recent survey found the vessel's remains to be in remarkably good shape. While it had been on the bottom of the ocean for 160 years, it's in "an excellent state of preservation," according to Tane Renata Casserley, resource protection and permit coordinator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

■ Executive Director Search at USS Kidd

The Louisiana Naval War Memorial Commission, which operates the USS *Kidd* Veterans Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, seeks an Executive Director to provide leadership and to execute the goals and objectives of the Commission.

This position is full-time and salaried. You must be able climb shipboard stairs and ladders and negotiate tight spaces. A normal workweek is 5, 8-hour days, however, you can expect to be on 24-hour call status, as well as working some weekends and many holidays.

Anticipated start date is October 3, 2022.

Responsibilities:

- Keep the best interests of USS *Kidd* and the Museum as top priority.
- Oversee the operations of the Museum in a business-like manner.
- Prepare an annual budget and subsidiary budgets.
- Generate sufficient operating income in accordance with the Commission-approved budget.
- Manage and lead the staff, volunteers and contractors.
- Develop policies and procedures for all aspects of the Museum's operation.
- Recruit, hire, fire, set compensation and discipline employees.
- Create and present reports to the

- Commission on a regular basis.
- Manage, secure and maintain the Museum property in a safe and attractive manner.
 - Work with Louisiana Veterans Museum Foundation to develop fundraising events and opportunities.
 - Seek potential granting organizations. Write and submit grant applications and manage successful grants.
 - Maintain an appropriate public relations program through available news outlets.
 - Maintain a positive position in the local community.
 - Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A college degree in business administration, history, or another related field, or comparable related experience.
- Record of accomplishing projects and programs.
- Strong written and verbal communication, customer service, and interpersonal and conflict resolution skills.
- Strong project management and organizational skills.
- Self-motivated, professional, and detail-oriented.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience maintaining, preserving, or restoring an historic vessel or structure.
- Background in the museum or non-profit profession. Ten years

on museum ships, ships, museums, or other cultural institutions.

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.
- Social media experience.
- Military and Naval knowledge.

Benefits:

- Group Health Insurance Plan (50% paid by Museum).
- 5 Paid Holidays, plus Sick and Personal Days
- Vacation
- 401(K) - type savings with partial match.

Please no phone calls.

Send resume and letter of interest to Larry Muenzler, lmuenzler@gmail.com.

Equal Employment Opportunity. The Commission strongly supports equal employment opportunity for all applicants regardless of race, color, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation or preference, medical condition (including pregnancy) or protected disability where it is unrelated to the ability to perform a job, or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran, or any category prohibited by federal, state or applicable local law, regulation or ordinance.

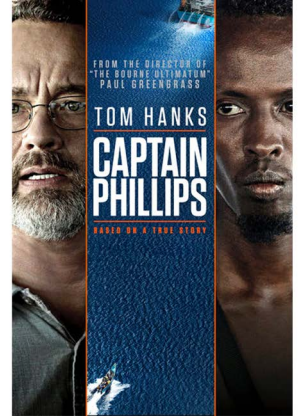
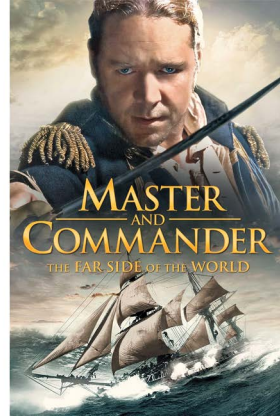
■ Join USS Constitution for Summer Movie Nights!

Set sail on the big screen with the USS Constitution's free movie nights this summer.

The museum and ship, known as "Old Ironsides," kicked off its series Friday, June 24, with "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." The swashbuckling adventure screened on the spar deck.

Before the movie began, guests had the opportunity to take part in family-friendly activities with museum educators and Museum Public Historian Carl Herzog. Guests learned about the connections between a pirate's life aboard the Pearl and a sailor's life aboard Old Ironsides.

Summer Movie Nights will continue with "Master and Commander: the Far Side of the World" on July 15 and "Captain Phillips" on Aug. 20.



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