

# USS SLATER

DESTROYER ESCORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM



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# BACKGROUND

During World War II, 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-boats in the Atlantic, protecting convoys of men and material. In the Pacific, they stood in line to defend naval task forces from Japanese submarines and Kamikaze air attacks. Today, only one of these ships remains afloat in the United States, the USS SLATER.

Moored in Albany, New York, USS SLATER is a museum ship open to the public to tour. She serves as a memorial to all Destroyer Escort ships, their sailors, as well as the men and women who built the ships, and their families, descendants, and friends.





# HISTORY

**SLATER** was built in Tampa, Florida in 1944. She entered service for WWII and completed five convoy escorts across the Atlantic, where every ship in her protection safely arrived. In 1946, she served in the Pacific on occupation duty. After deactivation, she was transferred to the Greek Navy where she served for forty years.

In 1993, **SLATER** returned to the United States and was berthed at the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum in New York City. By 1997, **SLATER** was moved to her new berth on the Hudson River in Albany, New York. She's been open to the public and undergoing constant restoration to return her to her 1945 configuration.



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# VOLUNTEERS

**SLATER HAS MANY EDUCATION AND  
MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS WITH VAST  
AMOUNTS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WHO  
ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO SHARE.**

# PRICE POINTS

- TOURS - \$10 ADULTS, \$9 SENIORS, \$8 CHILDREN
- GROUP TOURS - \$7 ADULTS, \$5 STUDENTS
- OVERNIGHTS - \$50 PER CAMPER
- PRESENTATIONS - \$75 (1 HOUR)
- VIRTUAL TOURS - \$75 (LIVE TOUR GUIDE)
- ENGINE ROOM TOUR - \$5 TICKET
- COLLECTION TOUR - \$5 TICKET

## MEMBERSHIP

- INDIVIDUAL - \$25 (1 YEAR) \$48 (2 YEAR)
- FAMILY - \$35 (1 YEAR) \$65 (2 YEAR)
- LIFETIME - \$500

# PUBLICATIONS

**SLATER SIGNALS** - A MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.

**TRIM BUT DEADLY** - A QUARTERLY PRINT NEWSLETTER.

**DE CLASSIFIED** - A MONTHLY PODCAST.



# CEREMONIES

DESTROYER ESCORT DAY

COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY

NAVY BIRTHDAY

OXI DAY

VETERAN'S DAY

# HOLIDAYS OPEN

MOTHER'S DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

FATHER'S DAY

INDEPENDANCE DAY

LABOR DAY

COLUMBUS DAY

VETERAN'S DAY

# BY THE NUMBERS

SLATER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
8 MONTHS OF THE YEAR. ON AVERAGE, WE  
WELCOME 15,000 VISITORS PER SEASON.

OUR VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE OVER  
20,000 HOURS OF SERVICE PER YEAR

OUT OF THE 563 DESTROYER ESCORTS BUILT  
DURING WWII, 6 EXSIST TODAY.  
SLATER IS THE ONLY ONE AFLOAT IN THE U.S.

SLATER SUPPORTERS DONATE AN AVERAGE OF  
\$330,000 PER YEAR. THESE DONATIONS ARE  
VITAL TO THE SHIP'S SURVIVAL AS SHE RECIEVES  
NO REGULAR SUPPORT FROM STATE OR FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENTS, OR THE U.S. NAVY.