

U.S.S. SLATER DE 766  
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MEDIA NEWS MEMO

DATE: October 28, 2011  
TO: Calendar & Assignment Editors  
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EVENT: Veterans Day Hours

**DATE & TIME: Friday, November 11, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

PLACE: USS SLATER

**SIGNIFICANCE: The USS SLATER Veterans Day memorial observance will be held Friday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.**

The ship will be open to the public for guided tours following the observance until 4 p.m. Admission is charged. Visiting an historic warship is a wonderful way to honor the veteran in your family. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to visit Albany's World War II Destroyer Escort—the only DE afloat in America.

During World War II 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-Boats on the North Atlantic protecting convoys of men and supplies. In the Pacific, they stood first in line to defend naval task forces from Kamikaze attacks. Many DEs continued serving the United States throughout the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. Others were given to Allied nations after World War II and served gallantly in foreign navies. The USS SLATER represents all of these destroyer escorts in service throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The USS SLATER will remain open through November 27 this year. The ship will be closed Thanksgiving Day. Regular public hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After Thanksgiving Weekend, the ship will close for the winter, reopening in April 2012.

The USS SLATER is located on the Hudson River in Downtown Albany just south of the Dunn Memorial Bridge. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

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