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MEDIA KIT

USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9
COMMISSIONING WEEK
DECEMBER 8-17, 2017

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY - SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2017 | 1100
CANALSIDE - BUFFALO, NEW YORK





USS LITTLE ROCK (LCS 9)
COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Media Information

USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9

Commissioning Week
December 8 - 17, 2017

Commissioning Ceremony
Saturday December 16, 2017 11:00am | Canalside Buffalo

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Media Day 12/14
Commissioning Day / Commissioning Ceremony 12/16

Social Media

Commissioning Committee Website: usslittlerocklcs9.org
Commissioning Committee Facebook page: facebook.com/USSLittleRockLCS9
Commissioning Committee Instagram: USSLittleRock9
Commissioning Committee Twitter: @usslittlerocklcs9

The Ship

The ship is referred to at the future USS Little Rock LCS 9 until the time of her commissioning at which point it officially enters the fleet and becomes known as USS Little Rock LCS 9. See section on LCS ships in this media kit.

The ship's motto is "Back with a Vengeance"

The Crew

The crew is known as LCS Crew 109 Warhaws.





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Security (Media)

The future USS Little Rock LCS 9 is schedule to be docked at Canalside from December 4, 2017 through December 18, 2017. During that time, the Canalside perimeter will be secured (See Site Plan exhibit). Access to Canalside will be through and Entry Control Point (ECP) located at the intersection of Marine Drive and Hanover Street. All media representatives will be required to enter through this ECP and established screening procedures.

While on site, media should be escorted by a member of the Commissioning Committee publicity action team member of LCS Crew 109. Access to LCS 9 and any members of her crew will be by special pre-arrangement or on Media Day (12/14/17) coordinated by:

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Live shots - any live reports - via microwave relay, uplink, mobile - during commissioning week will need to be pre-arranged / cleared by the commissioning committee when possible.

Media Credentials & Registration

The Commissioning Committee has established a mechanism for media to register to cover the events of Commissioning Week.

<https://usslittlerocklcs9.org/media-press-credentials-registration/>

Registered media will be issued a Media Badge for the week but will be require to sign-in each time they wish to be on site (Canalside). Media will also be required to pass through the ECP and security screening each time they enter the site.

*Separate registration will be required for Media Day and Commissioning Day coverage. A media advisory will be sent for these events by:

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General Information

- Commissioning Ceremony held Saturday, 16 December 2017 at 11am, rain or shine
- First time in US Navy 242 year history a new ship is commissioning along side namesake
- Site layout
- Handicap access - handicap drop-off is at the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park



– **Security Information (General Public)**

During Commissioning Week, the Canalside perimeter will be secured. Access to Canalside will be through and Entry Control Point (ECP) located at the intersection of Marine Drive and Hanover Street. People entering Canalside during Commissioning Week and for the Commissioning ceremony should expect TSA / airport type security screening.

Due to elevated Force Protection procedures, all invited guests are required to have a ticket and photo identification card (example: military ID, driver's license, etc.) on their person for security access. Children under 16 do not require a photo ID with an adult escort. Please have your photo ID and tickets available upon arrival. All invited guests will pass through a security checkpoint before entering Canalside, which will include metal detectors, bag inspections and military working dogs. Have the ticket on your person at the security checkpoint.

Do not bring weapons, large bags, backpacks, umbrellas or coolers. Diaper bags and purses will be allowed, but will be subject to inspection. Security measures are subject to change due to increases in force protection conditions. **NO CONCEALED OR OPEN CARRIED WEAPONS ALLOWED.**



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- Water-Side Security - the Buffalo River waterway will be a secure area and private craft are discouraged from entering the Buffalo River during Commissioning Week. This water way will be patrolled by security craft 24/7 and any marine traffic will be restricted from coming within 100 yards of LCS 9.
- Airspace - the airspace above Canalside will be restricted for private aircraft - manned and unmanned. UAV (drone) flights will not be permitted during the time LCS 9 is docked at Canalside.
- Parking / Mass Transit - normal event parking will be available in the area around Canalside, however, people are encouraged to use NFTA MetroRail service which will be operating on a special event schedule.
- Weather - attendees are reminded to check the local weather forecast the day of commissioning and dress appropriately. The commissioning ceremony is expected to be 90 minutes long and will be outside.



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Schedule of Events

All events, times and dates, subject to change. Additional events may be added and information sent to the media via email Media Advisories.

Monday 12/4 /17

09:00pm - Ship Arrival Event, Canalside, Buffalo NY

3:30pm - Arrival Press Conference, Canalside, Buffalo NY

Daily Briefings / Media Advisories - 12/8/17-12/17/17 - 7:00am

Saturday 12/9/17

9:00am - 2:30pm - LCS 9 Crew visits to VA in Buffalo & Batavia

2:00pm - 6:00pm - Army Navy Game Watch Party at Buffalo River Works

Sunday 12/10/17

1:00pm - 5:00pm - LCS Crew 109 at Buffalo Bills Game - New Era Field, Orchard Park NY

Monday 12/11/17

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Buffalo Harbor Museum Welcome Reception - Buffalo NY

Tuesday 12/12/17

12:00pm - 2:00pm Gold Star Families Luncheon, Buffalo, NY

7:00pm - 10:30pm - LCS Crew 109 at Buffalo Sabres Game - KeyBank Center, Buffalo NY

Wednesday 12/13/17

6:00pm - 9:00pm - Crew Welcome Party, Buffalo NY

Thursday 12/14/17

12:00pm - 4:00pm - Media Day - USS Little Rock LCS 9

2:00pm - 4:00pm - Military Enlistment Ceremonies - Buffalo Naval & Military Park, Buffalo NY

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Little Rock Association Welcome Reception - Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo NY

7:00pm - 9:30pm - Commanding Officer's Reception - Hotel @ the Lafayette, Buffalo NY

Friday 12/15/17

10:00am - Little Rock Association Annual Memorial Service - Buffalo Naval & Military Park, Buffalo NY

12:00pm - 2:00pm - Sponsor's Luncheon, Buffalo NY

5:30pm - 6:30pm - City of Little Rock VIP Reception, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Buffalo NY

6:30pm - 11:00pm - Chairman's Reception, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Buffalo NY

Saturday 12/16/17

9:00am - 10:30am - Pre-Commissioning Platform Briefing Breakfast

11:00am - 12:30pm - Commissioning Ceremony

1:00pm - 3:00pm - Post-Commissioning Reception

Sunday 12/17/17

8:00am - 10:30am - Sail-Away Brunch, Buffalo Marriott HarborCenter, Buffalo NY



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Ticketing

Tickets for the Commissioning Ceremony are free and the general public was invited to register for commissioning tickets via the USS Little Rock LCS 9 Commissioning Committee website. Online registration for tickets was closed on Monday 20 November 2017, when nearly 9,000 ticket registrations have been received. This number is the capacity for Canalside for the Commissioning site set-up.

Those people that registered for tickets will receive tickets by mail approximately two weeks prior to commissioning day.

More than 10,000 people are expected for the Commissioning Ceremony on Saturday, December 16th.

Commissioning Week Events

All events are open to the media for coverage. If you would like to cover these events, please contact Daniel Mecca 716.206.4413 - unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 4 December 2017 09:00am

THE FUTURE USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9 ARRIVAL

LCS 9 will officially arrive in Buffalo Escorted by the Edward M. Cotter Fireboat. Onboard (Ride-in) will be LCS 9 Command and LCS Crew 109 along with Commissioning Committee Leadership, select VIP / DV, and select members of the media

Monday 4 December 2017 | 03:30pm

THE FUTURE USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9 WELCOME PRESS CONFERENCE

Saturday, 9 December 2017

LCS Crew 109 Visit to VA

Sailors from LCS Crew 109 will visit patients at the VA Hospitals in Buffalo and Batavia from 9:00am to 2:30pm.

Location

VA Buffalo

3495 Bailey Ave

Buffalo, NY 14215

VA Batavia

222 Richmond Ave

Batavia, NY 14020

Saturday, 9 December 2017

ARMY NAVY GAME WATCH PARTY

The USS Little Rock Commissioning Committee and Buffalo RiverWorks are hosting an Army Navy Game Watch Party for LCS Crew 109 and their families. The public is invited to also attend.

Saturday, December 9, 2017

2:00pm - 6:00pm (Kick-off is 3:00pm on CBS)

Buffalo RiverWorks

- The public is invited to come to RiverWorks and watch the game on the big screen with crew of the USS Little Rock LCS 9.
- Special Half-time performance by Ricky Lee sponsored by the Made in America Store
- Food and beverage available for purchase

Commissioning Committee Website

Commissioning Committee Social Media



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Sunday, 10 December 2017

LCS CREW 109 AT THE BUFFALO BILLS VS INDIANAPOLIS COLTS GAME

The USS Little Rock Commissioning Committee and the Buffalo Bills / Pegula Sports & Entertainment are hosting the crew of the USS Little Rock LCS 9 at the Bills at New Era Field.

Sunday December 10, 2017

1:00pm - 5:00pm

New Era Field

- 60 members of LCS Crew 109 along with Commissioning Committee members and distinguished guests will be shuttled from Canalside to New Era Field.

Monday, 11 December 2017

BUFFALO HARBOR MUSEUM WELCOME RECEPTION

The Buffalo Harbor Museum is hosting a reception welcoming the commanding officers and crew of LCS Crew 109. Directors of the Buffalo Renaissance Foundation will also attend.

Monday, December 11, 2017

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Buffalo Harbor Museum

66 Erie Street

Buffalo NY 14202

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

GOLD STAR FAMILY LUNCHEON

The USS Little Rock Commissioning Committee and the Daughters of the American Revolution are hosting a luncheon honoring Gold Star families and representatives of LCS Crew 109.

Tuesday December 12, 2017

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Katharine Pratt Horton Buffalo Chapter House

477 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

LCS CREW 109 AT BUFFALO SABRES VS OTTAWA SENATORS

The USS Little Rock Commissioning Committee and the Buffalo Bills / Pegula Sports & Entertainment are hosting the crew of the USS Little Rock LCS 9 at the Sabres at KeyBank Center

Tuesday December 12, 2017

7:00pm - 10:00pm

KeyBank Center, Buffalo NY

- 60 members of Crew 109 along with Commissioning Committee members and distinguished guests will attend.
- Representatives from the crew will be featured during pre-game ceremonies

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

OFFICIAL LCS CREW 109 WELCOME PARTY

The USS Little Rock Commissioning Committee will officially welcome the members of LCS Crew 109 as well as members of the Little Rock Association. The Little Rock Association includes Navy veterans who served aboard the original USS Little Rock, now a floating museum at the Buffalo Naval Park. This will be a unique gathering of the original crew of the USS Little Rock and the crew of the new USS Little Rock LCS 9.

Wednesday December 13, 2017

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Pearl Street Grill & Brewery

76 Pearl Street, Buffalo NY 14203



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Thursday, 14 December 2017

MEDIA DAY

LCS 9 commanding officers and crew will welcome members of the media for ship tours followed by a Q&A session.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Onboard the Future Little Rock LCS 9

Canalside Buffalo

Thursday, 14 December 2017

ENLISTMENT CEREMONY

Commanding officers and members LCS Crew 109 will host enlistment ceremonies for various US Military branches aboard the future USS Little Rock LCS 9. 30 individuals are schedule to be sworn in during this ceremony.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Onboard the Future Little Rock LCS 9

Canalside Buffalo

Thursday, 14 December 2017

LITTLE ROCK ASSOCIATION WELCOME RECEPTION

Members of the Little Rock Association - a group including Navy veterans who served aboard the original USS Little Rock are hosting a reception for the members of the organization that have traveled to Buffalo NY for the commissioning of the future USS Little Rock LCS 9.

Thursday December 14, 2017

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Adam's Mark Hotel

120 Church Street, Buffalo NY 14202

Thursday, 14 December 2017

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SHIP TOUR & RECEPTION

Commanding Officer Todd D. Peters, commanding officer of the USS Little Rock LCS 9 will host a special ship tour and reception honoring the Commissioning Committee members.

Thursday December 14, 2017

7:00pm - 9:30pm - Reception, Hotel at The Lafayette

391 Washington Street, Buffalo NY 14203

Friday, 15 December 2017

SHIP SPONSOR'S LUNCHEON

The USS Little Rock LCS 9 Commissioning Committee will host a special lunch in honor of LCS 9 Ship Sponsor Janee Bonner and her family.

Friday December 15, 2017

12:00pm - 2:00pm - onboard LCS 9



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CITY OF LITTLE ROCK RECEPTION

More than 30 member of the City of Little Rock LCS 9 Namesake Committee from Little Rock Arkansas are hosting a reception for the Commanding Officers and crew of LCS 9.

Friday December 15, 2017
5:30pm

Hyatt Regency Buffalo
2 Fountain Plaza
Buffalo NY 14202

Friday, 15 December 2017

CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

Maurice L. Naylor III, chairman of the USS Little Rock LCS 9 Commissioning Committee is hosting a reception in honor of the commanding officers, crew of LCS 9 and distinguished guests. During the reception, various gifts will be presented to Captain Todd Peters, commanding officer of LCS 9.

Friday December 15, 2017
6:30pm - 11:00pm

Hyatt Regency Buffalo
2 Fountain Plaza
Buffalo NY 14202

Saturday, 16 December 2017

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY - USS LITTLE ROCK LCS 9

Saturday December 16, 2017
11:00am

Canalside Buffalo
44 Prime Street
Buffalo NY 14202

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Video & Still Image Assets of LCS 9

VIDEO:

Sea Trials

USS Little Rock (LCS 9) Underway at High Speed during Acceptance Trials – August 2017 Lockheed Martin Videos

<https://vimeo.com/user63773265/review/231450288/0c64557a5d>

Ship Milestones and Ceremonies

LCS 9 (Little Rock) Launch and Christening – July 2015

Lockheed Martin Video

<https://vimeo.com/190573660>

LCS 9 (Little Rock) Keel Laying – July 2013

Lockheed Martin Video

<https://vimeo.com/190641338>

Ship Operations, Testing and Weapons Employment

USS Detroit (LCS 7) Combat Systems Qualification Testing

U.S. Navy Video

<https://vimeo.com/user63773265/review/209778976/8de75e7cd1>

USS Detroit (LCS 7) Surface to Surface Missile Firing

U.S. Navy Video

<https://vimeo.com/user63773265/review/209187740/b5549b35b6>

USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) Rough Water Transit in East China Sea

U.S. Navy Video

<https://vimeo.com/user63773265/review/241918811/c9b197ed2b>

USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) MH-60R Seahawk flight operations in Pacific Ocean

U.S. Navy Video

<https://vimeo.com/user63773265/review/241920279/685f67d1a0>