

Ships Announced to Participate in Navy and Marine Corps 250th Birthday Celebration



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NORFOLK, Va – The cities of Philadelphia and Camden will host the Navy Marine Corps 250 celebration October 9-16, 2025, with

four U.S. Navy ships, two Coast Guard cutters, and four U.S. Navy Academy Yard Patrol boats (YPs) and sailboats. These vessels will participate in the Parade of Ships on Thursday, Oct 9.

USS Arlington (LPD 24) – <https://www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/LPD24/>, USS Lassen (DDG 82) – <https://www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/ddg82/>, USS Cooperstown (LCS 23) – <https://www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/lcs23/>, USS Billings (LCS 15) – <https://www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/lcs15/>, USCGC Lawrence Lawson (WPC 1120), and USCGC James Rankin (WLM 555) will be available for public ship tours Oct 10-15.

Ship and pier locations include:

Philadelphia, Penn's Landing: (Ship public tours Oct 10-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct 15 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

- Freedom-class littoral combat ship, USS Cooperstown (LCS-23) from Mayport, Florida
- USCGC Lawrence Lawson (WPC 1120) from Cape May, New Jersey and USCGC James Rankin (WLM 555) from Baltimore, Maryland
- U.S. Naval Academy Yard Patrol boat and Sailboat from Annapolis, Maryland

Philadelphia, Pier 4: (Ship public tours Oct 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct 11-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

- San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock USS Arlington (LPD-24) from Norfolk, Virginia
- U.S. Naval Academy Yard Patrol boat and Sailboat from Annapolis, Maryland

Gloucester City, NJ, Gloucester Marine Terminal: (Ship public tours Oct 10-14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

- Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG-82) from Mayport, Florida

Camden ex-Battleship New Jersey: (Ship public tours Oct 10-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

- Freedom-class littoral combat ship USS Billings (LCS-15) from Mayport, Florida

Media interested in covering any NMC250 events can contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at (757) 322-2853 for more information.

Vice Admiral John Gumbleton, Acting Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command –

<https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Flag-Officer-Biographies/Search/Article/2236432/vice-admiral-john-gumbleton/>

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