

Fly Through History F6F/F4U

This 2 hour program will take place aboard the USS Yorktown in our state-of-the-art Flight Academy.

Mission Objective:

Participants will Fly the F4U from the USS Yorktown and land on Midway and will then take off in the F6F from Midway Island and land on the USS Yorktown.

Conflict:

World War II, Midway, June, 1942

Location:

Pacific Ocean, Off the Coast of Midway

Station Roles: Combat Information Center /
Air Traffic Control / Pilots for Aircraft

Aircraft:

F6F Hellcat / F4U Corsair

Academic Objectives:

Reinforcement of SC State standards in Social Studies, Math, and Science along with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.



Photograph of James H. Flatley Jr. in his "Double Zero" Grumman F6F Hellcat flying over water. From the Collection of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

James H. Flatley was an accomplished aviator and Navy ace who served during the Second World War. Having served aboard three different carriers, including the USS Yorktown (CV-10), Flatley was an early innovator in carrier aviation. Flatley continued to be an advocate for the importance of carrier aviation throughout his career. Flatley retired in 1958 with the rank of Vice Admiral.



Chief Boatswain Richard Meyer preparing to launch a Fighting Five F6F Hellcat from the Yorktown, August 1943. From the Collection of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

