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PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM TO HOST SEVERAL SANTA CLAUS APPEARANCES ABOARD THE USS YORKTOWN IN DECEMBER

Families Can Take Patriotic Pictures with Santa Claus; Children Get Free Museum Admission

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – During December, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will host several appearances by Santa Claus for families to visit and get professional photos onboard the historic USS Yorktown.

The appearances will be held on December 10th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th on the main hangar bay of the USS Yorktown. Children under 12 will receive free admission to the museum on those days. While aboard the ship, families are encouraged to enjoy the museum and the holiday atmosphere before and after their photo session. Decorated trees will be displayed throughout the hangar bay, seasonal music will play over the PA system, and holiday movies will be shown in the ship's theater.

“The Patriots Point family is extremely excited to add these appearances to our list of holiday events,” said Allison Hunt, Executive Director of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, “There is not a more patriotic place to enjoy the holidays - where else can your family take pictures with Santa Claus and have a massive World War II B-25 airplane in the background?”

Free registration for photos is required for December 10th and 17th, while the appearances on December 18th, 19th, and 20th do not require registration. Professional photo packages will be available for purchase on-site, starting at \$40. To learn more about the appearances and register, please visit www.patriotspoint.org.

The holiday tree program is made possible by the USS Yorktown Foundation, Lowe's of Mount Pleasant, Congressional Medal Of Honor Society, and Charleston County Park's Holiday Festival of Lights.

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About Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, on the Charleston Harbor, is the #1 attraction in Mount Pleasant, S.C., and is home to a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, and the only Vietnam Support Base Camp in the U.S. Patriots Point is also headquarters to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum. Visit www.patriotspoint.org for more details, or find us at @patriots_point on Twitter and Instagram, and Facebook at www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org.

About the USS Yorktown Foundation

The USS Yorktown Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to provide scholarships for educational programs at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, as well as supporting new exhibits, symposiums and special programs. The Foundation's mission is "to cultivate a unique learning environment that connects generations by celebrating America's history and its heroes, inspiring freedom, patriotism, leadership and service." For more information, please visit www.USSYorktownFoundation.org or call 843.881.5925.