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Patriots Point and Town of Mount Pleasant Host Black History Month Presentation

This Special Presentation Highlights African American Service, History, and a Lowcountry Story.

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, in partnership with the Town of Mount Pleasant, will host a special Black History Month presentation on Saturday, February 28, 2026, aboard the historic USS Yorktown. The event is free to visitors and will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Titled “The Ford Expedition, A Lowcountry Story,” the presentation will feature Major General Leo V. Williams III, who will share his compelling personal journey and the inspiration behind the naming of one of America’s most iconic vehicles — the Ford Expedition. Drawing on his extensive experience in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and his work in the automotive industry, Major General Williams will discuss how the name Expedition serves as a tribute to the Marines’ legacy of service, exploration, and adventure.

In addition to the featured presentation, Patriots Point’s Historian Colby Causey will discuss the military service of African American sailors aboard the USS Yorktown (CV-10) during World War II, as well as the newest exhibit highlighting African American naval service, currently on display aboard the Yorktown. The exhibit explores the history and legacy of the USS Mason (DE-529), the first overseas combat naval vessel crewed predominantly by African American sailors in the U.S. Navy.

“We are proud to partner with the Town of Mount Pleasant to honor Black History Month with a presentation that highlights both history and personal story,” said Allison Hunt, Executive Director. “This event underscores the rich contributions of African Americans to our nation’s military and cultural heritage.”

This presentation is presented in partnership with the Town of Mount Pleasant, reflecting a shared commitment to community engagement and honoring history.

For more information on the event, visit the Town of Mount Pleasant’s website, [Black History Month Event](#).

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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 on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

About the Charting 50 Years Campaign

For five decades, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum has inspired generations through stories of courage, innovation, and service. As we chart 50 years of preserving history and honoring heroes in 2026, join us in celebrating the milestones, the people, and the moments that have defined our journey—and continue to shape our future. Visit <https://charting50.org/> for more information.

