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## <u>Patriots Point Names Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs and Public</u> Information Director

Meredith Kablick and Mary Edwards join Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum's team

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.** – The Patriots Point Development Authority (PPDA) has hired a Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs and a new Public Information Director.

Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs, Meredith Kablick is a Mount Pleasant native who graduated from the College of Charleston with a bachelor's degree in arts management. She completed her graduate program at George Washington University in museum collections management and care. During her professional career, Meredith spent a decade at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. working in exhibitions and collection management. At Patriots Point, her primary responsibilities include managing the Department of Collections and Curatorial Affairs, which oversees the museum's ever-growing collection and planning new exhibitions.

"I grew up visiting the Yorktown," Meredith said, "but I never knew what a fantastic collection the museum had tucked away. My goal is to bring to light the stories of the men who served on our ships for all visitors to enjoy."

Public Information Director Mary Edwards is originally from Washington, D.C. but considers South Carolina home. She earned her bachelor's degree in communication from Coastal Carolina University and her master's degree in public administration from Clemson University. At Patriots Point, Mary's primary responsibilities include media relations and serving as the official point of contact for information. She comes with experience in television news for the Sinclair Broadcast Group and as the public information officer for the Town of Summerville.

"Patriots Point has a rich, historical legacy that I respect and a bright future that I'm excited to be a part of," Mary said. " I look forward to building relationships with the media and the community to share our story and promote what's to come."

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