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New Director of Public Information Brings Diplomatic Flair to Patriots Point

Erin DiNicola joins Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum's team

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – The Patriots Point Development Authority (PPDA) has hired Erin DiNicola, a former US Diplomat, as its new Public Information Director.

DiNicola, who spent nine years with the U.S. Department of State posted in Afghanistan, Vietnam and Washington, D.C., joins the Marketing and Communications team to lead media relations.

“We are pleased to welcome Erin to the Patriots Point team,” said Allison Hunt, Executive Director. “Erin’s impressive breadth of experience in the public sector combined with her strong local connections make her ideal for this position.”

At the State Department, DiNicola worked in public diplomacy and public affairs to advance U.S. policy and interests overseas, and as the Spokesperson for the Office of the Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, and acting Spokesperson for the Bureau of African Affairs. Prior to the State Department, DiNicola worked in England in development and outreach for Human Rights Watch, a human rights non-governmental organization.

“Patriots Point is an iconic and interactive artifact for the people of Charleston and our many visitors”, said DiNicola. “I look forward to partnering with colleagues to help tell the story of this special place and to bridge the gap between our rich military history and our vibrant future”.

Originally from CA, DiNicola graduated *summa cum laude* from UCLA with a Bachelors of Art in English and History before receiving a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue her graduate degree in Justice and Transformation, specializing in Human Rights from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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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.