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Patriots Point To Collect Photographs, Video and Memories **as the Agency Prepares to Celebrate 50 Years**

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum opened to visitors on January 3, 1976

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – The USS Yorktown (CV-10) came to berth in Charleston Harbor on June 15, 1975. As Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum prepares for a year-long commemoration and celebration in recognition its 50th anniversary in 2026, the state agency is launching a new project, “Charting 50 Years”. This effort will serve as a community’s collective recount of the aircraft carrier coming to berth through photographs, videos, news clippings, and memorabilia. Patriots Point is asking the public to share their memories of the ship’s arrival, museum’s official opening January 3, 1976, or special memories made at the museum throughout its 50 years of service.

Those interested in participating can do so, now through August 31, by visiting patriotspoint.org/charting50 or emailing or media@patriotspoint.org. The images and memories shared with Patriots Point will be incorporated into special collections that will be published online and in a temporary exhibition that will open in January 2026.

“Patriots Point has fostered patriotism and pride for the United States, our military, and our veterans for more than 50 years. That is a milestone that should be celebrated together with the community and the millions of people who have walked in the steps of heroes aboard our historic ships,” said Patriots Point Executive Director Allison Hunt. “As we prepare for the 50th anniversary, we look forward to seeing all of the memories that were made while visiting the museum and learning about service and sacrifice.”

Patriots Point Development Authority was established as a state agency on March 29, 1973, to establish, develop and operate a national museum of ships, naval and maritime equipment, artifacts books, manuscripts, art, and historical materials to foster patriotism, generate pride and respect for the U.S., and honor our valiant dead from World War II to the present. The agency was also to develop and enhance the Patriots Point land area to support the operation of ships, provide a place of education and recreation, and stimulate national and international travel by providing museums, attractions, lodging, and accommodation.

The historic WWII ship opened to visitors for the first time as a museum ship on January 3, 1976. Millions have since walked the same decks of the ship as the sailors who served aboard Yorktown while it was in service.



PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM

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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 USS Yorktown Foundation

The USS Yorktown Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves as the designated fundraising organization for Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum. The Foundation funds educational scholarships, preserves military history, and supports informative exhibits throughout the museum. Through these efforts, the Foundation aims to promote America's traditions of service, leadership, duty, and sacrifice to inspire future generations.

