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Patriots Point to Honor Vietnam Veterans During Ceremony On Vietnam Veterans Day; Offering Free Admission for Veterans & Family

March 29, 2024, is the 51st anniversary of the day the last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam.

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will offer Vietnam veterans and their immediate family free admission on Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29. This marks the 51st anniversary of the day United States troops left Vietnam. Museum staff and volunteers will welcome each veteran throughout the day by pinning them with a Department of Defense Vietnam War Veteran lapel pin.

At 11 a.m. Patriots Point will host a memorial ceremony inside the Vietnam Experience Exhibit to honor the 896 South Carolinians who did not survive the war. Medal of Honor recipient Major General James E Livingston, USMC (Ret.) '95, will serve as the event's marquee speaker. On 2 May 1968, while serving as Commanding Officer, Co E, 2nd Bn, 4th Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces and earned the Medal of Honor. After his second tour in Vietnam, he served as an instructor at the Army's Infantry School, Director of Division Schools for the 1st Marine Division, and later, as S-3 of the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines. In March 1975, he returned to Vietnam and served as Operations Officer for the Vietnam evacuation operations which included Operation Frequent Wind, the evacuation of Saigon.

"Patriots Point and our Vietnam Veteran Volunteer team is proud and honored to welcome Vietnam veterans and their families from all over our state and region on this important day of remembrance," said Patriots Point Executive Director Allison Hunt. "Vietnam Veterans Day is a meaningful opportunity for our community to come together to honor these veterans for their service and sacrifice."

A "living history" demonstration will accompany the event, with reenactors present to interact with guests. Throughout the day, representatives from the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center will be onsite to answer questions about various support programs available to veterans and their families. The Charleston Pops and Fed Up food trucks will be onsite until 2 p.m. Parking will be \$5.



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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 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.

