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## USS Yorktown Foundation and Patriots Point To Host Women in Aviation Symposium

Women's History Month event will be aboard the historic USS Yorktown on March 7 at 6 p.m.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.** – The USS Yorktown Foundation, the designated support organization for Patriots Point Naval and Maritime, will host an informative and lively discussion about women in aviation aboard the historic aircraft carrier USS Yorktown on Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Attendees will hear the inspirational stories of Alina Scott and Margrit Waltz, two women who have made significant strides in the aviation community. Tickets to the symposium are \$10 online or \$15 if purchased at the event.

At just 14 years old, Alina Scott flew her Aerolite103 ultralight over 1,000 miles in just six days to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Winning "Aviator of the Year" by the Experimental Aircraft Association, Alina wants to continue making strides in her aviation career, with goals to soon earn her pilot certificate and, eventually, join the United States Air Force.

Margrit Waltz is considered one of the world's most experienced ferry pilots. In 2021, she completed her 900<sup>th</sup> ferry flight to deliver a Daher TBM 940 from France to Muncie, Indiana. Born in Germany in the late 1950's, she obtained her pilot's license when she was 18 years old and quickly became an instructor. Waltz was one of the first pilots to ferry a TBM turboprop single across the Atlantic Ocean, and since 1991, delivered more than 200 TBMs to the North American market.

By organizing events like this symposium, the USS Yorktown Foundation continues its mission of fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of aviation history while supporting educational programs for the community. The foundation plays a crucial role in enhancing existing exhibits and creating new ones, working hand in hand with Patriots Point to ensure the preservation of its rich military history. All proceeds raised through the symposium will support these efforts.

More information can be found at: <u>Generations in Flight: A Symposium Celebrating Women in Aviation</u>
<u>Tickets, Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite</u>





Patriots Point, on the Charleston Harbor in Mount Pleasant, S.C., is home to Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum and 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 <a href="https://www.patriotspoint.org">www.patriotspoint.org</a> for more details, or find us at <a href="mailto:apatriots\_point.org">apatriots\_point.org</a> and Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org">www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org</a>.

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 <a href="www.USSYorktownFoundation.org">www.USSYorktownFoundation.org</a> or call 843.881.5925.