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## Patriots Point Invites Local Musicians to Perform TAPS from USS Yorktown Flight Deck on Memorial Day

Students and musicians of all skillsets are invited to perform TAPS aboard USS Yorktown at 3 p.m.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.** – On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will offer free admission to all veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their immediate family members. At 3 p.m., the museum will host student musicians from school districts across the Lowcountry as part of Taps Across America—a national initiative that invites musicians to perform Taps in honor of fallen service members.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to take place annually on the last Monday in May to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. To learn more about the story of TAPS, read Jari Villanueva's "<u>24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotion</u>".

"It is an honor to host local musicians as they perform TAPS in tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country," said Allison Hunt, Executive Director of Patriots Point. "This simple yet powerful tradition reminds us of the true meaning of Memorial Day and allows our community to come together in solemn remembrance and gratitude."

Local musicians of all levels are invited to perform TAPS from the USS Yorktown Flight Deck with their instrument of choice. Registered participants will receive a free shirt and museum admission will be waived for the musicians and their immediate families. Visit <u>www.patriotspoint.org</u> for information on how to participate in this year's TAPS performance at 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 <u>www.patriotspoint.org</u> for more details or find us on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Facebook</u>.

## 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.

