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SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATORS TO ATTEND TWO-DAY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ABOARD THE USS YORKTOWN

Conference to Feature Guest of Honor, Waltraud Gorgina Kane, Dachau Concentration Camp Survivor.

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – On Tuesday, June 13, the Patriots Point Education Department will host its 12th annual Teacher Recertification Professional Development Program aboard the USS Yorktown.

The two-day conference will provide educators from across South Carolina with professional development training, 20 recertification hours, meals, and the option to stay overnight aboard the USS Yorktown.

“This is always one of our favorite events of the year,” said Patriots Point Education Director Keith Grybowski. “Patriots Point is proud to share the stories of heroes and use their experiences to shape how we, as educators, can inspire future generations to achieve greatness inside and outside of the classroom.”

More than a dozen subject matter experts will be in attendance to direct workshops and breakout sessions. Instructors will include:

- Waltraud Gorgina Kane, Dachau concentration camp survivor and the event’s guest of honor
- Barbara Hairfield, Vice-Chair of South Carolina Education Oversight Committee
- Meredith Kablick, Patriots Point Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs
- Frank Hatten, Boeing DreamLearners Education Relations Specialist

The theme of this year’s program is *People and Places: World-Class Knowledge with a Global Perspective*, and will support classroom instruction in ELA, Social Studies, Science, Math and Career Exploration.

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PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM



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.