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**The Men Will Always Be There: The Art of Combat Photography**

*Patriots Point Opens Edward Steichen Photo Exhibition*

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.** – On Saturday, September 2, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime will open a temporary photo exhibition, *The Men Will Always Be There: Edward Steichen and the Naval Photographic Unit*. The exhibition is located aboard the historic aircraft carrier USS Yorktown and is included in the price of admission.

“Beautiful is not a word you typically think of when describing combat photography,” said Meredith Kablick, Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs. “But he changed the way the military documented the war. He captured the spirit of these men on film.”

Steichen, a pioneer of fashion photography, served in the US Navy during World War II as Director of the Naval Aviation Photographic Unit. His 1944 documentary, *The Fighting Lady*, filmed on board the USS Yorktown CV-10, won an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. In addition to the exhibition, the museum will also offer screenings of *The Fighting Lady* for guests to enjoy in the Smokey Stover Theater.

“The opportunity to view these photographs and watch *The Fighting Lady* is something visitors and the local community won’t want to miss,” said Patriots Point Executive Director Allison Hunt. “The images capture emotion and bring the ship, artifacts and battles to life – and that’s the goal, to tell great stories and honor the men and women who made great sacrifices to defend our freedom.”

Annual pass holders, ‘Friends of the Fleet’, are invited to attend an exclusive preview of the exhibition on Friday, September 1. Visit [www.patriotspoint.org](http://www.patriotspoint.org) to purchase a ‘Friends of the Fleet’ annual pass, or call 843-884-2727. The exhibition opens to the public on September 2.

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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](http://www.patriotspoint.org) for more details, or find us at @patriots\_point on Twitter and Instagram, and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org](http://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](http://www.USSYorktownFoundation.org) or call 843.881.5925.*