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Veterans of USS Yorktown Reunite for 75th

Governor Henry McMaster commemorates with USS Yorktown Veterans Week

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – On October 5-7, veterans of the USS Yorktown (CV-10) will gather for the 75th Anniversary Reunion of the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum. The reunion brings veterans who served on the USS Yorktown from World War II through the Vietnam War back to the ship, where they will be available for a Meet and Greet with local families and visitors on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Founded in 1948 by World War II veterans, members of the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association meet annually to celebrate the history of the USS Yorktown, reunite with old friends and share memories of their time aboard the USS Yorktown.

“The first reunion of the USS Yorktown...was a time for the men of WWII to renew old friendships over a steak dinner”, said Ron Meacham, Events Chairman, USS Yorktown CV-10 Association. “Our reunions are still a time to renew old friendship and trade stories, but now we take pride in helping bring the ship to life for the visitors.”

The USS Yorktown CV-10 Association was instrumental in saving the USS Yorktown from being scrapped in 1973. For nearly fifty years since the ship arrived in Mount Pleasant, these veterans have donated for restoration projects and provided countless artifacts and archival materials for visitors to enjoy. To recognize their contributions and to honor their service, Governor Henry McMaster signed a proclamation naming October 1-7, 2023 “USS Yorktown Veterans Week”, encouraging locals and visitors to the area to “take advantage of this week, during their reunion, to visit the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point and learn about the history of The Fighting Lady from the veterans who served on her.”

The Meet and Greet is included in the admission to Patriots Point. Members of the media are additionally invited to attend the Memorial Service at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 6.

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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 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.

About the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association

The USS Yorktown CV-10 Association is a 501(c)(19) organization dedicated to preserving the history of the USS Yorktown and honoring the service of veterans. With the mission to REMEMBER, INSPIRE, CONNECT, and EDUCATE, the Yorktown Association holds annual reunions, donates artifacts to Patriots Point collections, and raises funds for the Yorktown Foundation for preservation and educational programs. Visit www.ussyorktown.org for more details or find us at @uss_yorktownassociation on Instagram, and Facebook at www.facebook.com/YorktownAssociation.