

FISCAL YEAR
2025

ANNUAL REPORT




**USS YORKTOWN
FOUNDATION**

**PATRIOTS POINT
NAVAL & MARITIME
MUSEUM**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Chauncey Clark
Board Chairman

Emma Dajani
Fifth Third Bank
Vice President

Gray Coulton
Baird Private Wealth Management
Director

Melissa Cox Bosse
Blackbaud, Privacy and Governance

Rear Admiral James H. Flatley III
United States Navy (Retired)
Former PPDA Executive Director



On May 28, 2025 we had the extraordinary honor of recognizing Admiral Flatley who was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award, in recognition of his leadership and contributions.

Seamus Flatley
Senior Vice President of Strategic Sales
Maritime Tactical Systems (MARTAC), Inc

Doug Martin
TransPar, Chief Executive Officer

Kevin McDearis
Blackbaud
Executive Vice President and
Chief Technology Officer

Doug Sharp
Sharp Advisors LLC
Principal Advisor

George P. Waters
Water Investments LLC
President and CEO



STAFF

Beverly Hardin
Executive Director &
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Kayla Webber
Director of Community
Relations & Membership

The USS Yorktown Foundation proudly serves as the 501(c)(3) fundraising partner of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum. Our mission is to preserve and share unique learning experiences that connect generations by honoring America's history and its heroes while inspiring patriotism, leadership, and service.



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the USS Yorktown Foundation, it is my privilege to share our sincere gratitude for your continued support and belief in our mission.

The Foundation exists because individuals like you recognize the importance of preserving our nation's military history while honoring the service and sacrifice of those who defended our freedoms. Each year, we are reminded that stewardship of historic treasures like our aircraft and ships is both an extraordinary responsibility and a profound opportunity that is only made possible through a committed community of donors, members, volunteers, and partners.

We are proud of the progress reflected in this annual report. From critical restoration efforts to expanded student access and meaningful visitor experiences, these achievements demonstrate what can be accomplished when a community rallies around a shared purpose.

Looking ahead, our Board remains deeply committed to safeguarding these national assets while positioning the Foundation for continued growth and impact. The preservation of the USS Yorktown, the USS Laffey, and our aircraft and artifacts is not simply about maintaining historic vessels or exhibits. It is about ensuring that the stories they carry continue to inspire leadership, service, and patriotism for generations to come.

Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your partnership in this important work. We are honored to serve alongside you in advancing the mission of the USS Yorktown Foundation.

With gratitude,

Chauncey Clark
Board Chairman



PATRIOTS POINT AT-A-GLANCE



Visitors & Events

267,721

VISITORS
WELCOMED

21

FREE COMMUNITY
EVENTS HOSTED

8,900+

EVENT
ATTENDEES



Education & Engagement

11,500

SC STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED IN
FIELD TRIPS

7,000+

Fifth-Grade Students

1,630+

Middle and High School Students
Attended Flight Academy

75+

Educators Attended
Professional Development
Workshops



Collections & Preservation

37,439

ARTIFACTS IN CATALOG

21

ONLINE COLLECTIONS LAUNCHED

787

OBJECTS DIGITIZED



Access

19,000+

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS PROVIDED, INCLUDING:

773

Military Members

1,299

Museums for All Visitors

2,955

Guests Served during Pay
What You Can Weekends

58,000+

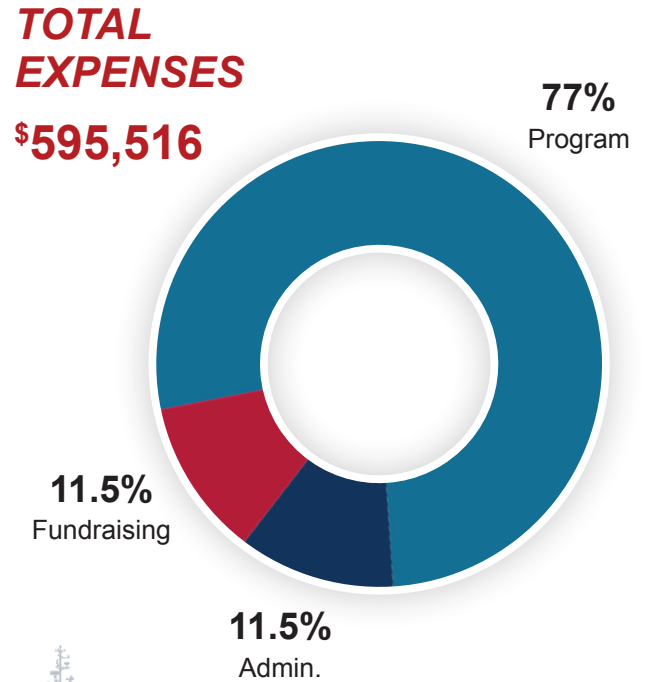
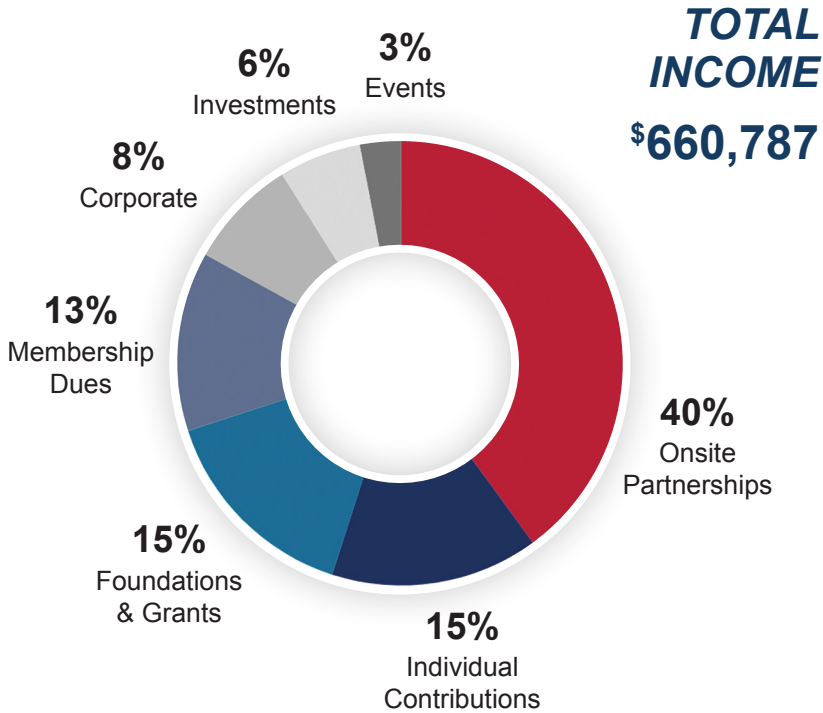
DISCOUNTED TICKETS DISTRIBUTED, INCLUDING:

Military, Seniors,
First Responders,
SC Teachers,
and Citadel Cadets

FOUNDATION FINANCIAL IMPACT



Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, in fiscal year 2025 we invested donor dollars where they matter most: preserving history, honoring veterans, and inspiring future generations.



\$279,345

FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR MUSEUM PROJECTS

- \$64,500 - Operation Restoration
- \$64,094 - Vietnam Experience enhancements
- \$53,040 - Community event support
- \$23,077 - Student scholarships
- \$19,582 - Engage Brigade employee initiative
- \$14,289 - USS Laffey dress flags and work party
- \$10,689 - Volunteer appreciation
- \$30,074 - Other Museum program support



SPECIAL MUSEUM PROJECTS

OPERATION RESTORATION

\$64,500

INVESTED



Completed the restoration of all 12 aircraft on the Yorktown's Flight Deck.

ENGAGE BRIGADE EMPLOYEE INITIATIVE

\$19,582

INVESTED

107

STAFF MEMBERS

Supporting and inspiring the team who create meaningful visitor experiences.



\$7,728

USS LAFFEY DRESS FLAGS

In honor of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa



\$64,094

INVESTED

VIETNAM EXPERIENCE ENHANCEMENT

Including the restoration of the CH-46.



\$6,561

USS LAFFEY WORK PARTY

A week-long effort where volunteers help clean, repair, and restore both the interior and exterior of our historic destroyer, from exhibits and mechanical systems to prepping and painting decks.



SPECIAL MUSEUM PROJECTS



Education & Scholarships

\$23,077

AWARDED IN OPERATION OVERNIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

647 CHILDREN SERVED

9% OF OPERATION OVERNIGHT PARTICIPANTS SUPPORTED THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS



6,600+
SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED SINCE 2015!

Volunteer Program

Our volunteers are the heart of Patriots Point. Their dedication, stories, and passion bring history to life for every visitor.



157 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS (67.5% VETERANS)

20,089 VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED

\$401,780

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$10,689 INVESTED IN VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

In Memory of Our Volunteers

Each year, we honor the volunteers we have lost – individuals whose service made an impact on Patriots Point. Their passion for preserving history and sharing their experiences leaves a lasting legacy on our ships and in our community.

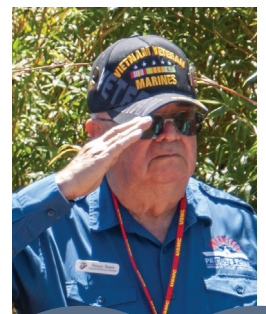
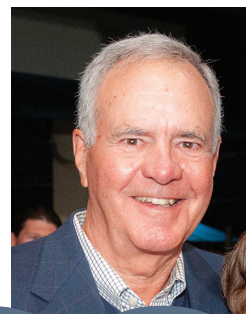
We remember with gratitude:

David “Dave” Luther Shuler, Jr. (Volunteer for 30 years)

William “Bill” S. Slater, Sr. (Volunteer for 15 years)

Major Ralph “Stoney” Bates, Sr. (Volunteer for 7 years)

Their impact will not be forgotten, and their stories will continue to inspire all who walk our decks.





FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Membership dues and fundraising events help fund key initiatives across Patriots Point, including Operation Overnight scholarships, preservation of our historic ships and artifacts, exhibit development, and support for the staff and volunteers who bring our mission to life.

Friends of the Fleet Membership Program

The Foundation proudly launched an expanded **Friends of the Fleet** membership program this year, along with the Fleet Circle, a leadership giving society for supporters committed to making a deeper impact on our mission.

\$84,952

MEMBERSHIP DUES REVENUE

598 Member Households from

29 States

Holes Fore Heroes Inaugural Charity Golf Tournament

\$70,090

RAISED

On October 7, 2024, the USS Yorktown Foundation hosted its inaugural, sold-out Holes Fore Heroes Charity Golf Tournament bringing the community together in support of our nation's veterans and the Foundation's mission. With strong enthusiasm from sponsors, players, and volunteers, Holes Fore Heroes has already become a signature event for the Foundation.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



blackbaud®

BLUE TRAIL REALTY

DELTA



Pat and Martha Waters

MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH
A BANK OF AMERICA COMPANY
The Condon Moore Team
Mary Helen Condon Moore
Jimmy Moore, CFP®, CRPC™



Rowland Family Foundation



GREYSTAR™



Heather Bosse
StateFarm



LOOKING AHEAD



As we look to the year ahead, we remain committed to preserving history, expanding access, and creating meaningful experiences that connect generations. With exciting milestones and new opportunities on the horizon, we invite you to be part of what comes next.

Charting 50 Years

- 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum.
- Celebrate with us through a year of special exhibits, programs, and events, including the debut of Charting 50 Years, and another year celebrating our beloved Fourth of July celebration.



Expanding Impact Through Membership

- Friends of the Fleet and Fleet Circle members play a vital role in advancing our mission – supporting access, education, and preservation.
- In the year ahead, we look forward to expanding member experiences and creating even more opportunities for connection and engagement.



Partnerships That Make a Difference

- Our corporate partners help preserve iconic vessels like the USS Yorktown and USS Laffey, support STEM education and leadership programs, and create meaningful experiences for more than 250,000 visitors each year.
- We look forward to building new partnerships and strengthening existing ones as we continue this important work together.



Signature Events

- Events like Holes Fore Heroes bring our community together to honor service, support education, and preserve history.
- We are excited to grow these opportunities and deepen community impact.





USS YORKTOWN



USS LAFFEY



USS YORKTOWN FOUNDATION



MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM



VIETNAM EXPERIENCE



28 HISTORIC AIRCRAFT

PATRIOTS POINT
NAVAL & MARITIME
MUSEUM

PatriotsPoint.org/Foundation
(843) 881-5925

