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USS Yorktown Foundation Launches "Give for America 250" Campaign to Support Patriots Point

Celebrating America's 250th anniversary by preserving the stories, artifacts, and ideals that shaped our nation.

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — As the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence, the USS Yorktown Foundation—the nonprofit fundraising partner of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum—is inviting the community to help preserve America's stories for future generations through the launch of its **Give for America 250** campaign.

The campaign comes during a milestone year for Patriots Point, which is celebrating its own 50th anniversary of honoring the men and women who served our nation through preservation, education, and community engagement.

"History doesn't preserve itself," said Beverly Hardin, Executive Director of the USS Yorktown Foundation. "As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, we're reminded that preserving these stories requires people who believe they matter—and who are willing to invest in passing them on to future generations."

Through the generosity of donors, members, corporate partners, and community supporters, the USS Yorktown Foundation helps preserve the museum's historic ships and artifacts, fund educational scholarships, develop engaging exhibits, and support programs that inspire future generations.

The campaign also highlights a new partnership with **Real Liberty Copper**, offering a limited-edition *Lady Liberty Enlightening the World* commemorative coin crafted from authentic copper removed from the Statue of Liberty during its landmark restoration between 1984 and 1986. Created to commemorate America's 250th anniversary, the historic copper has been transformed into a lasting keepsake celebrating freedom, democracy, and hope.





Ten percent of every commemorative coin purchase will directly support the USS Yorktown Foundation's mission to cultivate a unique learning environment that connects generations by celebrating America's history and its heroes while inspiring freedom, patriotism, leadership, and service.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to celebrating America's history during this milestone anniversary. Like the Statue of Liberty, Patriots Point connects visitors with the stories and people that remind us where we've been, what we've overcome, and the ideals that continue to unite us.

As the Foundation begins its new fiscal year, they will also advance several major initiatives, including **Operation Restoration: Phase II**, which will restore the historic helicopters in Patriots Point's Vietnam Support Base, and the development of a new exhibit exploring the lasting impact of military service and the invisible wounds of war. Thanks to the generosity of two of our donors, a couple who retired from Boeing, every gift supporting Operation Restoration: Phase II will be **matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000**, doubling the impact of every contribution toward restoring these historic aircraft.

Community members are invited to take part by making a **Give for America 250** donation, becoming a Patriots Point member, or purchasing a commemorative *Lady Liberty Enlightening the World* coin.

For more information about the campaign, to make a gift, or to learn more about the Lady Liberty commemorative coin, visit patriotspoint.org/foundation.

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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 patriotspoint.org for more details or find us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

About the USS Yorktown Foundation

The USS Yorktown Foundation is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designated to raise philanthropic support for Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum. The Foundation provides funding for educational scholarships, the preservation of military history, and the development of engaging exhibits throughout the museum. Through these efforts, the Foundation advances its mission to preserve and share unique learning experiences that connect generations by honoring America's history and its heroes while inspiring patriotism, leadership, and service. Visit patriotspoint.org/foundation for more information and ways to give.





About the Charting 50 Years Campaign

For five decades, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum has inspired generations through stories of courage, innovation, and service. As we chart 50 years of preserving history and honoring heroes in 2026, join us in celebrating the milestones, the people, and the moments that have defined our journey—and continue to shape our future. Visit charting50.org for more information.

