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Veterans and Their Families Receive Free Admission on Veterans Day at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum

Plus, performances from Charleston Men's Chorus and Charleston Symphony

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will offer complimentary general admission to all United States military veterans, active-duty personnel, including members of the National Guard and Coast Guard, and their immediate family members on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

As part of their Veterans Day celebration, Patriots Point will host Symphony of Service, an afternoon of music and remembrance in partnership with the Friends of Fisher House Charleston, the Charleston Symphony and the Charleston Men's Chorus. The event will take place on the flight deck of USS Yorktown (CV-10) at 2:00 PM on November 11. The program will start with a performance from the Charleston Men's Chorus, remarks from Medal of Honor recipient retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. James E. Livingston and the Friends of Fisher House and conclude with a performance from the Charleston Symphony. The flight deck concert is included with the cost of admission, and normal parking rates apply.

"Patriots Point was created to preserve and share the stories of those who served, and Veterans Day is one of the most important times for us to fulfill that mission," said Patriots Point Executive Director Allison Hunt. "We are honored to welcome veterans, their families, and our community to participate in these special activities. It is through these shared experiences that we can express our gratitude, strengthen our connections, and ensure that the sacrifices of our veterans are never forgotten."

Prior to the concert, Patriots Point will welcome The Summerall Guards, a silent drill platoon from The Citadel consisting of 61 first-class cadets to perform on USS Yorktown's flight deck. The Summerall Guards will perform at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11. The performance is included with the cost of admission, and normal parking rates apply.

In addition to its Veterans Day programming, Patriots Point will host several other events honoring and celebrating veterans throughout November. Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, veterans are invited aboard USS Yorktown to attend Art of Valor, a painting workshop and demonstration in partnership with the Patriot Art Foundation, featuring the renowned artist, Mary Whyte. Participants will receive complimentary art materials and

instruction, exploring painting as a meaningful outlet for creative expression, connection and sharing stories. All museum guests are welcome to view the live painting demonstration by Whyte, which begins at 1:00 PM. Veterans participating in the Art of Valor painting workshop must register for this program and can do so by emailing info@patriotartfoundation.org.

November's events supporting veterans also include Operation Employment, a career fair that connects veterans with employers across various industries and provides a unique networking opportunity to engage directly with recruiters who value the skills and experience of service members. The event will take place on USS Yorktown on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and will be open to the public. This event is presented by The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW), S.C. Works Trident, the S.C. Department of Veterans' Affairs (SCDVA), S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVRD), and Patriots Point.

For more information on Veterans Day programming or to purchase tickets and memberships, please visit https://www.patriotspoint.org/.

About Veterans Day

Veterans Day, originally celebrated as Armistice Day, marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I on November 11, 1918. In 1954, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day to honor all American veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, dedicating their lives to protecting the freedoms of our nation. Today, communities across the country gather each November to recognize veterans for their commitment, sacrifice, and service to the nation.

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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 on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook.

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 https://charting50.org/ for more information.