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Battleship NORTH CAROLINA Memorial Day Ceremony

Wilmington, NC – On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019, at 5 p.m., visitors will gather on the decks of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA to pay their respects. The Memorial Day Observance has been held at the Battleship since 1962. It is an honor to have Vice Admiral Scott A. Buschman, U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area Commander, as the featured speaker this year.

In an emotional ceremony remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our nation, the invocation, benediction and memorial wreath will be presented by The American Legion, Department of North Carolina, to honor the veterans service organization's 100th anniversary.

Captain Terry A. Bragg, Executive Director of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, and members of the USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Commission invite the public to this free event with musical arrangements provided by The Duke Ladd Band, remarks by N.C. Military & Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry D. Hall and a 21-gun salute by The U.S. Marines of H&S Battalion, MCB Camp Lejeune. The Ship will open to the public at 4 p.m. for the ceremony.

Members of the media are asked to RSVP to Stacie Greene Hidek, Marketing Director, by email Stacie.Hidek@ncdcr.gov or call 910.399.9112. A press box will be available to plug into on the fantail.

The Battleship's hours of operation will change for the summer season on Friday, May 24, 2019, to open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. These extended summer hours will continue until the Tuesday following Labor Day, Sept. 3, 2019, when hours will return to open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

ABOUT Battleship NORTH CAROLINA

The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is self-supporting, not tax supported, and relies primarily on admissions to tour the Ship, sales in the Ship Store, donations and investments. No funds for its administration and operation come from appropriations from governmental entities at the local, state or federal levels. Located at the junction of Highways 17/74/76/421 on the Cape Fear River. Visit <http://www.battleshipnc.com> or follow us on [Facebook.com/ncbb55](https://www.facebook.com/ncbb55), [Twitter.com/battleshipnc](https://twitter.com/battleshipnc) and [Instagram.com/battleshipnc](https://www.instagram.com/battleshipnc) for more information. The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is a historic site within the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (<http://www.NCCulture.com>).

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