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June 2019 programs at the Battleship

All Battleship visitors ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
All programs are free with Battleship admission.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND

Friday and Saturday, June 1-2

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Operating aboard Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club will participate in the annual Museum Ships Weekend. The Battleship is NI4BK, and HAM operators may contact the ship via voice, digital and Morse code. Sponsored by the Battleship NEW JERSEY Amateur Radio Club, 63 museum ships worldwide will have HAM radio operators aboard ready to receive contacts from HAM operators. The Battleship is NI4BK and we look forward to hearing from you. If you contact the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, QSL with a SASE to P.O. Box 4044, Wilmington, NC 28406. For HAM operators working at least 15 different ships, you are eligible for a certificate from the NEW JERSEY club. <http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>. For information, contact Allan Pellnat, 910-799-1694 or KX2H@ATT.NET.

BATTLESHIP 101

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friendly, knowledgeable volunteers stationed throughout the ship engage visitors in specific subjects and areas including gunnery, radar, sick bay, galley, engineering, and daily shipboard life. Try on helmets, raise signal flags, “text” using semaphore flags, tap out your name using Morse code, type on vintage typewriters and more! A great event for all ages. Bring your questions and cameras!

THE U.S. NAVY AT THE NORMANDY D-DAY INVASION, JUNE 6, 1944

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For D-Day's 75th anniversary, retired Navy Captain Wilbur Jones, a nationally known Wilmington author and military historian, will discuss the U.S. Navy's role (Operation Neptune) in executing the Normandy invasion.

He will lecture briefly at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and will be available for questions and exchanges 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will show a continuous slide show of the Navy's D-Day involvement.

Jones will also sign copies of his World War II books including the award-winning *A Sentimental Journey* and *The Journey Continues*, both about wartime Wilmington; *Football! Navy! War!*; and *Gyrene: The World War II United States Marine*.

FLAG DAY AT THE BATTLESHIP

Friday, June 14

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fly your own flag at the Battleship on Flag Day! American Legion Post 10 Honor Guard assists visitors in hoisting and folding their flags. Makes a great video keepsake and family heirloom. Provide your name and email, and a certificate of authenticity will be mailed to you. Visitors can bring a flag or purchase a 3 x 5-foot American-made nylon flag with embroidered stars from the Ship's Store for \$39.95 plus tax. Sales from the store benefit the Battleship.

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY

Friday and Saturday, June 21-22

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate the ships named NORTH CAROLINA! They have been serving our country from the 1824 ship-of-the-line to the fast attack submarine now stationed in Hawaii. From the Mediterranean to the Atlantic to the Pacific, the state's namesakes have traveled the globe. Come enjoy a major display of Civil War, World War I and submarine arms, clothing, and equipment from enthusiastic costumed collectors and submarine veterans.

June 2019 fundraisers in the community

FLAG DAY AT TROLLY STOP

Friday, June 14

10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Help support the Friends of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA and enjoy the

area's best hot dogs, hamburgers and Philly cheese steak sandwiches at Trolley Stop's Fountain Drive location in Wilmington. Half of all proceeds for the day will be donated to the Friends of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA. Also available for sale will be 3x5-foot American flags that have been flown over the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA. They come with a certificate of authenticity signed by Capt. Terry Bragg (USN Retired).

BATTLESHIP PACIFIC IPA AT FRONT STREET BREWERY

While supplies last

11:30 a.m. – midnight

Front Street Brewery kicked off Memorial Day weekend with the release of its Battleship Pacific IPA -- made with hops from New Zealand to commemorate the USS NORTH CAROLINA's successful World War II Pacific Tour. \$1 from every pint sold at the Wilmington bar and restaurant will aid in restoration efforts for the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.

About the 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's Store, rentals, 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 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 (www.NCCulture.com).

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