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## Battleship to celebrate new dock with Piedmont Natural Gas

**Wilmington, NC – April 17, 2019** – The USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship invites members of the media to attend the ribbon-cutting and reception in celebration of the new Piedmont Natural Gas Marine Trail Dock.

The event will start at **3 p.m. Thursday, April 25**, at the dock on site at the Battleship. (In case of rain, the event will be moved into the newly renovated Visitor Center Legacy Gallery.) The ribbon-cutting will be followed by a brief reception.

The Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant dock and kayak launch provides a place from which to explore the beauty of the marine environment surrounding the Battleship's mooring basin. Featuring shore-side lighting, the dock comprises two floating docks connected to an elevated timber walkway with an aluminum ramp.

The project was generously funded by a grant from Piedmont Natural Gas.

"We are honored to receive this gift from Piedmont Natural Gas to share with our visitors and offer them access to the Cape Fear River and across to downtown Wilmington," Captain Terry Bragg, Executive Director for the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, said of the dock.

"We're thrilled to see the Piedmont Natural Gas Marine Trail Dock open to the public," said Tammy Thurman, community relations manager for Piedmont Natural Gas. "Piedmont is proud to be a part of this project, which provides the residents of Wilmington a new opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of our

community.”

Experience the Battleship and its surrounding natural beauty from new angles visitors have never been able to see before, thanks to this new addition to the waterfront.

### **About Piedmont Natural Gas**

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Duke Energy is transforming its customers' experience, modernizing the energy grid, generating cleaner energy and expanding natural gas infrastructure to create a smarter energy future for the people and communities it serves.

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### **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, 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](http://www.battleshipnc.com) or follow us

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