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## **Battleship to serve as host site for World War II Heritage City announcement**

**Wilmington, NC – August 31, 2020** – The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is excited to confirm that it will be the host site for a visit from President Trump and other dignitaries on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, to both mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II and announce Wilmington as the nation's first World War II Heritage City.

Legislation enacted in 2019 requires the Secretary of the Interior to name at least one U.S. city each year to be a World War II Heritage City. Wilmington will be the first to receive the designation.

As the event's host site, the Battleship has no authority or permission to grant access to the event. Stay tuned to local media for any opportunities the White House may make available to attend.

The Battleship will be closed to the public Wednesday but will welcome visitors 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the days before and after.

### **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, the Battleship is open daily. Visit [www.battleshipnc.com](http://www.battleshipnc.com) or follow us

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