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## **Battleship NORTH CAROLINA Launches Generations Campaign**

**WILMINGTON, NC** – The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA released information today regarding the urgent need for repair to the ship's hull and is now asking the public for their help. Calling for all hands on deck, the Generations Campaign is the crucial effort to fund the imperative repairs. Without these, the ship will no longer be able to serve as our State's memorial to those who served and died during WWII and for all those who continue to serve and protect our nation's freedoms.

There are several ways people can help donate; 1.) Text the word Battleship to the number 41444, 2.) Visit battleshipnc.com and click the donate button 3.) Mail a check made out to Friends of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA – note on the memo line Generations Campaign and finally 4.) Visit the Battleship for an onsite donation.

In 1961, the NORTH CAROLINA was permanently moored in Wilmington thanks to the efforts and support of many people across the country including the numerous school children who gave their nickels and dimes to bring the ship to her current berth. As the state's World War II memorial to over 10,000 North Carolinians who served and died during the war, the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA actively serves as a reflection of the greatest generation and the sacrifices that were made during that time.

While the NORTH CAROLINA defeated all enemies in battle, 50 years of corrosion has taken its toll. Her once thick steel hull is now wafer thin along the tideline. In some places a finger can poke through the hull. With no federal or state funding for operations, and over one-quarter million visitors each year, the NORTH CAROLINA depends on passionate individuals to preserve her as a memorial and education center for our future generations.

For images and video, please click the dropbox link here:

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In July of 2009, the Battleship received notification from the Department of the Navy, Naval Sea Command stating, "If the USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Commission does not have a viable plan for the future dry-docking of this vessel, you (the Battleship) should either develop a dry-docking plan or prepare and provide the Navy with a plan for the eventual disposal of the ex-NORTH CAROLINA."

Time is of the essence, and the ships' hull is deteriorating. The World War II crew of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, fought for our freedoms and now it is our turn to show bravery and honor by donating to preserve the legacy for future generations.

### **About the Battleship North Carolina**

The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is self-supporting, not tax supported and relies primarily upon 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 on [Facebook.com/ncbb55](https://www.facebook.com/ncbb55) and [Twitter.com/battleshipnc](https://twitter.com/battleshipnc) for more information. Relive with the crew on the Battleship Blog <http://seastories.battleshipnc.com/>. The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is an historic site within the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources ([www.NCCulture.com](http://www.NCCulture.com)).

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