



## **Battleship North Carolina Drone Overflight Policy**

The Drone/Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) policy for flying over or around the Battleship North Carolina property is very simple: **1) Follow the Federal (FAA) and NC State Laws; 2) never endanger or harass visitors or staff of the Battleship with your drone; 3) never operate a drone in a way that could damage the Battleship or surrounding property; and 4) all drones must land and take off from the park – never the decks of the Battleship.**

Due to our proximity to the Wilmington International Airport (ILM), only Part 107 holders with FAA flight authorization may operate drones from or near the Battleship property.

The staff of the Battleship North Carolina are not 'Drone Police', but Local and NC State Law Enforcement Officers are tasked with that responsibility. Because of Federal Law, and common 'safety' sense (we are under the flight path of arriving or departing flights from Wilmington), unauthorized flight over the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA and surrounding property are prohibited by Federal Law. The Airspace above the Battleship, surface to the top of the 'Class D airspace', is controlled by the FAA and flight authorization may '**only**' be obtained by Part 107 'Commercial Drone/UAS Remote Pilots' (or Government operators).

If you possess a current Part 107 Remote Pilot License, a NC Department of Transportation Commercial UAS Permit, and have received FAA authorization for your flight, you are welcome to fly within the Federal and state legal guidelines for safe drone/UAS operations.

If you are a hobbyist (any non-Part 107 certificated drone operator), do not possess a Part 107 Remote UAS Pilot license including the NC State Commercial UAS permit, and fly a drone over the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA and surrounding property, understand you are in violation of both federal and state laws and subject to the penalties under those laws. It's not our policy – IT'S THE LAW.

We wish all a very safe and memorable visit to the Battleship North Carolina Memorial. So, if you're contemplating flying a drone here, please do so legally, or leave the flying to the licensed pilots. You can come to our gift shop and buy some great aerial pictures of the Battleship instead. Enjoy your visit!