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Wilmington company Atlantic Coast Industrial Marine Construction, LLC, selected to do hull repair work on Battleship

Wilmington, NC – June 9, 2020 – Battleship NORTH CAROLINA has awarded the contract for its long-planned hull repair to Atlantic Coast Industrial Marine Construction, LLC, after a public bidding process.

Under the contract, the company will cut and replace steel on the bow, as well as repaint the affected areas of the hull when finished.

"We are excited to work with Atlantic Coast Industrial on this project, which is vital to preserving the Battleship for the state of North Carolina and its visitors, while also creating local architectural, engineering, construction and environmental jobs," said Capt. Terry Bragg, US Navy (ret.), executive director of Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.

Based in Wilmington, Atlantic Coast Industrial Marine Construction, LLC, and its parent company, Atlantic Coast industrial, have a history of marine construction work, offering services such as commercial diving, marine salvage and steel fabrication.

"We are proud to have been chosen for this important work on such a historically and culturally significant landmark as the Battleship," said David Brinkley, the company's owner.

The contract for the hull repair will launch June 15. The work will not limit visitation to the ship, which reopened to the public May 26, and visitors may enjoy watching the welders and cutting torches at work.

The replacement steel is a generous donation from NUCOR Steel, a North

Carolina-based company. The hull repair project itself is funded largely by the Generations Campaign, a fundraising effort to aid in restoration and maintenance of the Battleship and its facilities. Longstanding supporters of the Generations Campaign include Truist, Duke Energy, Carlisle Companies, Cameron Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, Cannon Foundation, Martin Marietta and American Legion.

The hull repair project is Phase 2 of the Generations Campaign, following the successful implementation of the cofferdam to make the work possible, along with building the SECU Memorial Walkway and Piedmont Natural Gas Marine Trail Dock, in Phase 1. Phase 3 is Living with Water, which includes plans to restore shoreline and create wetlands to reduce regular flooding at the Battleship site, improve water quality in runoff to the Cape Fear River, enhance wildlife habitat and beautify Battleship Park.

Donations to the Generations Campaign to help fund the hull repair and other restoration work are welcome. For details on how to donate, please visit BattleshipNC.com/donate or email development@battleshipnc.com.

About Atlantic Coast Industrial

Atlantic Coast Industrial was formed by David Brinkley in 2000. It started as a small commercial diving outfit and has grown into a full-fledged marine construction company including the branch known as Atlantic Coast Industrial Marine Construction, LLC. Based in Wilmington, Atlantic Coast Industrial serves North and South Carolina and Virginia. For more information, visit www.atlanticcoastindustrial.us.

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 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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