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## **Battleship NORTH CAROLINA launches new "Showboat" podcast**

**Wilmington, NC – October 23, 2020** – Battleship NORTH CAROLINA has launched a new podcast focused on the Ship, the most highly decorated American battleship of World War II.



"The Showboat Podcast" shares stories of the extraordinary Ship that steamed into history, what makes her tick, what keeps her going, and her vital contributions today. It is now available at [www.BattleshipNC.com/the-showboat-podcast](http://www.BattleshipNC.com/the-showboat-podcast) and through podcast providers such as Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Stitcher (search for Showboat).

The first episode presents a brief history of the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA and how the Ship was saved through a statewide grassroots campaign. Host Mary Ames Booker, Curator of Collections for the Battleship, also explores how the Battleship earned the name "Showboat."

"The podcast lets us share the Battleship's story, past and present, with more people, many of whom may not be able to visit right now," Booker said. "It also lets us share interviews and oral histories in a way that makes them available to anyone, anywhere with access to a digital device. Future podcasts will explore preserving an 80-year-old vessel, how the Ship serves a wide community today, both civilian and military, and even music's role on Navy ships, then and now. Stay tuned!"

The Battleship received a NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grant from the [North Carolina Humanities Council](#) to support online programs including the podcast. Funding for NC CARES has been provided by the [National Endowment for the](#)

Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan.



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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, 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 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](http://www.NCCulture.com)).



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### **About the North Carolina Humanities Council**

The North Carolina Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities Council supports through grants and public programs vital conversations that nurture the cultures and heritage of North Carolina. Learn more about the work of the North Carolina Humanities Council at [www.nchumanities.org](http://www.nchumanities.org). Also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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