

# Rocky Mount TELEGRAM

## Local group spends night aboard historic warship

Thursday, April 25, 2019

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop NC-0834 recently walked in the steps of country's heroes while participating in the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum's camping program aboard the historic World War II aircraft carrier USS Yorktown in Charleston Harbor.

During the trip, the group became "shipmates" while touring the museum's three 70-year-old warships: the USS Yorktown, World War II destroyer USS Laffey and Cold

War submarine USS Clamagore. The group also learned about the Vietnam War in the museum's new interactive Vietnam Experience. The landside exhibit is a 2.5-acre recreation of a Brown Water Naval Support Base and Marine Fire Artillery Base.

Morning and evening meals were served to the group aboard the Yorktown just as they were to the ship's sailors decades ago while at sea.

The girls stayed in the officer quarters, while the boys slept in the crewman quarters. The troop also participated in the ship's flight academy. The older boys were honored to raise the flag.

American Heritage Girls builds women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Trail Life USA is a Christian outdoor adventure, character and leadership program for boys in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Troop NC-0834 meets at First Baptist Church Rocky Mount at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Patriots Point, on the Charleston Harbor in Mount Pleasant, S.C., is home of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum and a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships and the only Vietnam Support Base Camp in the U.S. Patriots Point is also headquarters to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum.

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