



EVENTS

There's always something happening at the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, and you're invited to join us! Events include fun family activities, heritage programs, in-depth operational tours, reenactments and so much more. Visit our website for a complete calendar of events. **Adult battleship enthusiasts are also invited to enjoy the Lifelong Learning Programs listed below.**

DESIGN AND DAMAGE CONTROL

In this four-hour program, small groups of participants explore the ship and engage with experts on ship design and stability. Topics include surviving a torpedo strike, fires and loss of power; countermeasures for mines and flooding; performing shoring and triage of casualties; shifting fuel oil and providing effective communication. Participants learn how the ship took care of herself.

HIDDEN BATTLESHIP

For the explorer at heart, bring a friend and join us for a unique, behind-the-scenes tour of un-restored areas of the battleship. This four-hour tour consists of small groups with guides. Hidden areas include the bow and half deck, 3rd deck and Engine room #1. Participants climb inside the fire control tower to the top of the ship. It's the tour that brings out the "Indiana Jones" in all of us, only without the snakes!

FIREPOWER

Learn about and explore the battleship's 16-inch and 5-inch guns, from the gun houses to the ammunition loading compartments, as well as the 40mm and 20mm guns and the weapons that they replaced (1.10 and 50 caliber guns). Find out about the radar and computers that improved her fighting capability. Participants enjoy a lively, engaging and in-depth program with presentations, hands-on experience and serious exploration for adult learners.

POWER PLANT

Calling all Navy engineering enthusiasts! Join us for an in-depth program on the battleship's power plant. Learn in detail about the ship's eight Babcock & Wilcox boilers, four sets of General Electric turbines and reduction gears, steam and diesel-powered service turbo generators, along with electrical distribution, water distillation and steering mechanisms.

RENT THE SHIP

The most spectacular view of the Cape Fear River and downtown Wilmington can be yours. Yes, you can rent the ship and/or Battleship Park for weddings, birthday parties, receptions, corporate meetings, concerts, festivals and more. For more information, call 910-251-5797, ext. 3024.

SHOWBOAT SHOP (on-site and online)

Complete your visit to the battleship with a special souvenir. You can also shop online at battleshipncstore.com. All sales support the mission of the battleship, which is to serve as a World War II memorial and a museum interpreting the history of all ships named NORTH CAROLINA.

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FUN FACTS

The Tarheel was printed on board for the "Good of the Ship and the Navy" from April 1941 through October 1942.

The ship's main armor belt has 12 inches of armor inclined at 15 degrees tapering to 6.6 inches. It is mounted onto .75 inches special treatment steel.

The battleship has about 15,000 tons of steel armor plate, which is about 42% of her weight.

NORTH CAROLINA could carry almost 2 million gallons of fuel oil and averaged 166 gallons per mile. The ship moved 32 feet per gallon.

NORTH CAROLINA produced 8.4 megawatts of electricity, enough to power a small town of 6,500 people.

The battleship had nine captains, all graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy. All but one were promoted to admiral upon leaving the ship, and he was promoted later.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard Battleship NORTH CAROLINA. When building began in 1937, NORTH CAROLINA was the first American battleship to be built in 16 years. NORTH CAROLINA and her sister ship, WASHINGTON, comprised the NORTH CAROLINA class. They were the first of ten fast battleships to join the American fleet in World War II.

Commissioned on 9 April 1941, NORTH CAROLINA participated in every major naval offensive in the Pacific during World War II, earning 15 battle stars. She established the role of battleships as protectors of aircraft carriers when she defended carrier ENTERPRISE against air attacks during the Battle of the Eastern Solomons, 24 August 1942.

NORTH CAROLINA carried out nine shore bombardments, sank an enemy troopship, destroyed at least 24 enemy aircraft and assisted in shooting down many more. Her anti-aircraft guns helped halt or frustrate scores of attacks on aircraft carriers. One of her Kingfisher pilots performed heroically during the strike on Truk when he rescued ten downed Navy aviators on 30 April 1944.

She steamed over 300,000 miles. Although Japanese radio announcements claimed six times that NORTH CAROLINA had been sunk, she survived many close calls, near misses and one hit when a Japanese torpedo slammed into the battleship's hull on 15 September 1942.

By war's end, she lost only ten men in action and had 67 wounded. After the war, the ship served as a training vessel for midshipmen. She was decommissioned 27 June 1947 and placed in the Inactive Reserve Fleet in Bayonne, New Jersey.

When the US Navy announced its intentions to scrap NORTH CAROLINA in 1960, the state's citizens mounted a brief successful campaign to bring the battleship to North Carolina to preserve her as the state's premier war memorial and a tourist destination. The ship opened to the public in October 1961.

NORTH CAROLINA is an authentically restored World War II battleship, a National Historic Landmark and a memorial honoring the 10,000 North Carolinians of all branches of service who gave their lives in World War II. Welcome to our smoke-free facility. Enjoy your visit!



SEA STORIES BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

At the height of her WWII career, the ship carried 2,300 men, each of whom had a story to tell. Follow the battleship's blog, *Sea Stories*, at seastories.battleshipnc.com for a glimpse into the daily lives of men aboard this floating city at sea. From comedic entertainment to disheartening loss, this digital initiative allows readers to enjoy the ship's archives from anywhere with an Internet connection. The museum department also welcomes researchers by appointment.

Follow the ship's wartime journey by joining [facebook.com/ncbb55](https://www.facebook.com/ncbb55) or twitter.com/battleshipnc. Daily log excerpts are posted so that you can track her position.

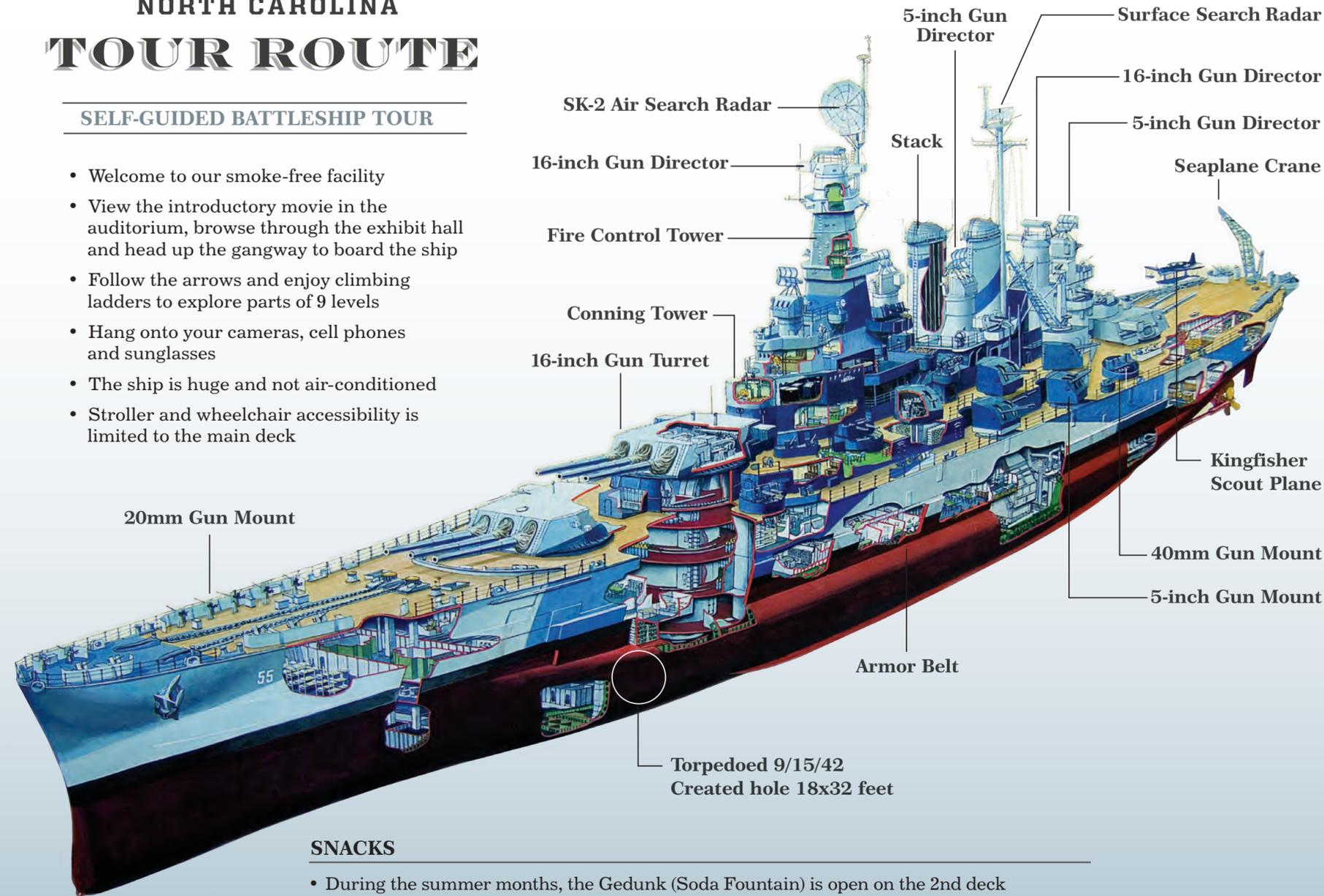


BATTLESHIP
NORTH CAROLINA

TOUR ROUTE

SELF-GUIDED BATTLESHIP TOUR

- Welcome to our smoke-free facility
- View the introductory movie in the auditorium, browse through the exhibit hall and head up the gangway to board the ship
- Follow the arrows and enjoy climbing ladders to explore parts of 9 levels
- Hang onto your cameras, cell phones and sunglasses
- The ship is huge and not air-conditioned
- Stroller and wheelchair accessibility is limited to the main deck



SNACKS

- During the summer months, the Gedunk (Soda Fountain) is open on the 2nd deck
- Cold/warm beverages and light snacks are available in our Canteen outside the Showboat Shop

UPPER LEVELS

- Bridge
- Chart house
- Combat Information Center
- Admiral's cabin
- Captain's cabin & sea cabin
- 5-inch gun mounts
- Signal bridge

BOW

- Anchor
- 20mm and 1.1-inch guns

LOWER DECKS

Daily Life, Engine Room, Weaponry

- Mess decks
- Bakery
- Chapel
- Engine room
- Butcher shop
- Galley
- Barber shop
- Laundry
- Print shop
- Post office
- Head
- Berthing areas
- Sick bay
- Dive locker
- Ship's offices
- Machine shop
- Plotting rooms
- 16-inch powder magazines and projectile storage
- Coding room
- Radio central and more!

FANTAIL

- 20mm and 40mm guns
- Kingfisher airplane
- 16-inch gun house

MAIN DECK

- Wardroom (officer dining)
- Executive Officer's office
- Exhibits
- 5-inch handling rooms
- 20mm clipping room

RESTROOMS

- Exhibit Hall by ticket window
- Main deck at end of Lower Decks tour
- Outside of Visitor Center

SHIP'S DATA

Keel Laid.....	October 27, 1937
Launched.....	June 13, 1940
Commissioned.....	April 9, 1941
Builder.....	New York Navy Yard
Length.....	729ft
Beam.....	108ft
Displacement	
Standard.....	36,600 tons
Loaded.....	44,800 tons
Maximum Speed.....	28 knots
Armament	
16-inch, 45 caliber guns.....	9
5-inch, 38 caliber guns.....	20
40mm, 56 caliber guns.....	40 to 60
20mm, 70 caliber guns.....	36 to 53
Wartime Complement	
Officers.....	141
Enlisted.....	2,115
Marines.....	85
Battle Stars Earned.....	15
Decommissioned.....	June 27, 1947
Moved to Wilmington.....	October 2, 1961
Dedicated.....	April 29, 1962



FRIENDS OF THE BATTLESHIP

FREE Admission for 1 year, 25% discount in the Ship's store and discounts on special programs.

battleshipnc.com/friends

SELF-SUPPORTING

The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is self-supporting. Income is generated through ticket sales, gift shop sales, rental functions, donations and Friends memberships.

GIVING

You can help preserve this National Historic Landmark and salute the service of the "greatest generation." No gift is too small. Contribute at the wishing well located by the Galley, the large projectile by the Showboat Shop or send a tax-deductible check payable to the Friends of the Battleship, PO Box 480, Wilmington, NC 28402.