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## **Apollo 11 Splashdown Anniversary Celebration @ the USS Hornet**

Please join the USS Hornet as we celebrate the anniversary of the **Apollo 11 Moon Landing and especially the recovery of the astronauts from the Pacific Ocean by the USS Hornet in 1969**. We will have a full day of family friendly, space exploration themed fun!

On **July 24th, 1969, the Apollo 11 Astronauts (Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins) returned to Earth after their successful mission to land on and walk on the Moon**. Their capsule splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean and the USS Hornet was there to pick them up! All the astronauts and their capsule were safely recovered and brought on board the ship where they then met President Nixon who was waiting to greet them. At our museum we have an award-winning Apollo exhibit, a Block 1 Apollo Capsule, a Mobile Quarantine Facility (which will be open for you to see what it's like inside!), and a SeaKing Helicopter that was actually used in the movie Apollo 13. Learn about all of this and so much more! More info [HERE](#).

### **There will be several special events and presentations, including:**

- NASA (with a large 3 table interactive set up!)
- The East Bay Astronomical Society (with Sun Telescopes)
- A Travelling Space Exhibit (Lots of space exploration related artifacts and models)
- A Model Rocket Collection (Joe Martinez, Hornet Volunteer has 2 large tables worth of model rockets)
- Star Wars Costume Clubs (Rebel Legion Endor Base, 501st Legion/Golden Gate Garrison, Wolves of Mandalore)
- High School Robotics clubs (They will bring their robots that you can see in action!)

- A fun Kid's Activity Table
- A Hornet Crewmember Table-talk to veterans who were present the day Apollo 11 was recovered!

**What: Apollo 11 Splashdown 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration @ the USS Hornet**

**When: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Where: USS Hornet Sea, Air & Space Museum 707 West Hornet Ave, Alameda, Ca 94501**

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## CVS-12

Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation preserves and honors the legacy of the USS *Hornet* CV-12 and its role in naval aviation, the defense of our country, the Apollo Program and the exploration of space. The USS Hornet Museum connects the greatest generation of Americans with future generations, educating and inspiring them to meet their challenges. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the USS Hornet Museum relies on the generosity of individuals to fund our educational programs, restoration projects, create and enhance exhibits and much more. The Museum is not supported in any way by regular grants from city, county, state or federal sources. Through field trips and live-aboard experiences, the USS Hornet Museum offers educational programs focusing on naval history, science and space technology: <https://uss-hornet.org/youth-education>. A registered state and national historic landmark, the ship is open to the public on weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is permanently berthed at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3 in Alameda, CA. Ample free parking is available across from the pier. The USS Hornet Museum is also a unique, unforgettable venue available for corporate events; trade shows and expos; private parties and big band dances; and TV and film productions. For more information, ticket prices and event planning, visit: [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org) or call (510) 599-4272.