



NEWS

October 10th-13th 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Russell Moore

Marketing & Community Outreach

(510) 599-4272

russell.moore@uss-hornet.org

Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the Navy with the USS Hornet Museum

Alameda, CA: Please join us aboard the USS Hornet as we celebrate the **250th birthday of the United States Navy on the weekend of October 10th-13th.**

All active duty and veteran military personnel will be allowed on for free the entire weekend.

We will have many exciting activities for our guests to enjoy on this weekend:

- We will be opening up the cockpits of the SeaKing Helicopter and the S-2 Tracker for guests to explore the inside of.
- We will also open the rear door of the Avenger for guests to look inside to see what the set up was like for the rear two crewmen.
- We are also going to open the Mobile Quarantine Facility to guests-normally only opened during Apollo anniversary events. Did you know the Apollo 12 crew was all Navy?
- The Hornet Legacy exhibit will be reopening in time for this event. The Hornet Legacy exhibit tells the story of all 8 ships named Hornet from the Revolutionary War to the USS Hornet CV-12 you are standing in!
- We will have a speaker from the Navy to give a presentation about some part of the Navy's 250 year history every day
- Watch for a glimpse of the Blue Angels from the Flight Deck on Friday the 10th, Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th

Also, on **October 10th**, we are having a **Fleet Week themed Overnight!** Spend the night on a retired **Navy Warship** and live like a sailor. **More information [HERE!!!](#)**

October 13th is the birthday of the Navy and the first two ships officially brought into the Navy were the *USS Hornet* and the *USS Wasp* in 1775. Ships named Hornet have been in the US Navy since its inception during the Revolutionary War and all the way through the Vietnam War. [History – USS Hornet Museum](#)

While the birthday of the Navy is October 13th, the USS Hornet Museum will be open during Fleet Week on **October 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th**. Come down on any of these days to explore the *USS Hornet CV-12* and learn about the history of the Navy and especially this historic ship. The *USS Hornet CV-12* served with distinction in World War II, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and as part of the space race (Apollo 11 and 12 recovery ship). Our docents will be happy to share their extensive knowledge with you!

To enhance your visit, you can sign up for one of our special tours to either learn about the **Life of a Sailor, the Island, the Engineering Spaces or the Weapons** of the *USS Hornet CV-12*. You can also sign up for a private tour on **October 7th**, when we are closed to the public. Please go here for more information on private tours: [Themed & Group – USS Hornet Museum](#)

The USS Hornet Museum is collaborating with Fleet Week and we will have our **Jet Cockpit** stationed at **Pier 30-32 on October 10th, 11th and 12th**. Come by and see us!

What: 250th Birthday of the US Navy

When: October 10th-13th 2025

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

###

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 or call (510) 599-4272.