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4th of July and 250th Birthday of the USA at the USS Hornet

Alameda, CA: 250 Years of the Hornet Legacy! This Independence Day, as our nation celebrates **America's 250th birthday**, we also honor the very first ship to bear the name **Hornet**, a small 10-gun sloop acquired in 1775 for the newly formed Continental Navy. Among the first vessels to serve the cause of American independence, she helped establish a proud naval tradition that continues nearly two and a half centuries later.

From that first Hornet in 1775 to the legendary aircraft carriers that followed, generations of servicemembers have carried the Hornet name in defense of our nation. **Today, that legacy lives on aboard the historic USS Hornet Museum.**

Join us on July 4, 2026, as we celebrate and reflect on 250 years of courage, service, and sacrifice. As fireworks light the skies across the nation, remember that the Hornet story began at the birth of the United States and continues today through the people who preserve and share its history.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday aboard USS Hornet!

- Steel Beach Party & BBQ aboard the historic aircraft carrier
- Live music throughout the day

- Food and beverages available for purchase
- Arts & crafts vendors on the pier
- Museum admission includes access to exhibits and tour of the ship's island superstructure
- Perfect stop after the Alameda Fourth of July Parade—and you'll still have time to find your favorite fireworks viewing spot afterward!

We will be selling commemorative American Flags flown about the USS Hornet on the 4th of July/250th birthday of the USA that comes with a certificate and a stamp of authenticity. Or you can fly the flag yourself!

[Tickets available here!](#)

What: 4th of July and 250th Birthday of USA

When: July 4th, 2026 10 am to 5 pm

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

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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: [Field Trips – USS Hornet Museum](#). 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.