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**COME EXPLORE THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION  
Truly A World's Fair  
Courtesy of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Nauticus**

**(Norfolk, Virginia)** – Norfolk is the homeport of America's Navy. At the turn of the 20th century, Norfolk hosted a world event with major historical, maritime, military and technological significance. It was called the Jamestown Exposition of 1907, named in honor of the 300th anniversary of the English settlement. A decade after its closing, this world's fair led to the Navy's purchase of the property for Norfolk Naval Station, today the world's largest presence of naval power.

Please join the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Nauticus on Thursday, April 26, as they celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's founding at Jamestown with the opening of a 5,000-square-foot permanent exhibit entitled *1907: The Jamestown Exposition and The Launching of The Steel Navy*. Visitors will be certain to find great interest in the exhibit with its emphasis on history, technology and hands-on activities. The centerpiece of the Steel Navy exhibit is a spectacular naval artifact: the bow ornament from the armored cruiser USS *New York*. More than nine feet tall, this piece features an American eagle flanked by the figures of Justice and Liberty. Other artifacts in the exhibit include a bell from USS *Kearsarge* (BB 5); a period flag from USS *Oregon* and the U.S. Navy's builder's model of USS *Virginia*. The Jamestown Exposition is also well represented by a series of souvenir items from the fair.

Besides these great artifacts the exhibit features plenty of fun for the whole family. One section of the exhibit recreates the mood of the Warpath, the amusement section of the Jamestown Exposition. Visitors young and old will have a chance to cross the line with sailors of the Great White Fleet; to view the three-dimensional effects of stereocards; and to pilot an early aircraft on the Naval Station.

The year 1907 was dramatic as it laid the groundwork for the development of the Norfolk Naval Station, the largest and most powerful naval base in the world. The Steel Navy affected the world one hundred years ago with impacts that are still felt today.

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**Nauticus** is a spectacular maritime science museum featuring hands-on exhibits, interactive theaters, aquaria, digital high-definition films, and an extensive variety of educational programs. A gift shop and restaurant complement the experience. For more information please visit [www.nauticus.org](http://www.nauticus.org).

The **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** and Battleship *Wisconsin* are both owned and operated by the United States Navy. Admission is free. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum is located on level two of Nauticus. For more information, please visit [www.hrn.navy.mil](http://www.hrn.navy.mil).