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FLEET WEEK SETS SAIL IN MARYLAND; SHIPS ANNOUNCED

(Baltimore, MD)- September 11, 2018- Over a dozen ships and vessels will be featured at this year's Maryland Fleet Week and Air Show Baltimore, taking place October 3-9, representing U.S., Canadian and British Naval ships, two tall ships and sea service vessels.

Participating ships will include:

- HMCS *Moncton* -Coastal Defence Vessel (MM 108)- Canada
- HMS *Monmouth*- Frigate (F 235)- United Kingdom
- Jamestown Tall Ship *Godspeed*- Square-Rigged Replica- USA
- NOAA Bay Hydro II- Survey Vessel- USA
- NS *Savannah* - Nuclear Powered Merchant Ship- USA
- SS *John W. Brown*- Liberty Ship- USA
- USACE *Catlett*- Survey Vessel- USA
- USACE *Reynolds*- USA
- USCGC *Eagle* -Barque/Cutter- USA
- USNS *Bismarck* (T-EPF 9)- Spearhead-class Expeditionary Fast Transport Ship - USA
- USS *Milwaukee* (LCS 5)- Omaha-class Light Cruiser- USA
- USS *Oak Hill* (LSD 51)- Harpers Ferry-class Dock Landing Ship- USA
- USS *Stout* (DDG 55)- Arleigh Burke-class Guided Missile Destroyer- USA
- USS *Tornado* (PC 14)- Cyclone-class Patrol Ship-USA
- Yard Patrol Boat- USNA Yard Patrol Craft- USA

Public Tours aboard these vessels will take place October 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 from 1 pm-6 pm.

Maryland Fleet Week and Air Show Baltimore is a weeklong celebration of the rich maritime traditions of the Chesapeake Bay and the contributions of Marylanders to the defense of the nation. The biennial event is presented by Historic Ships in Baltimore in partnership with the United States Navy, the Maryland State Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism Development and the City of Baltimore, among others. The 2018 Title Sponsor for Fleet Week is Northrop Grumman which joins many additional sponsors and other participating partner organizations in supporting this event including Visit Baltimore, Waterfront Partnership, Sail Baltimore, and Downtown Partnership.

In addition to ship tours, the event will also include a spectacular air show featuring the United States Air Force (USAF) Thunderbirds and other performers, the Fleet Week Festival at the Inner Harbor, various educational and community oriented activities, an Open House at Martin State Airport in Baltimore County and, NEW to the event this year, a 5K Run. For more information, log onto www.mdfleetweek.org, connect on social media channels through Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or call 866-639-3526.

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ABOUT HISTORIC SHIPS IN BALTIMORE

Historic Ships in Baltimore is the management team producing MARYLAND FLEET WEEK & AIR SHOW BALTIMORE with many state, city and national partners. Located in the heart of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Historic Ships in Baltimore is the steward of two historic U.S. Navy vessels: the US Sloop-of-War CONSTELLATION and the US submarine TORSK. CONSTELLATION is the last all-sail warship built by the U.S. Navy and has an historic provenance dating back to the 1797 frigate CONSTELLATION built in Baltimore. USS TORSK, a WWII era Tench class "fleet boat" submarine, sank the last two Japanese enemy combatants and holds the record for the most dives of any US submarine. Also under the care of Historic Ships are the US Coast Guard Cutter TANEY, the last ship still afloat to witness the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Lightship 116 *Chesapeake*, which marked the entrance to the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, and the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, built in 1856 to mark the entrance to the Patapsco River and Baltimore Harbor. As significant symbols of our nation's maritime heritage, the non-profit organization plays a key role in the heritage and cultural landscape within the City of Baltimore and strives to raise awareness throughout Maryland and the United States of these important elements of our nation's history. For more information, visit www.historicships.org.

Historic Ships in Baltimore is a program of the Living Classrooms Foundation, which has its roots in the maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. For more than 30 years, Living Classrooms has been providing hands-on maritime and environmental education programming for Baltimore area youth and adults. For more information, visit www.livingclassrooms.org.

ABOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TEAM

The Department of the Navy recruits, trains, equips, and organizes to deliver combat ready Naval forces to win conflicts and wars while maintaining national security and deterrence through sustained forward presence. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Team are deployed around the world during peacetime and during conflicts. The Navy and Marine Corps team also supports humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts. Forward presence allows the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps team to do what needs to be done, when called upon to do it. The service members participating in the Maryland Fleet week are warfighters first who train to be ready to operate forward to preserve peace, protect commerce, and deter aggression.

ABOUT MARYLAND TOURISM

The Maryland Office of Tourism is an agency of the Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts within the Maryland Department of Commerce. Visitors to the state spent \$17.3 billion on travel-related expenses in 2016. The Maryland tourism industry also generated \$2.35 billion in state and local taxes, and provided Marylanders with more than 146,000 jobs with a payroll of \$6 billion. For more information, visit www.visitmaryland.org.

ABOUT VISIT BALTIMORE

Visit Baltimore is the official sales and marketing organization for Baltimore that generates economic benefits for stakeholders through the attraction of convention, group and leisure visitors. For more information, please visit www.baltimore.org.

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