



★ **New at Patriots Point**

Beginning this fall, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will offer a compelling new landside exhibit that recognizes and honors veterans of the Vietnam War, and highlights components of the war in authentic and engaging ways. The new exhibit will include state of the art technology and artifacts that immerse visitors in what it was like to live and work in support bases during wartime. Enhancements include interactive means to hear, see and feel a US Navy Advanced Tactical Support Base (Brown Water Navy) and a US Marine Corps Artillery Firebase in Vietnam.

The new exhibit will not only bring history to life in new ways, but it will also serve as a place for Vietnam veterans and others to reflect and reconnect with their wartime experiences.

★ **Commemorative Partnership**

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum has been named a Commemorative Partner of the Department of Defense for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. As a partner, Patriots Point will host numerous educational & commemorative events and programs that over the next two years will highlight the service of all Armed Forces, recognize the sacrifices made at home and by U.S. allies throughout the war, and honor Vietnam veterans.



★ **The Vietnam Experience**

Through the expansion and technological additions to the new exhibit, Patriots Point will serve as a unique educational and engaging venue for veterans and other visitors to connect with the important highlights of the Vietnam War. The expansion will consist of a US Navy Advanced Tactical Support Base (Brown Water Navy) and a US Marine Corps Artillery Firebase.

Exhibits are planned to incorporate:

★ **Boeing Vertol CH-46 Sea Knight Helicopter**

Walk inside a Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter. The “Sea Knight” was a tandem rotor twin engine transport helicopter that replaced the CH-34 as the Vietnam War progressed. CH-34 moved supplies and troops and could carry 4,000 lbs. of cargo or over 20 combat equipped troops.

★ **Fire Control Bunker**

From inside the fire control bunker, the visitor will experience a gunfire support mission; including some interactive activities. Again sight, sound, feel, and smell take you there!

★ **105 Howitzer**

The firebase will include an M101 105mm Howitzer. A veteran of World War II and Korea, the M101 was used in Vietnam as well. Walk up and touch the real thing. See how the crews slept in simple tents, ate field rations, and “roughed it” in these more remote and mobile operations.

★ **Night Attack Bunker**

The visitor will enter the bunker and experience an enemy night attack on the base through audio and visual effects. Sight, sound, feel, and smell will all be part of the action.

★ **Observation Tower**

Visitors will be able to climb up to the observation or “guard” tower that will include replica .50 caliber machine guns and other hands-on experiences.

★ **Living and Working Spaces**

View the crew’s quarters, ammo and supply storage, command shack, and sick bay with sights and sounds bringing the spaces to life.

★ **Sikorsky UH-34 Sea Horse**

This rugged workhorse was the primary airlift platform used by the Marines in their helicopter assault operations early in the Vietnam War.

★ **MK1 River Patrol Boat (PBR)**

Visitors will be able to step aboard this rare MK1 version of the 31’ river patrol boat. These fast, maneuverable, and well-armed boats were used to stop and search river traffic in South Vietnam.

★ **Bell UH-1M Huey Gunship**

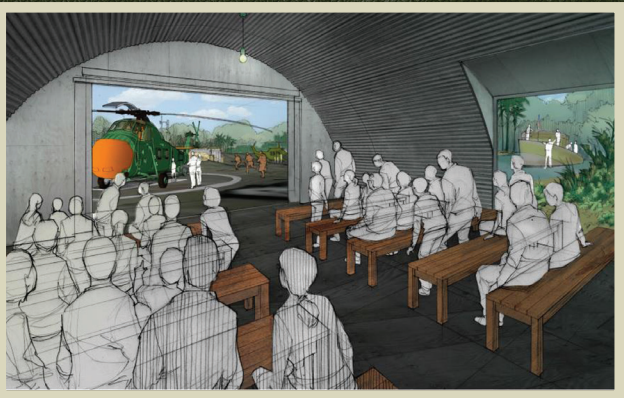
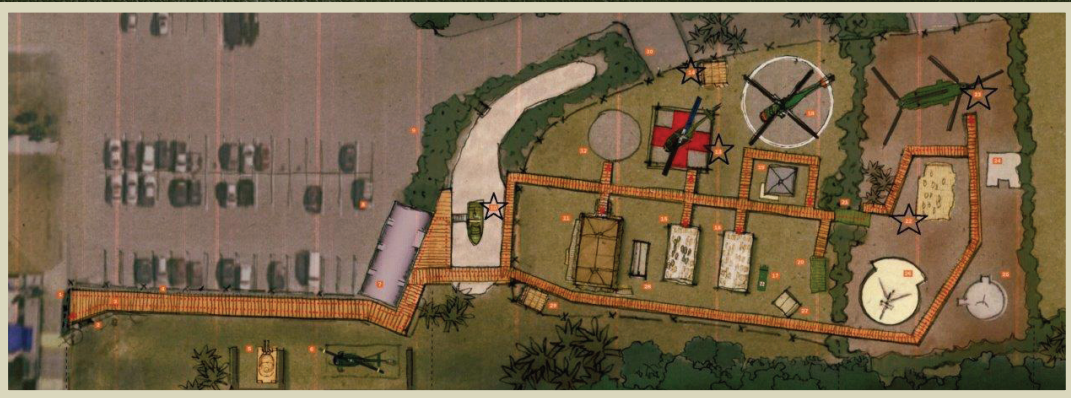
Converted from the utility versions of the common UH-1 “Huey”, UH-1 gunships often accompanied PBRs on patrol. The US Navy “Sea Wolves” (HAL-3) specialized in this duty, becoming the “eyes in the sky” for the PBRs.

★ **Mess Hall**

Sounds of the late 1960s will be heard in the Naval Support Base mess hall. The visitor can sit inside and enjoy what was a simple but welcome luxury in a forward operations base.

★ **MEDEVAC Exhibit**

The MEDEVAC exhibit will show another way the helicopter played an important role in the transportation of battlefield casualties. The exhibit will include a UH-1H “Huey” and an M725 Military Ambulance.



The Vietnam Experience Exhibit is made possible by contributions from Charleston County Council, Bennett Hospitality and Charleston Harbor Benefactors Society.

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