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The Friends of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum Present

FROM NORFOLK TO NORMANDY: The Navy, the Shipyard, and D-Day

Speakers: M. Clayton Farrington, Historian/Editor of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum's quarterly magazine, *The Daybook*; and Marcus W. Robbins, Command Historian and Archivist, Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

(Portsmouth, VA – June 10, 2019) – How did Portsmouth's crucial naval facilities support the Allied invasion of German-occupied France at both Utah and Omaha Beaches on June 6, 1944? Come to the Friends of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum's lecture on June 20 and find out. Twenty-nineteen marks the 75th anniversary of this pivotal World War II event.

Marcus W. Robbins, Command Historian and Archivist at Norfolk Naval Shipyard will review the ships constructed at breakneck speed at the Norfolk Navy Yard (today's Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth) which supported the invasion. M. Clayton Farrington, Historian/Editor of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum's quarterly magazine, *The Daybook*, will discuss the naval tactics that made up this complex land, sea, and air operation.

The lecture will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the Coleman Room of the Churchland Branch of the Portsmouth Public Library, 4934 High Street West, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Admission is free. Free parking is available in the library parking lot.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum researches, preserves, and promotes the history of the City of Portsmouth, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and the armed forces in Hampton Roads. The museum accomplishes its mission by offering exhibitions, publications, lectures, and educational programs.

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