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Laying Down Keels of Victory
in the Newest Exhibit at the
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum

Opening on Friday, June 4, 2010, is the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum's newest permanent exhibit, *The Keels of Victory: the City and the Shipyard, 1921-1945*. The exhibit will discuss the history of Portsmouth and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard during the 1920's and the Great Depression. The exhibit will also examine the role of the city and the shipyard during World War II. Topics highlighted in the exhibit will include warship construction, Portsmouth's wartime homefront, and the shipyard's "Rosie the Riveters." *Keels of Victory* opens with a reception from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on June 4th inside the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum. Enjoy refreshments, living history, and World War II era music while touring our newest exhibit

The opening weekend activities continue at the museum on Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Discover the rigors of shipbuilding through hands-on activities, talk with costumed World War II soldiers & sailors, and learn about the role of lightships during the war as you walk the decks of the Lightship *Portsmouth*. As a part of our First Saturday programs, admission will be **FREE** to both the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and Lightship *Portsmouth*!

To find out more about this special program please contact Corey Thornton at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum at (757) 393-8591.