



PORTSMOUTH
NAVAL SHIPYARD
— MUSEUM —



LIGHTSHIP
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COURTHOUSE
— GALLERIES —

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**THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD MUSEUM, LIGHTSHIP *PORTSMOUTH*, &
COURTHOUSE GALLERIES TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS**

*These museums are three of more than 1,300 museums across America
to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer*

[Portsmouth, VA – June 9, 2011] – The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, Lightship *PORTSMOUTH*, and Courthouse Galleries announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 1,300 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from now through Labor Day 2011. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

“Blue Star Museums may be the program at the NEA of which I am proudest,” said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. “Blue Star Museums recognizes and thanks our military families for all they are doing for our country, and simultaneously begins young people on a path to becoming life-long museum goers.”

The program will extend through Labor Day, September 5, 2011.

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