

# SOUTH COASTAL AARP

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# VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

The largest spectacle of music and might in the United States, the Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. Each year's Tattoo is different, with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and new sights and sounds to amaze you. Our 24th annual Tattoo, set for **April 16-April 18, 2021**, will feature over 1,000 performers from eight different countries--don't blink or you might miss something!

## **The Greatest Generation**

Our 2020 Tattoo promises to be one of the most moving ever, as we mark **the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II** and honor the **courage and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation**. With stirring music, historic photos and video, tributes from U.S. military bands, and special appearances by veterans, we will remember and celebrate the men and women who changed the course of history, not only for the United States but for the world.

## **Virginia International Tattoo**

**3 Days-2 Nights    Friday, April 16, - April 18, 2021**

## **Overview**

Visit **Naval Station Norfolk**, the largest naval installation in the world. On your riding tour, pass the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" and drive by the military vessels, including the magnificent battleships. An active-duty military personnel will board the motor coach and narrate throughout the base. Then embark on a riding tour of **Norfolk** to learn about the port city's colorful 330-year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. Next, enjoy ice cream on a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's**. Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone by taking a waffle and rolling it into a cone, to which he added ice cream. Doumar's still bakes cones on the original cone machines.

Visit **Nauticus**, a nautical museum, where guests will learn about the power of the sea, experience ship handling first hand and pet a shark. Visit the museum and then enjoy a self-guided tour of the **Battleship Wisconsin**—the largest battleship that served in WWII, the Korean War and the Persian Gulf War. Then, walk the short distance for reserved seating at the **Parade of Nations** which features marching bands, Military performers,

dazzling floats and decorated NATO officials, all representing NATO nations. Following the parade, visit **Town Point Park** for **NATO Fest**, a cultural experience of food, drink and entertainment. The 28 NATO countries will showcase their unique cultures in a festival-style format. Guests can take in the sights and sounds while enjoying lunch on their own from the many international offerings. Next visit the **MacArthur Memorial**, for a glimpse into our country's history. View the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur and see the 25-minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Then, depart for a fun-filled night at **The Virginia International Tattoo**. The experience will begin with **Taste of Tattoo: A Pre-Performance Dinner Experience**, featuring lively entertainment acts performed on a stage while guests enjoy a delicious, plentiful Southern buffet dinner. Then it's on to the main event—the **Tattoo**, the largest ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands in the United States. In a premium seating section, guests will see pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent and teamwork, precision personified.

**Visit the Military Aviation Museum.** Home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production and commercials. An in-depth guided tour will be given of the vintage aircraft and numerous other veteran vehicles housed in a variety of hangars and within the main museum. Next, visit the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** in full bloom. Take a trackless tram to explore 155-acres of rare flowers, mature forests and one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, and roses on the East Coast. Enjoy lunch on your own at the garden café.

**Package Includes:**

- Two nights lodging @ Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Town Center
- Luggage Handling
- Two breakfast at the hotel, two dinners, one lunch and one ice cream treat
- All admissions, taxes & meal gratuities
- A dedicated local guide for 3 days
- Gratuity for guide and motor coach driver
- Round trip motor coach transportation

**Price: (limited to 40 reservations) members only**

**Double Occupancy \$575.00 per person**

**Single Occupancy \$736.00 per person**

**Triple Occupancy \$521.00 per person**

For information or to make reservations: sign up at any General Meeting or contact Jim Harding (973)903-1495 or email [jameshrdg@yahoo.com](mailto:jameshrdg@yahoo.com)

**Conditions**

- Initial payment due according to voucher payment date, if initial payment is not received your booking will automatically be canceled.
- Seating will be assigned based on initial payment received.
- Fuel surcharges by all transportation companies may be assessed in the event of fuel price increase.

**Travel Protection:**

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