

# Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

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Dear USS Yorktown (CG-48) Association:

All of us associated with the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia send congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful 2018 reunion. Our museum, which replaces the Yorktown Victory Center, communicates the history of the American Revolution to visitors from all over the world. This museum is built on property given by Nick and Mary Mathews to the Commonwealth of Virginia for honoring the ideals of our democracy. They wanted to ensure that future generations of Americans would understand the history of the American Revolution, especially the significance of the siege of Yorktown and the freedoms so valiantly won in 1781.

As we all know, your sponsor, Ms. Mary Mathews, was a most fervent patriot. She was devoted to you, the USS Yorktown (CG-48), and to the U. S. Navy. As we have followed the service life of the USS Yorktown since its commissioning on 4 July 1984 at the pier of the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, we have seen in its performance a projection of Ms. Mary's spirit. We are most grateful to you for your military service and contributions to the national defense. We know Nick and Mary would be proud of your outstanding service to our nation.

We look forward to your visits to the American Revolution at Yorktown Museum which exemplifies the spirit of your sponsor, Mary Mathews.

Sincerely yours,

Philip G. Emerson

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