



PORT CHICAGO WEEKEND 2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT





Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Port Chicago Alliance, I'm proud to share this Community Impact Report highlighting the success of Port Chicago Weekend 2025—a powerful celebration of remembrance, education, and community.

This year's events brought over 2000 people together to honor the Port Chicago Sailors, their descendants, and the progress made since their exoneration. We expanded our youth program, launched a Youth Bus to bring students to key sites, commissioned a Port Chicago Anthem, and hosted educational panels, awards ceremonies, and live music that uplifted and united our community.

We gained meaningful media coverage and advanced educational outreach through school partnerships and public exhibits. Most importantly, we created space for learning, healing, and reflection.

None of this would be possible without our sponsors, partners, and volunteers—thank you for standing with us and helping us grow this movement.

With gratitude,

Julie Padmore

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2025 Port Chicago Weekend Highlights

2000

Number of attendees

200+

Youth participants

10

Proclamations and Resolutions

2

Exhibits



110k+

Social media reach

45k

Website engagements

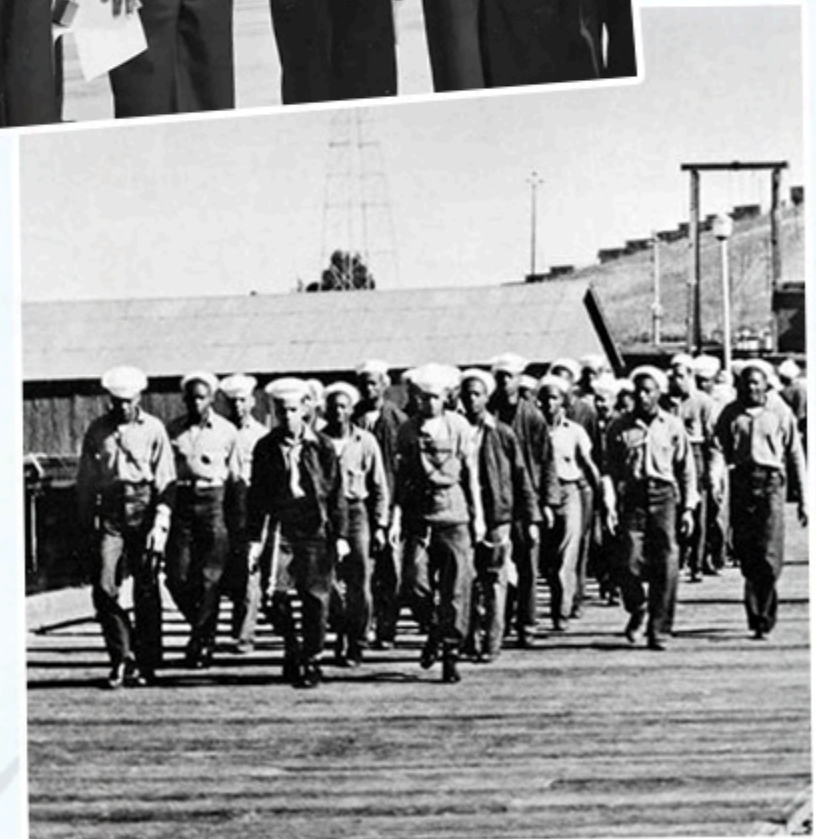


Why We Remember

On July 17, 1944, an explosion at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine near Concord, California, killed 320 people, most of them young Black Sailors serving their country under Jim Crow segregation. When ordered to return to the same hazardous, discriminatory conditions, fifty men objected, and were unjustly convicted of mutiny. The stand of the Port Chicago 50 helped expose racism in the military and catalyzed the desegregation of the U.S. Navy.

In early 2024, we launched Port Chicago Weekend to bring this history to light and demand justice. In July of that year, the U.S. Navy formally exonerated the Port Chicago 50, marking a major victory in the long fight for recognition.

Each year, Port Chicago Weekend unites communities to remember, reflect, and educate — honoring legacy while advancing a more just future.



Honor

Community Connection & Commemoration

Celebrating heritage through shared experiences and public remembrance



Community Gatherings

Commemoration

Wellness Walks

Education & Youth Engagement

Inspiring the next generation through learning, creativity, and leadership.



Youth Camp



Educational Panels and Seminars



Exhibits

Advocacy & Historic Justice

Mobilizing policy and public support to preserve the legacy of Port Chicago

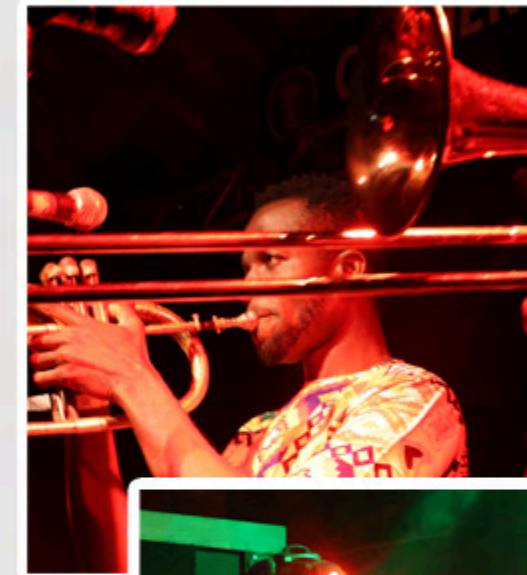


Remembrance Day Proclamations

Celebrating Impact and Commitment

Legacy Through Culture

Celebrating culture and heritage



Port Chicago Tribute Song

Legacy Tees

Roots and Heritage

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Key Quotes from Port Chicago Weekend 2025



“These Sailors ended up showing us what resistance means in the face of terror, and we need to make sure that they are honored each and every day.”

Barbara Lee, Oakland Mayor — July 17, 2025, Oakland, CA

“One has to have the courage and conviction to stand up for those who are defenseless or can’t speak for themselves... The struggle continues, and we have to continue to fight.”

Carlos Del Toro, Former Secretary of the Navy — July 18, 2025, Berkeley, CA



“Keep the faith, keep serving each other, and keep the stories of these Sailors alive and the timeless lessons they have for us all.”

Franklin R. Parker, Former Assistant Secretary of the Navy — July 17, 2025, Oakland, CA





Raising Awareness: Media and Promotion

- 10 Digital Billboards
- 5 News Segments
- 1 National Radio Segment

Port Chicago Weekend marking a dark chapter in U.S. history
Port Chicago Weekend marking a dark chapter in U.S. history. Interview with 2 men about the deadly 1944 explosion, the injustice against surviving sailors, and the weekend of events happening across the Bay Area to remember this entire saga.
Posted July 15, 2025 4:43pm PDT | [↗](#)



Remembrance walk held for Bay Area sailors who lead the way to desegregation
By Anna Owens | Published July 25, 2025 6:49pm PDT | News | KTVU FOX2 | [↗](#)



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