

A photograph of a man in a green military flight suit and a black baseball cap with "TOMCAT" and "VF-21" on it, carrying a young child on his shoulders. The child is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. They are both smiling. In the foreground, there is a large American flag. The background shows a blurred airfield with other people and aircraft. The word "military" is written in large white lowercase letters across the center of the image. A vertical line of white stars runs down the left side of the image.

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LIBERTY TOUR A 3-DAY, 2-NIGHT MILITARY TOUR.

CELEBRATE THE GLORY OF OUR MILITARY HERITAGE WITH FASCINATING EXHIBITS AND UP-CLOSE VIEWS OF MILITARY MIGHT THAT ARE SURE TO MAKE YOUR HEART BEAT FASTER - AND PROUDER.

Day 1 | A day of aviation, history and swing.

PM: Begin at the **Virginia Air & Space Center** in Hampton, VA, for hands-on exhibits, a premiere interactive aviation gallery. Then tour historic **Fort Monroe** and the **Casemate Museum**, in the largest stone fortress in the U.S. still in active use. Reach your hotel and prepare for an evening of dinnertainment at the **Waterman's Surfside Grille** and invite the Doorway Singers for a musical trip back to the 1940's.

Day 2 | Imagine a life at sea.

AM: Follow breakfast at your hotel with a walk on the boardwalk to the **Monuments at 25th Street**. Pick up your step-on guide for a view of area history, including **Fort Story** and the **Cape Henry Lighthouses**, as you travel to **Naval Air Station Norfolk**, home to the 100-ship Atlantic Fleet, and the world's largest naval installation. See aircraft carriers, destroyers, submarines and a collection of period homes.

PM: Then, off to downtown Norfolk for lunch and to board the **USS Wisconsin**, berthed at **Nauticus, the National Maritime Center**.

This is the last and largest battleship built by the U.S. Navy – discover how it earned five battle stars during World War II. Follow up with a visit to the **MacArthur Memorial**, final resting place of Five Star General Douglas MacArthur, and home to artifacts and archives of his life. You'll have lots to talk about over dinner in Virginia Beach's **Town Center**, where culinary choices run the gamut, from sizzling premium steaks to yummy pizza.

Day 3 | Thrill to the sound of jets.

AM: After breakfast at local favorite, **Mary's Restaurant**, spend a little more time at the oceanfront to explore the shops. Then join a retired pilot for a tour of **Naval Air Station Oceana**, home to more than 250 jets, including the F/A-18 Hornets. You'll approach the flight line, and stop at the **Aviation Historical Park** before lunch at the **Officer's Club** where you'll dine with uniformed officers. Complete your day with a moment at the **Tidewater Veterans Memorial** to honor those who've served.

