

Signal Bridge Restoration 2021



Laffey Signal Bridge Restoration from Chris Kirhagis “Patriots Point Volunteers Bill Casassa and Frank Seagriff have been refurbishing the Signal Shack They completed painting, replacement of the windows

and comm/power box restoration and installation. The effort to populate the shack with some artifacts will be starting week of 28 March since there are couple of anniversaries to be honored at Patriots Point this week/weekend. Hope to be completed in the shack when the crew shows up on 5 April. We are seeking suggestions from prior Signalman or curator Melissa as to what items can be displayed on and in the Signal Bridge that

would make it more realistic to whatever era is chosen. I know that they are going to reinstall another rack, so I will need input from anyone that is knowledgeable with this rate and the "shack" Any and all input is greatly appreciated." Chris Kirhagis
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Signal Bridge Restoration Video from Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.



https://twitter.com/Patriots_Point/status/1527272866969960449?t=-jXqCjPJArT-vAJPuujAdw&s=09 on Twitter Patriots Point @Patriots_Point.

Other Patriots Point YouTube Videos:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=patriots+point+naval+%26+maritime+museum

From William Townsend SM2 (Signalman 2nd Class) who served aboard USS Laffey 1968-1972 then homeported in Norfolk, VA. “There was (what we called BIG EYES binoculars) welded to the deck, also there was a pair of semaphore signal flags inside the shack, attached to the back bulkhead to use when alongside ships, otherwise at long distance we used the lights to signal a ship or the yardarms to signal ALL ships. Also along with the lights were come cone shaped colored filters that attached to the front

of the lights to use them at nighttime so signals couldn't be seen by everyone. A coffee pot ALWAYS sat on the signal desk inside the shack. There was a set of signal publications books on the desk also, which were some confidential publications from the NAVY, explaining different signals and moves.”

Photos from Bill Casassa and Brian Parsons
Patriots Point Exhibits Support for the Signal Shack





Well Done Volunteers Bill Casassa, Frank Seagriff, and others for refurbishing the Signal Shack and Bridge.

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