78th International Conference on Mass Properties Engineering

Guest Events

May 18 – 23, 2019    Norfolk, VA

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The Hampton Roads Chapter of the SAWE is honored to invite Mass Properties Professionals and guests to Norfolk, Virginia, for the 78th Annual Conference on Mass Properties Engineering!

We have a number of special events planned for conference attendees and guests that highlight the best of what Norfolk has to offer:

- Sunday: A tour of the Battleship Wisconsin, including the recently opened engine room
- Monday: A trip to the beautiful Norfolk Botanical Gardens
- Tuesday Morning: Explore Norfolk’s history and enjoy lunch at the Freemason’s Abbey
- Tuesday Evening: Enjoy a dinner cruise on The Spirit of Norfolk
- Wednesday: A guided tour of the Chrysler Museum of Art
- Thursday: A visit to the Virginia Air and Space Center in Hampton, Virginia

Additional information is provided in the following pages. All events can be registered for through the conference registration website.

We look forward to seeing you in Norfolk this May!

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SAWE Hampton Roads Chapter
International Conference Co-Chairs
Sunday, May 19

Nauticus and the USS Wisconsin

On Sunday afternoon enjoy a tour of the Iowa Class Battleship USS Wisconsin, at Norfolk’s Nauticus Museum! This historic ship is within walking distance of the conference venue.

First commissioned in 1944, USS Wisconsin took part in World War II, Korea, and the Gulf War. The Wisconsin has been a part of the Nauticus museum in downtown Norfolk since December 7, 2000. Visitors can walk the main deck and explore different compartments, including the ship’s mess, berthing spaces, combat engagement center, and galleys. Also included is a special guided a tour of the ship’s engine room, only recently opened to the public! We hope you will take this exciting opportunity to tour a floating city at sea and a part of America’s storied naval history.

Cost:

Admission and Engine Room Tour: $32.00
Monday, May 20
The Norfolk Botanical Gardens

On Monday, take a trip to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens!

The Norfolk Botanical Gardens is Virginia’s largest, made of up of 60 themed gardens spread over 175 acres, attracting visitors from all over the world. Featuring a mix of flowers, fountains, stately walks, and quiet woods, the Norfolk Botanical Gardens provide a beautiful setting for many different tastes. This event features a guided tour of the gardens via a combination of boat, tram, and by foot, and includes lunch.

Cost:

$40.00
Includes admission, tours, lunch, and transportation to the event.
Tuesday, May 21
Norfolk’s Cannonball Trail & Lunch
At the Freemasons Abbey

Enjoy a walking tour of Norfolk’s most historic sites along the Elizabeth River and through the downtown districts. The Cannonball Trail hits the highlights of 400 years of history, including St Paul’s Episcopal Church and the Old Norfolk Public Library. Includes a stop for lunch at the Freemason’s Abbey, a popular local restaurant located in a beautiful 144 year old renovated church.

Cost:

$10.00 (Lunch Not Included)
Tuesday Evening, May 21
Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk

The Hampton Roads Chapter invites all conference attendees to the main social event of the conference, a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk on the beautiful Elizabeth River!

The Spirit of Norfolk offers entertainment and fine dining in a sleek, beautiful setting while passing by points of interest such as Waterside Park, Naval Station Norfolk, the USS Monitor / CSS Virginia Battle-site, Tanner’s Point, and Old Fort Norfolk, among others.

With the embarkation point for this fun filled evening within walking distance of “The Main”, this is an experience you truly won’t want to miss!

Cost:
$75.00
Wednesday, May 22
The Chrysler Museum of Art

The Chrysler Museum is the premier art museum of Hampton Roads, with a collection of over 30,000 works, dated from ancient Egypt to the modern day, as well as an unparalleled glass studio with daily demonstrations. Featuring works by American and European artists, the museum also has rotating exhibitions of high quality and intrinsic value.

Enjoy a tour of the collection highlights and a glass studio demonstration, all within the spacious and inviting environs of the Chrysler Museum.

Cost:

$10.00
Cost covers transportation to the event; Admission to the museum is free
Thursday, May 23
Virginia Air and Space Center

The final guest event of the conference is a visit to the Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC)! The VASC is the only museum in the world to have scale models of the Orion Boilerplate, Apollo, Mercury, and Gemini modules. In addition, the VASC features an IMAX theater, numerous aircraft on display, and other exhibits on space craft, science, and engineering.

Located in downtown Hampton, the cost of the event includes transportation on a chartered bus.

Cost:

$40.00
Includes admission, transportation, and an IMAX film