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## **The Sandy Hook Foundation Appoints Russ Smith to Its Board of Trustees**

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The Sandy Hook Foundation, the Official Friends Group of the National Park Service at Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook Unit, welcomes Russ Smith to its Board of Trustees, effective May 8, 2023. As a member of the board, Mr. Smith will be responsible for advancing resources and efforts of the Foundation and supporting its mission to enhance the visitor experience at Sandy Hook.

Sandy Hook provides a vast menu of resources for all park visitors, including outdoor sports and recreation enthusiasts; naturalists eager to discover abundant flora and fauna; history buffs revisiting the Army's activities and impact at Fort Hancock (a National Historic Landmark); and all those who love the miles of ocean and bayside beaches. The Foundation plays an important role supporting programs and projects that make visitors' experiences better.

"The Sandy Hook Foundation proudly welcomes Russ to our board. His vast business experience as an owner of the local business Flexcraft, combined with his unique local perspective, will strengthen our role within the community and enhance our partnership with the National Park Service," says Pete Izzo, President of The Sandy Hook Foundation.

Mr. Smith is a Monmouth County native and lives in Rumson with his wife and family.

For more information about The Sandy Hook Foundation, please visit <https://www.sandyhooknj.org> or call 732-291-7733