CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TO HOST SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

Veterans of USS VI Requin Base to lead ceremony aboard World War II submarine

PITTSBURGH, May 14, 2012— Carnegie Science Center will honor veterans with a special memorial on Sunday, May 27. Led by veterans of USS VI Requin Base, the ceremony takes place from 10 – 11 am on the USS Requin submarine, docked on the Ohio River.

The event is free to the general public, who are encouraged to watch from the Ohio River shore.

Beginning at 10 am, the Beaver County Stearman Association will perform a flyover with a vintage Stearman World War II-era biplane, weather permitting. Afterward, veterans of the Requin Base will toll the bell once for each submarine that is on “Eternal Patrol” and will cast flower petals on the water so that they may “travel down the rivers of this great nation and to the oceans” where fellow submarines have gone down. The Marine color guard from Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment 310, Marine Corps League, will perform a gun salute.

After the service, visitors are encouraged to tour Requin, explore life on a submarine, and discover challenges that the crew faced while on board. Admission to the submarine will be free all day.

“This memorial allows our visitors to witness submarine history first-hand”, says Patty Rogers, curator of Historic Exhibits at the Science Center. “At the Science Center, not only are we presenting the science behind submarines, but we are offering a rare glimpse into the lives of submariners. The memorial ceremony is very moving to witness.”

In addition to her commitment to our local historic naval treasure, Rogers currently serves as Vice President of the Historical Naval Ships Association (HNSA), an organization whose purpose is to preserve and interpret historically important ships around the world.

Carnegie Science Center will be open on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28) and offers an ongoing discount of 50 percent off general admission to all active military personnel and up to three guests.
About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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