Carnegie Science Center to Host Submarine Memorial
Veterans of USS VI Requin Base to lead ceremony aboard Cold War era submarine

PITTSBURGH, May 15, 2013 — Carnegie Science Center will honor veterans with a special memorial on Sunday, May 26. 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 is from the Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment 310 and members of VFW Post 9199 are serving as Honor Guard with 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, technology and unique engineering of 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 naval ships around the world.

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Carnegie Science Center will be open throughout the weekend, including Memorial Day (Monday, May 27), 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 brings the world of science alive for visitors of all ages. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center features hands-on exhibits, three live demonstration theaters, a four-story Omnimax theater, Highmark SportsWorks®, an interactive full-dome digital planetarium, a Cold War-era submarine moored on Pittsburgh’s Ohio River, the world’s largest and most comprehensive robotics exhibition, and a world-renowned model railroad display. Carnegie Science Center is located at One Allegheny Avenue on Pittsburgh’s North Shore next to Heinz Field. Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org, or call 412.237.3400 for more information.

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