CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TO HOST SUBMARINE MEMORIAL
VETERANS FROM LOCAL SUBMARINE BASE TO LEAD CEREMONY ON MAY 24

PITTSBURGH, May 12, 2015 — Carnegie Science Center will honor veterans with a special memorial on Sunday, May 24. Veterans of USS VI Requin Base will host a ceremony from 10 – 11 am on USS Requin, the Cold War-era submarine moored along the Ohio River.

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

Veterans of the Requin Base will toll a 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 are at rest. The Marine Color Guard from Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment 310 and the VFW Post 9199 Honor Guard will perform a 21-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,” said Patty Everly, curator of Historic Exhibits at the Science Center. “At the Science Center, not only are we presenting the science, technology, and unique engineering of USS Requin, 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, Everly currently serves as President of the Historical Naval Ships Association (HNSA), an organization whose purpose is to preserve and interpret historically important naval ships around the world.

Carnegie Science Center will be open throughout the weekend, including Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) and offers an ongoing discount to active military personnel and veterans. See www.CarnegieScienceCenter.org for details.
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 120 years ago, 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. The museums reach more than 1.3 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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