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## FAREWELL TO WINTER: USS REQUIN RETURNS TO DAILY SCHEDULE COLD WAR-ERA SUBMARINE AT CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER OPEN 10 AM – 4:30 PM

**PITTSBURGH, March 8, 2018** – As Pittsburgh bids a chilly farewell to the frosty winter of 2018, a vessel of history in the Ohio River is welcoming March's thaw. Carnegie Science Center is pleased to announce USS Requin (SS 481) submarine is sailing into spring with a return to daily hours of operation from 10 am – 4:30 pm, weather and river conditions permitting. Self-guided tours were limited to the weekends during winter, but with warmer weather in sight, Requin is once again ready for daily visitors.

The Cold War-era naval submarine offers visitors an authentic look at how 80 men used their expertise, humor, and sheer ingenuity to carve out a rough and adventurous life during lengthy defense and scientific missions, some of which are still classified to this day. The submarine was in service from 1945 to 1968 and opened for tours in Pittsburgh in 1991. State-of-the-art and battle-ready when she set out just days before the end of World War II, Requin holds the distinction of being the Navy's first Radar Picket submarine.

"From seeing the captain's quarters and massive diesel engines, to interacting with informative touchscreens and our knowledgeable staff, a visit to USS Requin (SS 481) is a truly special educational experience, showcasing technological and scientific discovery," said Patty Everly, curator of historic exhibits at the Science Center. "Requin is so rich in history, and it is honor to have her here in Pittsburgh."

General admission to the Science Center includes access to USS Requin (SS 481), but tickets to tour the submarine may also be purchased separately for \$7. For more information, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400.

## **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.

## Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or <a href="mainto:info@carnegiesciencecenter.org">info@carnegiesciencecenter.org</a>. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for

visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

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