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Veterans Day Ceremony Aboard National Historic Landmark Ship

PHILADELPHIA, PA (November 2016) – Independence Seaport Museum and the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., will host a Veterans Day Celebration aboard Spanish-American War Cruiser Olympia on Friday, November 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event will honor all who served in the United States Armed Forces, the firing of Cruiser Olympia’s signal guns and tours of historic ships Cruiser Olympia and Submarine Becuna. Guests who attend the ceremony will also receive complimentary access to the Museum for the remainder of the day.

Schedule of Events

2 p.m. – Veterans Day Program
- Welcome by John Brady, President & CEO of Independence Seaport Museum
- Olympia’s Veterans Day story by Max Kaiserman, Historian and Interpreter
- Veterans Day remarks by Terry Williamson, Vietnam Veteran and President of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
- Gun salute

2:30 p.m. – Light refreshments

3 p.m. – Tours of historic ships, Cruiser Olympia and Submarine Becuna, begin

Anyone who observed the Veterans Day memorial ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund or served in the United States Armed Forces is welcome to join Independence Seaport Museum’s Veterans Day Celebration aboard Cruiser Olympia.

In addition to the ceremony, the Museum will offer free admission for Veterans and discounted admission for relatives throughout the entire day.

About Independence Seaport Museum

Independence Seaport Museum deepens the appreciation, understanding and experience of the Philadelphia region’s waterways through history, science, art and community. The Museum maintains one of the largest maritime collections in North America, combining more than 25,000 artifacts with hands-on exhibits, small boat rentals and large-scale models. The Museum houses a traditional boat shop, the Workshop on the Water; the J. Welles Henderson Archives and Library and the Penn’s Landing Playhouse. The Museum also includes two National Historic Landmark ships; the Spanish-American War Cruiser Olympia, and the World War II and Cold War Submarine Becuna. Located at Philadelphia’s Penn’s Landing Waterfront, the Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit phillyseaport.org for more information.

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