

1st Annual African American Heritage Celebration
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum in cooperation with the
Henry Highland Garnet Society
Saturday February 19, 2011 10:00AM – 4:00PM

FREE ADMISSION – TOURS – FOOD - HISTORY

Agenda:

10AM: - Slave to Soldier Exhibit Open to the Public (Gettysburg Room)

-Opening performance by 6th Regiment USCT Drum Corps (Auditorium)

11AM: -Historical Reading of excerpts from Henry Highland Garnet’s speech in response to the Emancipation Proclamation. Reading by John Ford, Historian Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum (Hall of Valor)

-“My Dearest . . .” Thoughts from the Front: Dramatic readings of African American primary sources from all eras of history. (Hall of Valor)

12PM: Ron Gancas, President & CEO Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum and author of “Fields of Freedom: United States Colored Troops from Southwestern Pennsylvania” Lecture and book signing (Hall of Valor)

1PM: Henry Highland Garnet Society Program: (Hall of Valor)

-Opening & Closing prayers by the Reverend Doctor Johnnie Monroe

-Lecture by Sala Udin, President & CEO at Coro Center for Civic Leadership

-Lecture by John Ford, Curator, Historian Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum

-Honorable Jake Wheatley proclamation of Henry Highland Garnet Day

-Statement by Robert Hill, Vice Chancellor for Office of Public Affairs University of Pittsburgh

-Shabaka Dancers

-6th Regiment USCT Drum Corps performance

Other Notes:

Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks will be available for purchase (Front Hall)

Debut of Henry Highland Garnet exhibit