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As School Returns Look to Soldiers & Sailors for Educational Opportunities

PITTSBURGH — Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc. today reminded the public of the abundant educational opportunities available through the museum. As the school-year begins, Soldiers & Sailors reflects on its summer education programs and encourages schools to learn more about available programming.

“We provide opportunities for students and the public to learn from our unique method of looking at American history,” said Director of Education Tim Neff. “We tell the stories of the individuals that served our country through anecdotes paired with artifacts, military equipment and personal mementos.”

Students are invited to visit the museum for interactive tours and programs. Soldiers & Sailors will work with schools to make history come alive by tailoring programs that correlate with student curriculum. A VIP tour is available which engages students by separating them into squadrons and assigning each student a role. Students learn the importance of cooperation and teamwork in the military. Every student on the VIP tour receives a personal dog tag, a digital picture of their squadron and an educational packet containing a list of causes and effects, a timeline, a map and a biography of a commanding officer. Students can also learn from Soldiers & Sailor’s Footlocker program, which allows students to experience the museum from within their classroom. The education department will bring a footlocker filled with artifacts and personal gear to tell the story of a soldier. Students will have the opportunity to handle the materials brought into the classroom.

In 2009, Soldiers and Sailors established the United States Colored Troops Youth Re-enactment Drum Corps, a Civil War drum and fife re-enactment corps for the 6th Regiment United States Colored Troops. This summer has been especially active with the group performing in parades and participating in ceremonies as representatives of Soldiers & Sailors, including a special performance at Heinz Field as part of the Fourth of July festivities. This fall, the group will participate in the Veteran’s Day, African-American Heritage and Celebrate the Season parades. The group is also currently looking for new recruitments. Interested applicants should be African-American boys and girls ages 14-18.

Soldiers & Sailors conducted its fifth Civil War themed summer camp for middle school aged students from July 25 through July 29, 2011. Students interacted with Civil War re-enactors, participated in hands-on experiences with artifacts from the museum’s collection, toured the museum’s exhibits, sampled period foods and listened to Civil War music. The students also benefited from directed reading activities, letter and journal writing, and the creation of a camp newspaper and an arts and crafts project. Students read a short novel during the course of the week and discussed the reading each morning with the camp.

For more information on educational programming at Soldiers & Sailors, please visit our website or contact

Director of Education Tim Neff at 412.621.4253 ext. 219 or tim@soldiersandsailorshall.org. Bus scholarship opportunities are available. Guided student tours cost \$5 per student. VIP tours cost \$6 per student. Footlocker program pricing varies on the number of classrooms visited and distance from museum.

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Soldiers & Sailors is the nation's only military museum dedicated to honoring the men and women of all branches of service, as well as the professional soldier. The historic building was designed by renowned architect Henry Hornbostel and has exhibits covering the Civil War through present day. The museum offers a unique look into American history by telling the stories of the individuals that served our country through military equipment and personal memento, as well as detailing the effects that military conflicts have had on society.