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SPECIAL NAVY WEEK ACTIVITIES AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9

DETROIT - Join the **Detroit Historical Society** for a celebration of Navy Week at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on the weekend of **September 8 – 9** from **11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, supported by the **Naval Sea Cadets** and the **Noble Odyssey Foundation** and sponsored by **American House Senior Living Communities**.

Navy Week in Detroit is September 5 – 10, and the Society is planning a special weekend of free activities at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on Belle Isle. Saturday's activities feature:

- A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Naval Sea Cadet program;
- A viewing of Naval training ship, the *Pride of Michigan*, docked near the museum from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. where current and former Naval Sea Cadets will discuss the ship and their experiences on board;
- Films and presentations by Luke Clyburn of the Noble Odyssey Foundation on Great Lakes exploration, ecology and history, as well as the history of the Detroit River;
 - Noon: an overview of the history of the Noble Odyssey Foundation, now celebrating its 35th year, and a screening/discussion of their film "River Channels" with an update on recent work at the Straits of Mackinac;
 - 2 p.m.: a screening/discussion of the film "A Voyage into History."
- A representative of the Great Lakes Anchor Academy in Ferndale will be on hand to discuss the maritime-focused middle and high school opening in Fall 2013.

Sunday's activities include:

- A celebration of Navy Veterans' Day, which includes free admission for all veterans of the armed forces (all branches) and their families;

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- Family activities from 12 – 3 p.m. in DeRoy Hall inside the museum, including testing your maritime skills as you label ports on the giant map of the Great Lakes, signal flag worksheets and rope tying;
- A special flag-raising ceremony at 1 p.m. outside the Museum;
- Special guided tours of the Museum and grounds.

In addition, the U.S. Navy's mini-exhibit, *War of 1812: A Nation Forged by War*, continues to be on display at the Dossin Museum through Sunday, December 2. The mini-exhibit highlights the prominent role of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service in bringing Great Britain to the negotiating table and forcing European recognition of a truly independent United States. The display tells the stories of heroic U.S. Navy crews in battles on the oceans and Great Lakes, as well as the contributions of sailors in celebrated land battles from Canada to Louisiana.

For more information, call **(313) 833-1801** or visit **detroithistorical.org**.

The Dossin Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum; however, donations are welcome. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford*, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include *To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders* and *Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes*. For more information, call **(313) 833-5538** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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