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Join Soldiers & Sailors for its Second Annual African-American Celebration

PITTSBURGH — Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc. today announced it will host its Second Annual African-American Celebration on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

“One of our goals at Soldiers & Sailors is to emphasize the African-American contributions to the military,” said President & CEO John F. McCabe. “Our ‘Slave to Soldier’ exhibit examines the first time African-Americans were allowed to enlist in the Union Army when they fought for their freedom.”

The Second Annual African-American Heritage Celebration will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2012. The free event will feature a special exhibit and lecture, as well as performances and a film presentation.

The special one day exhibit and lecture titled "Incredible Grace: One People, Two Continents, Three Centuries of War" will be hosted by Soldiers & Sailors Historian John L. Ford. It will address wars that Africans and African-Americans fought that gave promise of freedom, liberty and justice for all, while they continued to embrace the ideals of equality, even though the fullness of it still remains elusive today.

The event will also include performances by the United States Colored Troops Youth Re-enactment Drum Corps, Soldiers & Sailors' Civil War drum and fife re-enactment corps for the 6th Regiment United States Colored Troops, and Young Lions African Drummers & Dancers from Sankofa Village of the Arts. Guests will enjoy a viewing of the short film, "For the Love of Liberty" which tells the story of America's black patriots.

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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, and in all capacities (Active, Reserve, Guard). The historic building was designed by renowned architect Henry Hornbostel and has exhibits covering all of America's conflicts, from the Civil War to our present operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. 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 mementos, as well as detailing the effects our military conflicts have had on society.

Honor them with your presence

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