

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Arlington National Cemetery, and thousands of churches, synagogues, state capitals, and government institutions across the country. In addition, every ship of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine participates.

Directly across the street from the National Archives, the United States Navy Memorial's bell is the closest one to the original signed copy of the Declaration of Independence.

The Navy Memorial will also show high-definition episodes of *Hero Ships*, a series produced by Lou Reda Productions for History International, in the newly renovated Burke Theatre.

WHO: Thirteen young people will be chosen from among the Navy Memorial's visitors to participate in this patriotic ceremony. Each will strike the bell once to represent one of the original states.

WHEN: Friday, July 4

11:00 AM Screening of *Hero Ship: USS Constitution*

1:00 PM Screening of *Hero Ship: USS Nautilus*

2:00 PM Bell Ringing Ceremony

3:00 PM Screening of *Hero Ship: USS Hornet*

WHERE: United States Navy Memorial

701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20004

COST: Free and open to the public

CONTACT:

(202) 737-2300 or www.navymemorial.org.

Lou Reda Productions is internationally recognized as one of the nation's outstanding documentary filmmakers, producing programs of the highest quality for cable and network television.

To learn more about Reda go to www.redafilms.com. Executive Producers are Lou and Scott Reda.

History Channel International gives viewers a global perspective with original programming that makes a world of difference. Executive Producer is Mike Stiller.

The United States Navy Memorial honors the men and women of the United States Navy "past, present and future." The outdoor plaza features a "Granite Sea" map of the world, towering masts with signal flags, fountain pools and waterfalls and *The Lone Sailor* statue. Adjacent to the outdoor plaza is the Naval Heritage Center, where visitors can find educational displays about the contributions of the members of the Sea Services (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant

Marine).Â The Navy Memorial is celebrating the Year of Navy Medicine.

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