Navy Memorial, Washington, DC Event July 4th: Let Freedom Ring

Description

On the 4th of July, 2008, a ceremony will be held at 2PM at the Navy Memorial to honor our independence. The Memorial's bell will be stuck 13 times.

But…the commemoration is actually larger than that. Â On every Naval and Coast Guard vessel, their Ship's Bells will also be struck 13 times.

One strike for each of the original states.

The Official Announcement from the website:

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U. S. Navy Memorial Lets Freedom Ring

Bell Ceremony and Film screenings Mark Fourth of July

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WHAT:Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â â€œLet Freedom Ring,â€• an Independence Day Bell Ringing Ceremony.Â â€œLet Freedom Ringâ€• is a nationwide program in which bells across the country are rung thirteen times at exactly 2:00 PM in honor of the thirteen original states that approved the Declaration of Independence.
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Every Independence Day, at the appointed hour, four young descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence will tap Philadelphia's famous Liberty Bell, setting off the chimes of freedom from bells throughout the country.Â The â€œLet Freedom Ringâ€• event has grown nationwide, and participating bells now include

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.Â In addition, every ship of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine participates.

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

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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.

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

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WHEN:Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Friday, July 4

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

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

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

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WHERE:Â Â Â Â Â United States Navy Memorial

Â Â 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Â Washington, DC 20004

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COST:Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Free and open to the public

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Lou Reda Productions is internationally recognized as one of the nationâ€™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.Â Executive Producers are Lou and Scott Reda.

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

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The United States Navy Memorial honors the men and women of the United States Navy â€“ past, present and future.Â The outdoor plaza features a â€œGranite Seaâ€• map of the world, towering masts with signal flags, fountain pools and waterfalls and *The Lone Sailor*Â© statue.Â 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

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

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