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**Veterans to Share WWII Memories at the History Center to Commemorate
73rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor**
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PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2, 2014 – Just prior to Pearl Harbor Day, more than 100 former U.S. servicemen and women from the Veterans Breakfast Club will visit the Senator John Heinz History Center this **Saturday, Dec. 6, at noon**, to share memories of the “date which will live in infamy” and help commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The veterans will participate in an open mic forum in the History Center's first floor Great Hall and share how Dec. 7, 1941 changed their lives forever. Veterans Breakfast Club attendees will include veterans from all branches of the military and every theater of operation.

In addition to the forum, veterans and History Center visitors will be treated to a special sneak peek of the museum's upcoming exhibition, ***We Can Do It!: WWII***, which examines Western Pennsylvania's impact on World War II. History Center President and CEO Andy Masich will present a brief preview and showcase artifacts that will be featured in the major exhibition, which opens on April 25, 2015.

Developed by the History Center, the 8,000 square-foot ***We Can Do It!: WWII*** exhibition will explore the development of the Jeep, a uniquely American invention produced by the American Bantam Car Company in Butler, Pa., and reveal the stories behind real-life “Rosie the Riveters” and local Tuskegee Airmen whose contributions made an unforgettable impact on the war effort.

History Center to Announce Partnership with Veterans Voices of Pittsburgh

Following the event, the History Center will invite members of the Veterans Breakfast Club to the sixth floor Detre Library & Archives to record oral histories and help launch a special partnership with the Veterans Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative.

As part of the ongoing partnership, the Detre Library & Archives will serve as a repository for oral histories collected by Veterans Voices of Pittsburgh. The Library & Archives will also collect oral histories from U.S. veterans and current servicemen and women at its new oral history recording studio, which is scheduled to launch in 2015.

Veterans Voices of Pittsburgh, in partnership with the Veterans Breakfast Club, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the voices, images, and experiences of Pittsburgh area veterans.

The Veterans Breakfast Club Pearl Harbor event is included with regular History Center admission: \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (age 62+), \$6 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under) and History Center members.

For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



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