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The Navy's "Mini-Fleet" Drops Anchor at City Island

CITY ISLAND, HARRISBURG, Pa.--Following a two-decade tradition of supporting military and community relations events in Central Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 17th, the Navy's Ship Model Collection returns to give visitors to the 2008 Armed Forces Day celebration here a rare glimpse at a naval "national treasure".

The ship model program is managed by the Office of Navy Ship Models in Bethesda, Md. The collection is composed of about 2,500 primarily full-scale, exhibition-type models of U.S. Naval vessels from 1883 to the present.

Displayed in dozens of places each year all across the U.S., the Navy's "miniature fleet" brings, in a small way, the ships of the U.S. Navy to places where the public rarely have the opportunity to see the real ones.

"We are very proud of our valuable 'miniature fleet' and are pleased to publicly display examples from our extensive ship model collection at City Island for the seventh year in a row," said Dana Wegner, Curator of Navy Ship Models.

Visitors will see representations of the following ships and submarines: USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Saipan (LHA 2), USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41), USS Ticonderoga (CG 47), USS Seawolf (SSN 21), USS Virginia (SSN 774), and the Keystone State's namesake USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735).

"These models are a tribute to the thousands of Americans who built the fleet and served, or still serve, in it," Wegner added.

AFD 2008 is a unique FREE, fun-filled, family event that transforms City Island into a sprawling military base for the day and features an extensive array of military displays, exhibitions, information booths, musical guests, living history demonstrations, family and children's activities. The Navy Ship Models are part of over 80 indoor and outdoor displays on tap for this year.

For more information on the 2007 Armed Forces Day event click on http://www.harrisburgevents.com/Common_pages/Armed.html.