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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. NAVY TO HOST ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP EXHIBIT

Traveling Exhibit Offers Interactive Experiences for Visitors

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Museum of the United States Navy will present an interactive exhibit focusing on Navy environmental stewardship. **Stewards of the Sea: Defending Freedom, Protecting the Environment** is a dynamic exhibit that showcases how the Navy protects the environment while operating at sea. Stewards of the Sea will be on display **September 26 – December 30, 2016** in the museum's **Cold War Gallery** located at the historic **Washington Navy Yard** at **805 Kidder Breese Street, SE**. The museum is free and open to the public.

“Stewards of the Sea will engage museum-goers with highly immersive scenarios to explore how the Navy protects marine life while fulfilling its mission,” said Jim Bruns, director of the National Museum of the United States Navy.

Presented by the Navy's United States Fleet Forces Command, the Stewards of the Sea exhibit is a traveling exhibit designed to provide information on Navy environmental stewardship that include plastic processing at sea, Navy marine species research, and mitigation measures the Navy employs to minimize harm to marine environment during at-sea training. Through the use of hands-on activities, games, videos, and immersive scenarios, visitors can:

- Scan the horizon through giant “Big Eye” binoculars to look for whales, dolphins or manatees
- Pretend to be a Sailor looking for enemy submarines using sonar
- Hear what marine mammal, man-made and natural sounds are like underwater
- Learn how whales are tagged and tracked for research
- See scientific research equipment used by the Navy to study the ocean environment
- Learn about environmental careers in the Navy

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As stewards of the sea, the Navy must comply with environmental laws while maintaining ready, trained operational forces. The Navy's environmental initiatives at U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) are served by the Fleet Installations and Environmental Readiness