We pledge allegiance to it, we parade it, and we display it on occasions both solemn and celebratory.

The American flag represents the nation and its people, patriotism, and pride, but has also served as a divisive symbol during times of war and strife.

This fall, the Senator John Heinz History Center will open a new exhibition, *Stars & Stripes: An American Story*, which details the more than 200 year history of one of our most enduring symbols.

The exhibit opens at the History Center on Sept. 10, during the 10th anniversary weekend of the terrorist attacks on the U.S.

Featured in the History Center’s first floor McGuinn Gallery, this 7,000 square foot exhibit will include a variety of objects, images, and archival materials from the History Center’s collections, as well as items on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and The National Gallery of Art, along with private collectors, including noted flag expert and Pittsburgh native, Dr. Peter Keim.

Beginning with the nation’s first flag, *Stars & Stripes: An American Story* will help unravel the myths and reality surrounding its creation. A Grand Union flag and a selection of 13-star flags from the Keim collection will offer a look at the inspiration for early flags. The exhibit also features the story of the War of 1812 and the writing of the “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key.

Highlights include a fragment of the Star Spangled Banner from the Smithsonian’s collection and an early edition of the song’s sheet music from 1814.

Additional areas of the exhibit will examine the flag during times of conflict, as a symbol of pride and power to some and a symbol of oppression to others. Featured flags will include examples of the “stars and bars” Confederate flag, funeral flags, and a handmade flag created by American soldier Joseph Fennimore on loan from the Smithsonian.

Other unique items include a flag created by Betsy Ross’s granddaughter (Rachel Albright), a two-sided 36/37-star flag, and flags representing key moments in early American history, such as the Battle of Bull Run.

Posters from WWI and WWII and an original Uncle Sam costume worn by an East Liberty war bond salesman will show the role of the flag during wartime as the preeminent symbol of our nation, both for our allies and our enemies. Flags representing the Civil War and the civil unrest of the 1960s and 70s.

As part of the opening commemoration activities for *Stars & Stripes: An American Story*, the History Center will unfurl a giant 60 foot American Flag on the façade of the museum, with the help of local first responders, including police, fire, and EMS professionals.

A local band will perform patriotic music along with the national anthem and “The Pledge of Allegiance.” History Center members will be invited to the outdoor event, along with local first responders, and elected officials.

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History Center By The Numbers

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Steps in the new UPMC SmartSteps exhibit

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“Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures” shows that will air on KDKA-TV beginning this fall

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Days of making history recapped in the History Center’s annual report

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400
Rare Civil War images in a new book to be published by the History Center

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Stars & Stripes: An American Story
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By: Anne Madarasz, co-director, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

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Visitors can keep track of their step count through several numbered steps that correspond to notable Pittsburgh facts and figures. For instance, step #3 highlights the three rivers, step #21 denotes Roberto Clemente, and step #57 is for Heinz.

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## History Center Year End Report

The History Center recently completed its 2011 fiscal year. Over the next two pages, please enjoy a quick look back at some of the highlights from the past twelve months. With blockbuster exhibitions, award-winning events, and educational outreach, the History Center continues to reach new and diverse audiences, with much more to come over the next year!

### Attendance

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<td>Students and youth programs at the History Center</td>
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<td>Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum exhibit this fall</td>
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<td>New exhibits launched this year</td>
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<td>New virtual exhibit tour available at <a href="http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org">www.heinzhistorycenter.org</a></td>
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<td>New History Center members during Vatican Splendors</td>
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<td>Group tours from 12 states during Vatican Splendors</td>
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<td>Members attended the Ben Franklin Tavern Reception</td>
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<td>School children who visited Meadowcroft-Rockshelter &amp; Historic Village</td>
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<td>“Vatican Splendors”</td>
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<td>History of the PA Civil War 150 Years of the Pennsylvania Civil War</td>
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<td>“From Slavery to Freedom”</td>
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<td>“History of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum”</td>
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<td>Cookie tables set up for weddings</td>
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<td>Attendees at the 12th annual History Unlocked</td>
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Patriotism on Display: Visitors Help Raise New 36-foot American Flag

Several hundred visitors including local Boy Scouts, representatives from the History Center, Daughters of the American Revolution, Pennsylvania DGNR, and the National Flag Foundation helped the Fort Pitt Museum raise a new 36-foot American flag in Point State Park on the Fourth of July. More than 50 volunteers helped to host the 15-star garrison flag, which is the same size and star pattern as the flag that originally flew over Fort Pitt more than 200 years ago. The flag currently flies next to the Fort Pitt Blockhouse and will eventually become a permanent fixture of the Pittsburgh skyline.

As part of the ceremony, the Fort Pitt Museum also raised historic French and British flags, representing the three-sided struggle for control of the Forks of the Ohio during the French & Indian War. Costumed colonial re-enactors fired a musket volley as “Chesire” and “The Star Spangled Banner” were played to honor America on its 235th birthday.

The Fort Pitt Museum, a museum of the History Center, enjoyed record-breaking attendance over the Fourth of July weekend.

For more information on upcoming events at the Fort Pitt Museum, please visit www.heinrichistorycenter.org and click on the Fort Pitt Museum tab or call 412-281-9284.

Special Events Highlight Fall Season at Meadowcroft

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a museum of the History Center, will host its popular American Indian Heritage Weekend and maiden tours with Dr. James Adovasio this fall. The National Historic Landmark, located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County, features a massive, 16,000-year-old rock overhang used by the region’s earliest inhabitants for shelter.

In addition to ancient history at the Rockshelter, visitors can also step back in time at Meadowcroft Historic Village, which carefully recreates all of the charming qualities of an Upper Ohio Valley Village from the mid-19th century.

Visitors to Meadowcroft’s annual American Indian Heritage Weekend on Sept. 24-25 will experience a variety of activities in the recreated 18th century Indian Village.

Native artisans dressed like their ancestors will demonstrate hands-on activities that show how the region’s early inhabitants lived. Visitors can explore the interior of a wigwam, inspect carefully recreated prehistoric artifacts, learn about American Indian agriculture, and try their hand at using an atlatl, a prehistoric spear thrower.

In Oct., Meadowcroft Rockshelter will host two exclusive tours with lead archaeologist James M. Adovasio, Ph.D., who achieved international acclaim during his excavation of the Rockshelter in 1973. Dr. Adovasio will present a lecture and lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the Rockshelter at 10:00 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 1, and Sat., Oct. 29.

To make your reservation for either tour, please contact Frances Skariot at 724-587-5412 or frskariot@heinrichistorycenter.org.

For more information, please visit www.heinrichistorycenter.org and click on the Meadowcroft tab or call 724-587-5412.

Unseen Civil War Images Featured in Upcoming Book

A new book published by the History Center this spring will feature rare and rarely seen images from the Civil War. “The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History” will feature 400 images gathered by authors Michael G. Kraus, David M. Neville, and Kenneth C. Turner from private collections.

The large-format book, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, is being published as part of Pennsylvania Civil War 150, the state’s bicentennial (2001-2015) commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

The History Center will publish a second book in early 2013 titled, “The Civil War in Pennsylvania: The African American Experience,” which will examine the stories of African American soldiers and civilians during the war.

For more information on these books and other Civil War commemoration activities at the History Center, please visit www.heinrichistorycenter.org/civilwar.

New Underground Railroad Exhibit to Open in 2012

From Slavery to Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of Freedom in Western Pennsylvania is an upcoming long-term exhibition that will open in Nov. 2012 and highlight the history of abolitionism, the Underground Railroad, and the impact of 19th century activism on the quest for civil and human rights in Western Pa.

The “From Slavery to Freedom” exhibit will feature nearly 60 documents from the Allegheny County recorder of deeds, currently housed in the History Center’s Library & Archives, that will shed new light on the profile of slavery and freedom in Allegheny County. Also featured will be a new life-like museum figure of Martin Delany, a local abolitionist, doctor, publisher, and soldier who became the first African American field officer in the United States Army during the Civil War.

In addition to the exhibition, the History Center is developing a variety of public programs, curricula, and publications in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Public Schools, the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, PA Civil War 150, and a variety of scholars.

From Slavery to Freedom is funded with support from the U.S. Department of Education Underground Railroad Program.

For more information about the exhibit, please contact Samuel Black, curator of the African American collection, at sblack@heinrichistorycenter.org or 412-454-6391.
Calendar of Events
Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

Opening Day Commemoration - Stars & Stripes: An American Story
Sat., Sept. 10, 9 - 10:00 a.m.
See page 1 for details.

American Indian Heritage Weekend
Sat., Sept. 24, 12 - 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 25, 1 - 5:00 p.m.
Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
See page 6 for details.

Live and Learn Weekend
Fri., Oct. 14, 6 - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Explore the connection between our past and our present through book discussions and a visit to a historic library. This Live and Learn Weekend features the book “Confederates in the Attic” and a trip to the Carnegie Free Library in Carnegie to visit the GAR Espy Post.

New Orleans Steamboat Marker Dedication
Sat., Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m.
Commemorate the 200th anniversary of the historic first voyage of the steamboat New Orleans from its city of origin, Pittsburgh, with the dedication of a Pennsylvania State Historic Marker.

CCAHA Connecting to Collections Workshop
Tues., Oct. 25
Join us for a CCAHA (Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts) sponsored Best Practices Collections Workshop for museum volunteers and professionals.

Fifth Annual Quilter’s Weekend
Sat., Jan. 21
Sun., Jan. 22
Join us for the fifth annual Quilter’s Weekend and enjoy quilting displays, demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

First Floor
NEW! Stars & Stripes: An American Story (opens Sept. 10); John Heinz: A Western Pennsylvania Legacy; Kiddush (mezuzah); Vintage Vehicles

Second Floor
Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation; Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

Third Floor
Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum; Discovery Place; Prize Collection of Woodworking Planes; Rediscovering Lewis and Clark: A Journey with the Rooney Family; Outdoor Advertising

Fourth Floor
Angels of Mercy – Sisters in Healthcare in Western Pennsylvania (through May 2012); America’s Best Weekly: A Century of the Pittsburgh Courier; Special Collections Gallery; Glass: Shattering Notions; Heinz 57; The Stories That Touch Our Lives: Images from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 2010 (through Nov. 2011)

Fifth Floor
Clash of Empires: The British, French, and Indian War, 1754-1763

Sixth Floor
Wrought Metal Treasures from the Blum Collection