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MEDIA ALERT - REMINDER

Nauticus To Unveil Tribute Wall for U.S. Troops on Monday, Oct. 10th

Battleship Wisconsin will serve as backdrop for unique public display

Norfolk, Va. – On Monday, October 10, at 11 a.m., rain or shine, the public is invited to attend the unveiling of a special tribute wall on the riverfront deck surrounding the Battleship *Wisconsin*. The 24-foot-long chalkboard is entitled “A NOTE TO OUR TROOPS.” Mayor Fraim will be in attendance. Visitors will be encouraged to write a note of gratitude or appreciation to those men and women serving in the armed forces. This first-of-its-kind troop memorial wall will allow grateful citizens and families of service members to record their thoughts. The messages will be photographed and catalogued on the Nauticus website, www.nauticus.org.

“This is our great privilege,” said Hank Lynch, executive director of Nauticus. “We encourage everyone to record their thanks, thoughts and prayers for troops serving at home and abroad. There is no better way of celebrating Fleet Week Hampton Roads 2011”

Through November 23, visitors can record their comments at no cost each day (depending on the weather), from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. On Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day), all service members and their families will receive free admission to Nauticus to view a special photographic exhibit of the notes left behind.

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Nauticus & the Battleship Wisconsin, on the downtown Norfolk waterfront, let visitors explore the economic, naval and natural power of the sea and walk the decks of one of the largest and last battleships built by the U.S. Navy. The 120,000-square foot maritime museum includes hands-on exhibits, shark talks, live theater experiences, large format films, national-caliber traveling exhibits, NOAA-related exhibits, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and more. Open 362 days a year; seasonal hours. Visit www.nauticus.org. awe-inspiring Battleship Wisconsin; a NOAA environmental resource center; The Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center, and the Victory Rover, which offers cruises of the Seaport.