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FREE ADMISSION FOR MILITARY AT ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Memorial Day to Labor Day

PHILADELPHIA—Active duty military and their families are invited to enjoy free admission to the Academy of Natural Sciences all summer.

From Memorial Day, Friday, May 28, through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, active service members and their families (up to five family members) will be admitted free.

“Members of the military always get a discount on regular admission, but this offer of free admission will hopefully encourage even more families to come and visit,” said Acting Academy President and CEO Ted Daeschler. “We are proud of our military and are pleased that we can do something to show our appreciation for their service.”

The offer, part of a national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, comes just in time for the opening of a new, highly interactive exhibit for both adults and children on the mysteries of the deep ocean and the extraordinary creatures that live there. *Creatures of the Abyss* makes its U.S. debut at the Academy from June 5 through Sept. 6.

Founded in 1812, the Academy is the oldest natural history museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

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HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, and military personnel; from May 28–Sept. 6 military and up to 5 family members are free; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!