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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site
Offer a Full Calendar of Memorial Day Weekend Events
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site will host a series of public events over Memorial Day Weekend from Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30, 2016.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present its annual **USO Show**. Patterned after the WWII-era shows put on to entertain American troops serving around the globe, this year's show will feature two hours of entertainment including live Big Band music from the 1930s and 40s, comedy and juggling, historic newsreels, and much more. This evening of family entertainment has become the kick-off event for the Memorial Day Weekend programs at the Roosevelt Library and Home. *Seating is first-come, first-served. Free, public event.*

- **WORLD WAR II ENCAMPMENT & MILITARY DISPLAYS**

On Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, the Roosevelt Library and The Duffle Bag of Patterson, New York, will present their 25th anniversary weekend of **historic military displays** and a **World War II encampment** on the Library's front

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lawn. Re-enactors in battle dress will be on hand to share their love of history with the visiting public. Collections of military uniforms, weapons, and insignia from 1917 to the present day will be displayed. Customized dog tags will be available for purchase, and period military vehicles -- including a **fully restored German Army 1936 DKW NZ 250 motorcycle** -- will be on display.

This year's encampment will also feature members of the **240th Military Police Battalion**, a National Park Service and Roosevelt Library living history program. The military policemen will be on hand all weekend to present the history of their unit, and demonstrate military equipment, including a period communications system. *Free, public event.*

- **BOOK TALK & SIGNING**

On Saturday, May 28, at 4:00 p.m., the FDR Presidential Library will present an author talk and signing with local historian **Carney Rhinevault, author of THE HISTORY OF HYDE PARK-ON-HUDSON** in the Henry A. Wallace Center. *Free, public event.*

- **ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Memorial Day, May 30, the National Park Service will host a **graveside memorial service** at 1:30 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. This year, park superintendent Sarah Olson will be the featured speaker. Various community organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt, including American Legion Post #1303, American Legion Post #1466, Town Of Hyde Park, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association, The Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Partnership, The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, and the National Park Service. *Free, public event.*

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Regular admission will be charged for the Presidential Library and National Park Service Historic Sites. Please contact Cliff Laube, at the FDR Presidential Library, at (845) 486-7745 or Francesca Macsali Urbin, with the National Park Service, at (845) 229-6225, with questions.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.org.

The National Park Service administers the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and Top Cottage and Vanderbilt Mansion. Visitors to the sites can enjoy guided tours of the historic buildings. There are hiking trails that link all the parks. From May through October visitors from New York City can reserve transportation from the Poughkeepsie Train Station to all the sites in Hyde Park by calling (845) 229-5320 for the "Roosevelt Ride." For information about tours and other programs visit www.nps.gov/hofr or call (845) 229-5320.

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