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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
will host a Veterans Day Weekend presentation by
Captain William H. Kennedy, USN (Ret.)
Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society -- Naval Station Mayport
Home Port of the USS *Roosevelt* DDG 80 -- Adopted Ship of Dutchess County
Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Noon
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to will host a Veterans Day Weekend presentation by Captain William H. Kennedy, USN (Ret.) on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Captain Kennedy is Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Mayport -- Naval Station Mayport (Jacksonville, Florida). Mayport is the home port of the USS *Roosevelt* DDG 80 -- adopted ship of Dutchess County. The program will begin at Noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home This event is free and open to the public.

Captain Kennedy will discuss his fifteen years as Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Mayport providing financial emergency assistance and education to sailors, Marines and their families. He is strong believer in the Navy and, as an advocate for the Navy family, works to provide assistance to better manage the challenges of being at sea and the many sacrifices families endure during long separations.

Captain William H. Kennedy, USN (Ret.) retired from the United States Navy in September of 1994 after 30 years of active duty service.

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As a naval aviator, Captain Kennedy's active duty career involved being stationed on nine different aircraft carriers. The first twenty years of his career, he flew off the decks of many carriers starting with USS *Essex* in Quonset Point, Rhode Island. He accumulated over 4,500 flight hours and nearly 1,000 carrier landings.

The last ten years of his career were spent driving ships and included USS *Forrestal*; USS *John F. Kennedy*; USS *Sylvania*; USS *Lexington*; and his final tour as last commanding officer of USS *Saratoga*, CV 60. Following his retirement, Captain Kennedy joined the Greater Jacksonville Area USO Team. During that time he was awarded the Navy's civilian public service award. In October 2001, he became Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Mayport.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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