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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
OFFER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS**

HYDE PARK, NY - The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historical Site will host a series of public events over Memorial Day Weekend beginning Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25, 2009.

USO SHOW

On Friday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center, 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 live Big Band music from the 1930s and 40s, comedy and juggling, historic newsreels and much more. There is a \$5 per person suggested donation for this evening of family entertainment that has become the kick-off event for the FDR Presidential Library and Home's annual Memorial Day Weekend of activities.

BIVOUAC - WORLD WAR II ENCAMPMENT

The lawn in front of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will take on the appearance of a WWII encampment on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Period military vehicles—including a **Sherman tank**—and soldiers in battle dress will be on hand to share their love of history with World War II enthusiasts, families, teachers, and students. The **89th Army Band** (New York State Guard) will perform at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, as part of the festivities on the front lawn of the Library. Civilians are encouraged to look around and interact with the troops; guests are invited to ask questions, touch artifacts, and explore the military vehicles. Military uniforms, weapons, insignia, and vehicles from 1917 to the present day will be on display; throughout the day re-enactors will hold demonstrations of military equipment and explain what it was like for military personnel in World War II. This event is free of charge.

ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Memorial Day, May 25, the National Park Service will host a **graveside memorial service** at 12:30 p.m., in the Rose Garden. The speaker this year is Mr. James Monks, Jr., former County Commander of the American Legion and former Commander of American Legion Post 1303. Various local organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt. They will include: The Town of Hyde Park, Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, The March of Dimes, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the National Park Service. This event is free of charge.

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 Franceska Macsali Urbin, with the National Park Service, at (845) 229-6214, with any questions about these events.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474. The National Park Service preserves and protects the cultural and natural resources of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, and provides for their public appreciation and enjoyment. For more information about the sites please call (845) 229-9115.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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