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**FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
EXHIBITS WORLD WAR II WAR BONDS POSTERS
WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN THEME**

HYDE PARK, NY—The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum has mounted a special display of WWII war bond posters with an African American theme for the months of January and February 2006. The poster exhibit ties in with the Museum's new major exhibition, *Freedom From Fear: FDR Commander in Chief*, exploring President Roosevelt's role as a wartime leader.

Wartime posters issued by the government sought to promote the contributions and achievements of African Americans. The vintage posters in this display are drawn from the FDR Library's rich collection of World War II posters. They include a poster that highlights FDR's historic Executive Order 8802 which barred racial discrimination in America's defense industries.

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum is planning a similar exhibition—during the months of March and April 2006—featuring war bond posters that celebrate the role of American women during World War II.

Freedom from Fear: FDR Commander in Chief, the Roosevelt Library's new exhibition, is organized around an important collection of revealing—and often top secret—documents and objects from the FDR Library's vast archive of World War II materials.

These include many items that have never been displayed in public, including secret military documents from the President's "Map Room"; communications between key military, diplomatic and political leaders; planning documents; reports from the war fronts; personal memos and correspondence and fascinating museum objects.

Visitors can see the poster exhibit with regular museum admission. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with any questions about the poster exhibit or the *Freedom from Fear: FDR Commander in Chief* exhibition.

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 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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.