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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 26 through Monday, May 29, 2006.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center, an evening of WWII-era entertainment will transport visitors back to the Roosevelt days as the FDR Presidential Library and Museum hosts a USO Show. Attendees will enjoy live music, comedy, historic newsreels, and much more. Wearing of period dress and dancing in the aisles is encouraged. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

- **WORLD WAR II BIVOUAC**

The lawn in front of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will take on the appearance of a WWII encampment on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28.

Period military vehicles of all sizes and soldiers in battle dress will be on hand to share their love of history with World War II enthusiasts, families, teachers, and students. 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, the National Park Service will host a graveside memorial service at 12:30 p.m., in the Rose Garden. John Boyer, the new president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute will be the guest speaker. Various organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt. They will include: The March of Dimes, the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Hyde Park, American Legion Post 1303, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the National Park Service and the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill. 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 eleven 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.