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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 22 through Monday, May 25, 2015.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 22, 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 12th 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 23 and Sunday, May 24, the Roosevelt Library will present a weekend of **historic military displays** and a **World War II encampment** on the Library's front

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lawn. This year, the **New York Army National Guard will be on hand with modern day equipment and personnel from Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery** stationed at New Windsor, New York. In addition, re-enactors in battle dress will be on hand to share their love of history with military enthusiasts, families, teachers, and students. 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 will be on display. *Free, public event.*

- **ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Memorial Day, May 25, 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, in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech at Gettysburg in 1938, honoring President Lincoln and the soldiers who died in the Civil War, will be read at the ceremony. Various community organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt, including the Town of Hyde Park, the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 1303, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Partnership and the National Park Service. *Free, public event.*

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 questions.

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As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is

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more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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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