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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM  
AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
OFFER A FULL CALENDAR OF  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS  
& WWII ENCAMPMENT RETURNS TO THE  
FRONT LAWN OF THE FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**

**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 23 through Monday, May 26, 2014.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 23, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. There is a \$5 per person suggested donation for this evening of family entertainment that has become the kick-off event for the Memorial Day Weekend programs at the FDR Presidential Library and Home of FDR National Historic Site. Seating is first-come, first-served.

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- **WWII ENCAMPMENT & MILITARY DISPLAYS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY LAWN!**

On Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, the Roosevelt Library will present a weekend of **historic military displays** and a **WWII encampment** *back on the Library's front lawn*. For the last two years -- while the front lawn of the Library was staging ground for building renovation contractors -- the military exhibits were made smaller and displayed indoors. Outdoors again, dozens of 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, prop 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. *Admission is free for this event.*

- **ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Memorial Day, May 26, the National Park Service will host a **graveside memorial service** at 1:30 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the Home of FDR National Historic Site. Kathleen Durham, Executive Director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at Val-Kill, will be the guest speaker. 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, American Legion Post 1466, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the FDR Presidential Library, and the National Park Service, the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association and the March of Dimes. *Admission is free for this 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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### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is 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](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/hofr) or call (845) 229-5320.

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