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**The FDR Presidential Library and Museum
to present a collegiate debate
PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS & INDEFINITE DETENTION
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center
at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum -- with the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and University of Virginia's Miller Center - will present a collegiate debate entitled, "PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS & INDEFINITE DETENTION," on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. *Poughkeepsie Journal* Executive Editor Stuart Shinske will moderate this event. Several college debate teams -- including teams from Bard College and Cornell University -- will debate the issues concerning indefinite detention and presidential powers in times of war. This event is free and open to the public.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is a fitting venue for this debate. On February 19, 1942, FDR signed Executive Order 9066 leading to the imprisonment of 120,000 Japanese Americans. Although the Supreme Court upheld the Executive Order at that time, the decision to intern Japanese Americans is widely viewed by historians and legal scholars as a stain on Roosevelt's wartime record.

As America winds down two military conflicts abroad, the discussion of presidential powers in times of war continues. The War Powers Commission, chaired by former Secretaries of State James Baker and Warren Christopher, issued a unanimous report in

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2007 calling for the repeal of the War Powers Resolution and replacing it with a proposed War Powers Consultation Act, which:

- Provides that the president shall consult with Congress before deploying U.S. troops into “significant armed conflict” -- i.e., combat operations lasting, or expected to last, more than a week.
- Defines the types of hostilities that would or would not be considered “significant armed conflicts.”
- Creates a new Joint Congressional Consultation Committee, which includes leaders of both houses as well as the chair and ranking members of key committees.
- Establishes a permanent bipartisan staff with access to the national security and intelligence information necessary to conduct its work.
- Calls on Congress to vote up or down on significant armed conflicts within 30 days.

The college debate teams will consider the topic of indefinite internment from both historic and contemporary perspectives.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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CEDA is an organization that helps govern the collegiate academic debate community. For the 2013-14 academic year, members of the debate community selected a debate topic that focuses on restricting current presidential war powers. Thousands of undergraduate students and coaches will spend countless hours researching and debating the war-powers topic. More information about CEDA is available at www.cedadebate.org.

The Miller Center is a nonpartisan affiliate of the University of Virginia that specializes in presidential scholarship, public policy, and political history and strives to apply the lessons of history to the nation's most pressing contemporary governance challenges. More information about the War Power Commission Report can be found at <http://millercenter.org/policy/commissions/warpowers>.

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.

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