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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents an author talk and book signing with
award-winning biographer NIGEL HAMILTON -- author of
THE MANTLE OF COMMAND: FDR AT WAR, 1941-1942
Thursday, May 22, 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 is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **NIGEL HAMILTON**, author of **THE MANTLE OF COMMAND: FDR AT WAR, 1941-1942**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Hamilton will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

Based on years of archival research and interviews with his last surviving aides and family members, **THE MANTLE OF COMMAND** offers a definitive account of FDR's masterful -- and underappreciated -- command of the Allied war effort. Hamilton takes readers inside FDR's White House Oval Study, his personal command center, and into the meetings where he battled with Churchill about strategy and tactics and overrode the near mutinies of his own generals and secretary of war.

Time and again, FDR was proven right and his allies and generals were wrong. When the generals wanted to attack the Nazi-fortified coast of France, FDR knew the Allied forces weren't ready. When Churchill insisted his Far East colonies were loyal and would resist the Japanese, FDR knew it was a fantasy. As Hamilton's account reaches its climax with

the Torch landings in North Africa in late 1942, the tide of war turns in the Allies' favor and FDR's genius for psychology and military affairs is clear. This intimate, sweeping look at a great president in history's greatest conflict should be required reading of a president Hamilton claims is "the greatest war president since Lincoln."

NIGEL HAMILTON is a best-selling and award-winning biographer of President John F. Kennedy, General Bernard "Monty" Montgomery, and President Bill Clinton, among other subjects. He is a senior fellow in the McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Boston, and first president of the Biographers International Organization.

Copies of Hamilton's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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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