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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
OFFER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
CONGRESSMAN SCOTT MURPHY,
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 20TH DISTRICT NEW YORK
AND
COMMANDER ROBERT B. CHADWICK II, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80)**

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 28 through Monday, May 31, 2010. Special guests of the weekend are **Congressman Scott Murphy, U.S. Representative, 20th District of New York** and **Commander Robert B. Chadwick II, USN Commander of the USS Roosevelt**. Commander Chadwick will deliver a multimedia presentation on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center. Congressman Murphy and Commander Chadwick will speak at the Rose Garden Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010. Prior to the Service in the Rose Garden they will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Hyde Park.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present its 7th 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 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 annual Memorial Day Weekend programs at the FDR Presidential Library and Home of FDR National Historic Site. Seating is first-come, first served.

- **BIVOUAC - WORLD WAR II ENCAMPMENT**

The lawn in front of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will take on the appearance of a WWII encampment on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Period military vehicles and soldiers in battle dress will be on hand to share their love of history with World War II enthusiasts, families, teachers, and students. **The 89th Army Band** (New York State Guard) will perform at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, as part of the festivities on the front lawn of the Library. 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.

- **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80)**

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum will host a special multimedia presentation by Commander Robert B. Chadwick II, USN -- Commanding Officer of the USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) -- on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center. Commander Chadwick will introduce attendees to the capabilities and operations of the Guided Missile Destroyer USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80), named in honor of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and adopted by Dutchess County and Hyde Park by resolution in 2009. This event is free of charge. Seating is first-come, first served.

- **ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Memorial Day, May 31, the National Park Service will host a **graveside memorial service** at 2:00 p.m., in the Rose Garden at the Home of FDR National Historic Site. The speakers this year are Congressman Scott Murphy, United States Representative from the 20th Congressional District, New York and Commander Robert B. Chadwick II, USN -- Commanding Officer of the USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80). Various local organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt. They will include: The Town of Hyde Park, Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, The March of Dimes, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the National Park Service. Immediately following the formal ceremony, flags will be presented to designated veterans and recognition awards will be distributed for those involved in Project FALA. 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 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 twelve 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.

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