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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library author talk and book signing:
Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault author of
THE HOME FRONT AT ROOSEVELT'S HOMETOWN:
SMALL TOWN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II
November 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to announce that Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault, author of **THE HOME FRONT AT ROOSEVELT'S HOMETOWN: SMALL TOWN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II**, will speak at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Following the presentation, Mr. Rhinevault will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

In a letter to renowned American poet and Librarian of Congress Archibald MacLeish in 1943, Franklin D. Roosevelt said that he would like to write a history that would "capture or recapture the public pulse as it throbs from day to day -- the effect on the lives of different types of citizens It should not be dry history or the cataloging of books and papers and reports. It should try to capture a great dream before it dies." Inspired by these words, author and local historian Carney Rhinevault set out to write the history that FDR never wrote.

In **THE HOME FRONT AT ROOSEVELT'S HOMETOWN** Rhinevault brings together the fascinating stories of the citizens of Hyde Park, New York during World War II and FDR's final years as President. Illustrated by Tatiana Rhinevault, a graduate of the Art Department of Moscow State University and the author's wife, the book tells how Hyde

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Parkers lived with the uncertainty of whether they would graduate from high school or be drafted into military service . . . would they leave the farm and work in Poughkeepsie in the numerous war industries . . . would they volunteer to watch for enemy airplanes in Staatsburg, East Park, or on the roof of Zeph's Hotel. These and other questions are explored with original research and information gleaned from personal interviews, local and military police newspapers, and the recently discovered Helen Myers Manuscript published by the Town of Hyde Park Historical Society. **THE HOME FRONT AT ROOSEVELT'S HOMETOWN** consists of 346 pages, 43 photos (many of which have never been published before), a complete list of 646 Hyde Park soldiers and sailors, and 92 illustrations by Mrs. Rhinevault.

Carney Rhinevault is Hyde Park Town Historian and is the author of *50 True Stories of the Albany Post Road*. He has researched thousands of deeds, wills, maps, and other documents during a long career in surveying and cartography.

Copies of Mr. Rhinevault'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.

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 thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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

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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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