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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**

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 25 through Monday, May 28, 2012.

- **USO SHOW**

On Friday, May 25, 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 9th 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.

- **MILITARY DISPLAYS**

On Saturday, May 26, 2012 and Sunday, May 27, 2012 the Roosevelt Library will present a weekend of **historic military displays** in the Henry A. Wallace Center. 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 in the courtyard of the Wallace Center. Admission is free for this event.

- **ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On Memorial Day, May 28, the National Park Service will host a **graveside memorial service** at 3:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the Home of FDR National Historic Site. Commander Rob Thompson of the USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) is scheduled to be the guest speaker. The USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) is a guided missile destroyer that was named in honor Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Members of the crew -- who will be visiting Hyde Park on May 28 as part of Dutchess County Fleet Week 2012 -- will be honored guests at the event. Various community organizations will be presenting wreaths in honor of President Roosevelt, including the Town of Hyde Park, the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, the March of Dimes, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Roosevelt Institute, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, and the National Park Service. 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 thirteen 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 Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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