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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
an author talk and book signing with STANLEY WEINTRAUB
author of PEARL HARBOR CHRISTMAS:
A WORLD AT WAR, DECEMBER 1941
in commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- In commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **STANLEY WEINTRAUB** author of **PEARL HARBOR CHRISTMAS: A WORLD AT WAR, DECEMBER 1941**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2012 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Professor Weintraub will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

In **PEARL HARBOR CHRISTMAS** historian Stanley Weintraub -- award-winning author and co-author of more than fifty books -- recounts the events of the holiday season of 1941 in the days immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Roosevelt wanted a few weeks to get his thoughts in order and prepare the nation for what lay ahead, but British Prime Minister Winston Churchill -- who for months had been pleading with the U.S. to enter the war -- insisted on coming to the White House to discuss strategy with his new ally. On December 13, Churchill set out to cross a rough Atlantic at great personal risk (the waters were a shooting gallery for German submarines). When he reached dry land on December 22, Roosevelt was there waiting for him leaning against his black limousine (which the Treasury Department had confiscated from Al Capone).

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As Weintraub explains, to be met by FDR himself was “an unusual honor for a head of government, especially when proffered by a long-incapacitated President.” It spoke volumes.

PEARL HARBOR CHRISTMAS documents the week of discussions that ensued between the President and the Prime Minister, juxtaposing them with happenings throughout the world -- Japan still rejoicing in its victory, the countries of Europe stifled under Nazi occupation. It also chronicles meetings the two leaders had with foreign envoys, including one in the Red Room lasting only thirty-eight minutes and attended by the diplomatic heads of nations at war with the Axis powers. It “would lead, within the week, to the declaration initiating the United Nations.”

At once capturing the unique feeling of a country on the brink of war and providing new insight into the strategic planning of two of the most respected politicians of the twentieth century, PEARL HARBOR CHRISTMAS brings us back to the saddest, bravest, and most pivotal holiday season in American history.

STANLEY WEINTRAUB is a preeminent historian and an award-winning author of more than fifty books of history and biography, including 11 DAYS IN DECEMBER, DISRAELI and FINAL VICTORY. He retired from Penn State as an Evan Hugh Professor Emeritus and director of Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies at Pennsylvania State University. He and his wife Rodelle now live in Newark, Delaware.

Copies of Professor Weintraub’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.

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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, academics, policy analysts, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits -- opening on June 30, 2013 -- the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The FDR Presidential Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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