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New York State Heritage Weekend, May 14 & 15, 2011

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USS SLATER FEATURED IN NEW YORK HERITAGE WEEKEND MAY 14 & 15, 2011

The Destroyer Escort Historical Museum is offering a special event as part of New York Heritage Weekend, May 14 & 15, 2011. New York Heritage Weekend will showcase the Empire State to residents and visitors alike and to help kick off the summer tourism season. With the cooperation of federal, state, and private organizations, and in celebration of National Preservation Month, New York Heritage Weekend will highlight special events at heritage and cultural destinations throughout New York State.

The Museum is offering half-off regular admission to tour the World War II Destroyer Escort USS SLATER. While many other heritage sites are pre-1900, USS SLATER is a visible reminder of the 20th century history of New York State. During World War II, SLATER was home ported at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and escorted convoys to Europe. These convoys carried armaments and supplies vital to the war effort. In many cases, the supplies had been manufactured in upstate New York facilities such as General Electric in Schenectady. The destroyer escort ship concept was first developed by Franklin Roosevelt, a native New Yorker and, more destroyer escorts were named for New York sailors lost in combat than any other state.

“In 2009, thousands of people came to visit heritage sites across the Hudson River Valley Region,” said Mark Castiglione, Acting Director of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and Greenway. “This year we are incredibly excited to partner with all the communities, museums, historic sites and heritage organizations that are working together to make New York Heritage Weekend a success. With the bounty of our heritage resources, Heritage Weekend will provide people of all ages an opportunity to experience the rich heritage landscape of New York State while helping to grow our economy. Tourism is a 75 billion dollar part of New York State’s economy and tourists interested in heritage have been shown to spend more and stay longer.”

New York Heritage Weekend is sponsored in part by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, National Trust for Historic Preservation and National Endowment for the Arts. For a complete listing of events, visit www.HeritageWeekend.org

The USS SLATER is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 518-431-1943 or visit the website at www.usslater.org.

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