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National Park Service Debuts New Interpretive Exhibits in Richmond *Interactive exhibits will illuminate the WWII home front experience for visitors of all ages*

(Richmond, CA) –The National Park Service will unveil new exhibits on Saturday, May 24, 2014, at the Visitor Education Center of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA. The event will be presented in collaboration with the San Francisco Bay Trail, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Festivities will begin at 10 AM with a public rededication ceremony outside the building, which will include public speakers and recognition of the partners and organizations that made the new exhibits possible. The ceremony will take place rain or shine, so visitors should be advised to dress warmly for this potentially breezy waterfront location.

At the end of the ceremony, the public will be invited to enter the building to explore the new exhibits. Any “Rosie the Riveters” or WWII home front workers who attend the morning ceremony will be given first priority to visit the new exhibits.

Visitors will have the chance to wander through 2 galleries chock full of brand new exhibits that feature historic film reels, propaganda posters, historic objects, and oral histories from war workers. Wandering through the life-sized sets, people will also see the sights and hear the sounds of the Richmond shipyards and 1940s Macdonald Avenue. Kids (and the kids at heart) will enjoy the hands-on experience of simulated welding and riveting displays.

There will be plenty to do nearby along the Bay Trail during the day, including live music, a scavenger hunt, a WWII costume contest, the launch of a new Bay Trail app, and food trucks at nearby Lucretia Edwards Park.

The Bay Trail events are scheduled until 3:00 PM, and the visitor center will be open until 5:00 PM as usual. Admission to the building is always free.

The Visitor Education Center is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, CA 94804. For directions, visit <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm> or call 510-232-5050 x0.

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