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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
of PALM BEACH COUNTY

FOURTH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION

Historical Society of Palm Beach County to honor veterans, military legacy
at the Richard & Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum

West Palm Beach, FL | April 18, 2014 - The Historical Society of Palm Beach County is set to honor our troops during *Armed Forces Day*, the final event of the Society's 2014-2015 Public Programming Series. This free event, designed to entertain and inform all ages, celebrates our nation's military history and Palm Beach County veterans. Visitors will learn about the County's role in our nation's war efforts and local battles fought on native soil.

Throughout the day visitors will pass through a front-line camp; interact with Seminole War, Civil War, World War II and Vietnam War re-enactors; inspect military vehicles, a medal collection, and weapons; decorate cards to be mailed to soldiers overseas; join in docent-led gallery tours and more! The afternoon will also feature an historic weapons demonstration and a lecture by the Society's Curator of Education and U.S. Army veteran Tony Marconi entitled *Paradise in Peril: World War II in Palm Beach County*.

DATE: Saturday May 16, 2015

SCHEDULE: 11: 00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Museum open, re-enactors on the lawn, crafts on-going
11:30 a.m.: Lecture by Curator of Education and veteran Tony Marconi in the Historic Courtroom
12:30 p.m.: Historic weapons demonstration

LOCATION: In and around the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, in the historic 1916 Court House in downtown West Palm Beach located at 300 North Dixie Highway.

For more information please call 561-832-4164, ext. 103, or www.historicalsbocietypbcc.org

This event is not sponsored by or affiliated with Palm Beach County.

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ABOUT ARMED FORCES DAY. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. Then President Harry S. Truman stated at the time of its inception: "Armed Forces Day marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense." For more information on Armed Forces Day, please visit <http://www.defense.gov/afd/history.aspx>.

ABOUT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY. Since in 1937, the Historical Society of Palm Beach County has collected, preserved, and shared the County's history. The Society reaches hundreds of thousands of Palm Beach County's young people, residents, and visitors each year through its archival collections, the Richard & Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum located in West Palm Beach's 1916 Historic Courthouse, and community and educational programming. For more information on the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, please visit www.hspbcc.org.

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