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**Celebrate Fourth Of July At Andrew Jackson's Hermitage**

**HERMITAGE, Tenn.** (June 19, 2015) – The Hermitage will be offering a blast from the past this Fourth of July weekend for those looking to celebrate the holiday with excitement beyond the fireworks and barbecue. The Home of the People's President will be inviting children and adults to travel back in time with War of 1812 games and activities and an Independence Day Ball.

***The Family Haversack Adventure***

- **Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and**
- **Sunday, July 5, from noon to 5 p.m.**

The Family Haversack Adventure will allow children to experience the life of a soldier during the War of 1812 as they go through marching and drill training, hear from War of 1812 soldiers about their experiences, and build a boat for the Raingutter Regatta. These activities will be free with admission to The Hermitage.

***The Independence Day Ball***

**Saturday, July 4, from 7 to 10 p.m.**

Saturday evening, General and Mrs. Jackson will be hosting the Independence Day Ball celebrating our renewed independence with music and dancing. Historical attire of any era is welcome but not required. Light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served, and guests will have exclusive after-hours access to the mansion and exhibit. Tickets for the ball are \$45.

All active and retired military personnel will receive free admission to The Hermitage in honor of this year's bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. All guests are invited to visit The Hermitage's newest exhibit, "Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm," which delves into the life of Andrew Jackson, including his military and presidential careers.

**About The Hermitage**

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the state of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association, now the Andrew Jackson Foundation, in 1889 to operate as one of America's first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the

experience of more than 180,000 annual visitors. On Jan. 8, The Hermitage launched its newest exhibit, “Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm,” which delves into the life of Andrew Jackson, including his military and presidential careers. Throughout 2015, all active and retired military personnel receive free admission to The Hermitage in honor of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. For more information, visit [www.thehermitage.com](http://www.thehermitage.com).

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