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The Preservation Society
of Newport County

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INDEPENDENCE WEEK IN NEWPORT

Preservation Society Offers Free Admission Days for Veterans, Children at Three Mansions

Free admission also available to general public at Hunter House
on French in Newport Day, July 11

NEWPORT, R.I. – As part of Independence Week in Newport honoring the United States Semiquincentennial, The Preservation Society of Newport County will offer free admission at three of its most popular mansions for veterans on July 5 and for children 12 and younger on July 6.

In addition, the general public is invited to visit Hunter House for free on July 11, French in Newport Day.

Sunday, July 5, is **Veterans Appreciation Day**, with free admission for military members and retirees to The Elms, Marble House and Rosecliff. The offer includes active duty, Guard, Reserve and veterans with their spouses and dependents. Military ID is required.

Monday, July 6, is **Kids and Families Day**, offering free admission for children 12 and younger to The Elms, Marble House and Rosecliff.

On both of these days, free tickets will be issued to qualifying visitors; there are no advance reservations.

French in Newport Day on Saturday, July 11, is a citywide commemoration of the arrival in 1780 of French army and naval forces in Newport, a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War. The Preservation Society is participating by hosting an open house at Hunter House, free to the public, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Hunter House, built circa 1748, was used as the headquarters for the leader of the French naval fleet in 1780. During French in Newport Day, guests are invited to experience this important historic property and participate in Colonial-themed activities. Please note, access to the Hunter House interior is limited to 10 persons at a time.

The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island, is a nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the area's historic architecture, landscapes, decorative arts and social history. Its 11 historic properties – seven of them National Historic Landmarks – span more than 250 years of American architectural and social development.

For more information, please visit www.NewportMansions.org.

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EDITORS: High-resolution photos of Marble House, The Elms, Rosecliff and Hunter House can be downloaded from www.newportmansions.org/media. Use the password #PSNCphotos2024.

Dropbox link for press release and Independence Week Logo:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/38av2qu4w2leqvr8tr8dn/AFXLxKiYtQQk_e_HNx08LKK?rlkey=6zhk5uw8mpojlttdgcx0cnd93&st=4piil59z&dl=0

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