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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER VISITORS' CENTER TO OPEN FOR SEASON

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation announced today that the Dwight D. Eisenhower Visitors' Center, located at the U. S. Eisenhower Lock, will open tomorrow and remain open daily through Labor Day. The Visitors' Center hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Center provides tourists and ship watchers with an observation deck where they can view commercial vessels and cruise ships from around the world as they transit the lock. Approximately 3,000 ships, from all 7 continents, transit the St. Lawrence Seaway annually. They carry a wide variety of cargoes, including: grains, iron ore, coal, steel, wind turbines and wood products.

On May 25, Memorial Day, several events will take place at the Visitors' Center. At 3:00 p.m., there will be a ceremony, including the playing of taps in honor of those who have given their lives to insure our freedom, in conjunction with the White House Commission on Remembrance's NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE. The St. Lawrence/Adirondack Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) will sponsor a "cruise in" from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In honor of the St. Lawrence Seaway's 50th Anniversary, many displays of Seaway and area history and memorabilia will be available for viewing.

Throughout the season, the Massena Chamber of Commerce will operate a gift shop featuring items from local vendors and Seaway 50th Anniversary memorabilia as well as provide tourist information to visiting guests. The gift shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week.

On Friday, July 10, the St. Lawrence Seaway 50th Anniversary Opening Ceremony will be held at the Visitors' Center from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., followed by a concert featuring the Conrad Story Blues Band sponsored by the Massena Chamber of Commerce. On Sunday, July 12, an Open House will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. featuring displays, floats, historical and educational presentations. For a full schedule of events visit: <http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/seaway50/events.html>.

Due to security measures, visitors are asked to leave all packages, bags, backpacks, etc. in their vehicles. You may be asked to present items carried into the viewing area for inspection or have them checked by a metal detecting wand at a manned checkpoint as you enter the Visitors' Center area from the parking lot. Note that the Center may periodically close to visitors at the discretion of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The Center is located off Route 37 in Massena, N.Y. Turn right at the traffic light at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall main entrance if approaching westbound or left if heading eastbound. The Visitors' Center entrance is 1.5 miles on the right. For up-to-date information on estimated vessel transit times, call (315) 769-2422 or visit www.greatlakes-seaway.com.

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