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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER VISITORS' CENTER TO OPEN FOR SEASON

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation announced today the Dwight D. Eisenhower Visitors' Center, located at the U. S. Eisenhower Lock, will open tomorrow and remain open daily through Labor Day, September 3, 2012. The Visitors' Center hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

The Seaway Visitors' Center at the Eisenhower Lock 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. Guides are available to provide additional information to tourists. 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 stone, steel slabs, and project cargoes.

On May 28, Memorial Day, several events will be taking place at the Visitors' Center. There will be many displays of Seaway and area history. In conjunction with the National Moment of Remembrance, there will be a ceremony at 3:00 p.m. including the playing of taps in honor of those who have given their lives to ensure our freedom.

The Massena Chamber of Commerce will operate a gift shop featuring items from local vendors and Seaway memorabilia as well as provide tourist information to visiting guests. The gift shop will be open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Due to security measures, visitors will be asked to leave all packages, bags, backpacks etc. in their vehicles. For those necessary items that need to be carried into the viewing area, you may be asked to present them for inspection or have them checked by a metal detecting wand. This will be conducted at a manned checkpoint as you enter the Visitors' Center area from the parking lot. The Center may periodically close to visitors at the discretion of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. The top deck is open to the public.

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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