

National Park Service Events at the Home Front Festival

Kaiser Shipyard No. 3

Join the National Park Service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 for a **Launch-the-Park ceremony** at **historic Kaiser Shipyard No. 3**. The ceremony will re-create a historic World War II ship launch against the backdrop of the Kaiser warehouse, the S.S. Red Oak Victory ship, and stunning views of San Francisco Bay. Afterwards, see the historic shipyard buildings and ten-story tall Whirly Crane, and explore the Red Oak Victory ship, which will host tours, film viewings and panel discussions during the day. If you want a hearty breakfast to start the day's activities, come enjoy a pancake breakfast aboard the ship (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Other NPS Activities

Marina Bay & City of Richmond

After the launch ceremony, you can head back to Marina Bay for the opening of **Richmond's Home Front Festival-by-the-Bay** (see www.homefrontfestival.com). Stroll along the beautiful **Bay Trail** to enjoy more spectacular views across the Bay, read wayside exhibits, and explore the **Rosie the Riveter Memorial**. Next to the Memorial, the **Art Pavilion** will exhibit art by children cared for in ground-breaking child care centers established for working families during World War II. You can see more examples of these precious historical art works at the **Richmond History Museum** in downtown Richmond, which will exhibit children's Home Front art during the festival (and through the end of September). If you want to take this opportunity to explore the city of Richmond further, the **National Park Service brochure** (available at our tent in Marina Bay) will help you locate other examples of significant World War II era buildings and sites in Richmond.

Ford Assembly Building

After Saturday's launch ceremony, you can also experience the huge, cathedral-like Craneway of the Ford Assembly Building, designed by internationally renowned architect Albert Kahn, where the National Park Service will have its visitor center in the future. At the Ford Building, visitors can learn about Henry J. Kaiser's extraordinary accomplishments at the **Think Big exhibit** (1 pm - 4 pm, Sat.) or later during Saturday night's USO dance - take a minute to rest your dancing feet and "exercise" your mind while you stroll around the exhibit and learn how Kaiser transformed this country's shipbuilding industry.

Sunday's big event at the Ford building will be a **"Rosie and Home Front Worker Reunion,"** where you will have the opportunity to learn history from the people who lived it. Come hear (and tell) stories, listen to speakers and music, sing along to songs from the old days, and participate in hands-on activities.

For more information about any of these events, return to the main Home Front Festival website and click on the appropriate event. For more information by phone about the launch ceremony, Home Front Reunion, or Think Big exhibit, contact the National Park Service at 510-232-5050.