"History Comes Alive: A Rough Riders Reunion"
Bringing back the Rough Riders Reunion, the 1st since 1968
In Celebration of the 1st U.S.V. Cavalry & Spanish American War Veterans

Date(s)
May 31(*No Rain Date) & June 1, 2025

Venue: The Town of Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York
Saturday May 31 (Re-enactments) at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park and the Waterfront Center
Sunday June 1 (Speaker Symposium) at the Town Hall Building and Multiple Venues throughout Oyster Bay

May 31 (Day 1)
Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park Outdoor Shows/Performances (11am-3pm) (63 Larrabee Avenue, Oyster Bay)

Rough Riders Historical Re-enactment
- Frank Bradford of Boots and Saddles Productions led Performance
- Performances of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt re-enactors (Bill Sommer) and General "Fightin'"Joe Wheeler (Pat Falci)
- Special Appearance and Performance by Quentin Roosevelt WWI re-enactor Austin Artz
- Spanish American War Encampment
- Rough Riders Performance of "The Charge at San Juan Hill"
- Rough Riders Riding and Shooting Demonstrations with Sabres and Rifles
- Special Appearance by Alan Cody, Descendant of Buffalo Bill Cody, Telling Stories of the Little Known but Legendary Historical Connection between Buffalo Bill Cody, Theodore Roosevelt, and the Rough Riders
- Old Fashioned Cooking Demonstration and Campfire
- Spanish American War Period Musicians, including a Bugler
- Period Military Presentation by Firearms Historian and History Channel Personality Seth Isaacson

Awards Presentation to Rough Rider and Spanish American War Veterans Ancestors
- Special Medals Presented to Ancestors in Attendance by the Town of Oyster Bay elected Officials, on Behalf of the Friends of Sagamore Hill and the Theodore Roosevelt Association

Raptors and Wildlife Presentation by Sweetbriar Nature Center
- Presenting some of the original Rough Rider mascot animals; including Hawks, Owls, and more
- 11:30am-12pm and 12:30pm-1pm showings

Rough Riders Arts and Crafts by Hive Market
- TR themed Arts and Crafts fun for all ages, including Make your Own T-Shirts
- Live in the Park Rough Rider Paintings by Local Artist Drigo Morin
- "Once Upon a Stuffie" Repurposed Stuffed Animal Adoption Program

***"A Rough Riders Cruise" (3:30pm-5:30pm)**
The Waterfront Center (1 West End Avenue, Oyster Bay)

- Aboard our Spanish American War Transport Ship for the day, the historic 1890 Sloop Christeen
- Featuring Colonel Roosevelt, General Joe Wheeler, and Quentin Roosevelt
- Have fun with the regaling of Spanish American and TR tales
- Enjoy Tales of the Sea and Live Music from the always entertaining Captain Pete and crew
- Light Snacks and Refreshments will be served
- *Event will be ticketed; contact the Waterfront Center to sign up

"Fun and Food with the Colonel" (Beginning at 6pm)
Teddy's Bully Bar Restaurant (46 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay)

- Come have a delicious meal at the fun Theodore Roosevelt themed restaurant and enjoy a special Rough Riders themed pairing menu
- Special Theodore Roosevelt themed pours on tap by the Oyster Bay Brewing Company
- Come meet "the Colonel" himself!
- Menus to be distributed at the Park on Saturday during the re-enactment

June 1 (Day 2)
Roosevelt and Rough Rider Symposium of Historians, Authors, and Performers (11am-3pm)
Oyster Bay Town Hall East Building 1st Floor (54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay)

Jeff Heatley (11am-11:40am)
- Pre-eminent Historian on the Rough Riders, and Author of "Bully: Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, The Rough Riders, and Camp Wikoff"
- Discussion of the Significance of the Rough Riders to American and Long Island History

Seth Isaacson (11:50pm-12:30pm)
- Leading firearms historian from Rock Island Auctions and Contestant on the History Channel Show, "The Ultimate Marksman"
- Indoor Weapons History Presentation and Slideshow, featuring all the Historical Firearms of the Rough Riders and Spanish American War, and Historically Significant Theodore Roosevelt Owned Firearms

Pat Falci (12:40pm-1:20pm)
- Actor and Historian from the 1997 Movie "The Rough Riders", who starred alongside Tom Berenger and Sam Elliott amongst others; Also played General A.P. Hill in "Gettysburg" and historical advisor for the movie "Gods and Generals"
- Indoor Slideshow Presentation on his Experience Making "The Rough Riders" movie, including being put through bootcamp in the Historic Rough Rider City of San Antonio

Sue Sarna (1:30pm-2:10pm)
- Sarna is the Head Curator of the New Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, and long time Sagamore Hill Head Curator
- Discussion on TR, his Rough Riders years, and Updates on the TR Presidential Library to be opened in July of 2026

Clay Risen (2:20-3pm)
- New York Times journalist and Author of "The Crowded Hour" discussing Theodore Roosevelt, the Rough Riders, and the Dawn of the American Century
- Clay will also be giving a brief history of TR and the Rough Riders connection to modern whiskey and spirits before heading out for our tasting cruise aboard the Christeen featuring Rough Riders Bourbon

*Theodore's Books
- Book sale and signing for our TR authors in attendance at the City Hall Building
- Theodore's Books pre-signed books available
- Also be sure to stop by their store at 17 Audrey Avenue for the best selection of Theodore Roosevelt books on Long Island

Memorabilia and Souvenirs
- Historical Spanish American War and Theodore Roosevelt Newspapers, Photos, and more
- Commemorative items, including Hats, Pins, Teddy Bears and other Fun Souvenirs for sale
- Raffles, and Silent Auction

Special Rough Rider Art Viewing and "Once Upon A Stuffie" Teddy Bears (11am-5pm) Hive Market & Art Gallery (100-102 Audrey Ave Apartment 100, Oyster Bay)

- "Once Upon a Stuffie" Repurposed Stuffed Animal Adoption Program
- TR themed arts and crafts for all ages; special appearance by Colonel Roosevelt
- Come for a Very Special Viewing of Theodore Roosevelt and Rough Rider Artwork by renowned Presidential Artist Patrick Lewis

Special Open House Guided Historic Tours

Matinecock Masonic Lodge **(*11am-3pm)**
14 West Main Street, Oyster Bay

- Come visit and get an inside tour of the historic lodge, and learn about TR's time as a Free Mason dating to 1901

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum **(*12pm-4pm)**
1 Railroad Ave, Oyster Bay

- See where Roosevelt and many historic dignitaries visited Oyster Bay at the 1889 constructed station
- Theodore Roosevelt Augmented Reality Experience

First Presybterian Church Oyster Bay **(*12pm-1:30pm)**
60 East Main Street

- View the historic 1873 Church that was founded by Theodore Roosevelt Sr. and is designed by the same architect as the Museum of Natural History

Christ Church Oyster Bay **(*1pm-2pm)**
61 East Main Street

- Visit the 1870's built Church that TR attended during his time as a Rough Rider
- See the famous Presidential Pew
- View the beautiful Carpenter Gothic Style Church that is considered one of the gems of Oyster Bay

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center **(*12pm-3pm)**
134 Cove Rd, Oyster Bay

- Experience the wonderful nature and beautiful grounds of the first songbird sanctuary in the country, a place that Theodore Roosevelt used to ride horseback often with his cousin Emlen Roosevelt
- Grab some binoculars and have a birding experience on the extensive 14 acres of property
- Immerse yourself in the unique and interactive Theodore Roosevelt Augmented Reality Experience

A Rough Riders Whiskey and Cocktail Tasting (3:15pm - 5pm)

The Matinecock Masonic Lodge (14 West Main St, Oyster Bay)

- At the Historic Lodge, where Theodore Roosevelt became a Free Mason as Vice President in 1901
- Led by Clay Risen (Whiskey and Rough Rider author/historian) and Rich Stabile (Master Distiller of Rough Riders Bourbon)
- Discussing turn of the Century Style Whiskies, history of Cuban cocktails, and TR's legislative influence on whiskey
- Pouring his line of Rough Riders Bourbon and Whiskeys, and a special limited edition rum cask
- Also Featuring Colonel Roosevelt, and Allan Cody (Descendant of Buffalo Bill)
- Snacks and Refreshments will be served; TR themed cake, the famous Sagamore Hill Sand Tarts, and more
- $10 tickets or Pay at the Door; More information on the Friends of Sagamore Hill website before event