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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project
present an author talk and signing with
EDYTHE ANN QUINN -- author of
FREEDOM JOURNEY: BLACK CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND
THE HILLS COMMUNITY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project will host an author talk and signing on Sunday, November 15, 2015 with **EDYTHE ANN QUINN** -- author of **FREEDOM JOURNEY: BLACK CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND THE HILLS COMMUNITY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center. Following the presentation, Professor Quinn will be available to sign copies of her book at the New Deal Store. This event is free and open to the public.

In **FREEDOM JOURNEY**, Edythe Ann Quinn shares the story of thirty-five African American Civil War soldiers and the United States Colored Troop (USCT) regiments with which they served through detailed letters, recruit rosters, and pension records. Associated with The Hills community in Westchester County, New York, the soldiers served in three regiments: the 29th Connecticut Infantry, 14th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery (11th USCT), and the 20th USCT. The thirty-sixth Hills man served in the Navy.

For these soldiers, ties to family, land, church, school, and occupational experiences at home buffered the brutal indifference of boredom and battle, the ravages of illness, the

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deprivations of unequal pay, and the hostility of some commissioned officers and white troops. At the same time, their service among kith and kin bolstered their determination and pride. They marched together, first as raw recruits, and finally as seasoned veterans, welcomed home by generals, politicians, and above all, their families and friends.

EDYTHE ANN QUINN is a professor of history and founding member of the United States Colored Troops Institute (USCTI) at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. She researches and teaches northern African-American community history and Race and Ethnicity in American history, among other areas of interest. She was awarded a prestigious Gilder Lehrman Institute Fellowship for a seminar from Harvard University in 2007, and most recently earned Hartwick's Margaret Brigham Bunn Award, which honors a faculty member who best exemplifies the centrality of the interaction between teacher and student.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project (MHAHP) is a non-profit group created in 2006 to bring together researchers, educators, community leaders, and members of the public to: conduct and synthesize research on the history of antislavery in the Mid-Hudson Valley, with special emphasis on the Underground Railroad; interpret this history and share these interpretations with a wide array of residents and visitors in our area, with particular attention to students and youth; and place this local history in the broader contexts of racial slavery in the New World, the African-American experience, and antislavery legacies today, including the impact of this historic grassroots movement on subsequent struggles for racial and social justice. For information visit www.mhantislaveryhistoryproject.org.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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