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**The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library
and Catharine Street Community Center present
a Film Screening of the Smithsonian Networks Production
"BREATH OF FREEDOM" (2014)
Featuring General Colin Powell and Congressman John Lewis
and interviews with
Walter Patrice and Joe McPhee of Poughkeepsie, New York
in commemoration of Black History Month
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- In commemoration of Black History Month the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Catharine Street Community Center of Poughkeepsie, New York, will host a film screening of the Smithsonian Network's **"BREATH OF FREEDOM" (2014)**. This new film is about the African-American GIs who helped rebuild Germany at the end of World War II. After experiencing equality for the first time overseas, these soldiers helped spark the Civil Rights Movement in the America. Narrated by Cuba Gooding, Jr., the film features interviews with General Colin Powell and Congressman John Lewis; as well as with Walter Patrice and Joe McPhee of Poughkeepsie, New York. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. ***This event is free and open to the public.***

They fought to liberate Germany from Nazi rule, as racism reached unfathomable levels. Their fight would continue back home on American soil. **"BREATH OF FREEDOM"** is the story of the one-million-plus African Americans who fought in World War II. Discover their encounters with hatred, from the enemy and from within their own ranks. Explore this paradoxical chapter in American history through interviews with war heroes,

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including Colin Powell, Tuskegee ace pilot Roscoe Brown, and Charles Evers, brother of Civil Rights activist and World War II veteran Medgar Evers.

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

Catharine Street Community Center, in Poughkeepsie, New York, promotes and coordinates educational, health, and cultural programming that enriches and enhances the lives of individuals, children, and families. Visit www.catharinecenter.org.

The Pare Lorentz Center's mission is *to apply the audiovisual techniques pioneered by Pare Lorentz to teach history and social studies, and to perpetuate Lorentz's use of the documentary format in inspiring social and political messages*. Located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the center is funded through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust to the Roosevelt Institute. Pare Lorentz created groundbreaking documentary films -- a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music -- for New Deal agencies of the Roosevelt Administration. The Pare Lorentz Center creates and disseminates educational documentary materials and films to teach the history of the Age of Roosevelt and illustrate the enduring social issues (poverty, social equality and conservation) that President Roosevelt and Pare Lorentz cared so much about. Visit www.parelorentzcenter.org for more information.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt

Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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