History Center to Celebrate Women’s History Month with “The Rock” Premiere

- The documentary explores the life and legacy of Therese Rocco, Pittsburgh's first female assistant police chief -

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 26, 2019 – In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Senator John Heinz History Center will host the world premiere of “The Rock,” a documentary about the life and legacy of Therese Rocco, on Thursday, March 7 from 7-9 p.m.

During her career with the Pittsburgh Police Department, Rocco became one of America’s first female assistant police chiefs and the first in Pittsburgh.

“The Rock” traces Rocco’s beginnings in law enforcement at age 19 through her ascent to leadership. The documentary explores how she broke the glass ceiling for women on the police force and navigated her way through discrimination in a male-dominated field.

Following the screening of the 50-minute documentary, Rocco will share intimate stories about her life, her work as an investigator, and how she continues to contribute to law enforcement and missing persons investigations in Pittsburgh.

Admission to this program is free and open to the public. Advance registration is encouraged at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Copies of Rocco’s book, “Therese Rocco: A Memoir” will be available for pre-purchase online as well as for sale on the evening of the program.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
On March 7 at 7 p.m., the Heinz History Center will host the premiere of “The Rock,” a documentary about Therese Rocco, one of America’s first female assistant police chiefs and the first in Pittsburgh.

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