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San Diego Public Library to Screen “Honor of the City: Warsaw Rising 1944” *Film will be Shown in Conjunction with Commemorative Exhibit*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen the documentary film “Honor of the City: Warsaw Rising 1944” on Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library. The film is being shown in conjunction with the *Warsaw Uprising of 1944* exhibit on display from Sept. 2-30 at the Central Library. Both the exhibit and film commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising and are free to the public.

The two month long battle – the largest underground battle against the Nazis in Europe during World War II – took the lives of nearly one-fifth of Warsaw’s civilian population. The city was turned into rubble. Close to 200,000 Polish civilians were killed. In the aftermath of the uprising 600,000 people were sent to prisoner camps. More than 85 percent of the capitol was razed to the ground. Yet, outside of Poland, this battle remains a little known part of the war history.

Produced by the American Institute of Polish Culture, “Honor of the City: Warsaw Rising 1944” includes rare footage of the uprising as well as interviews with survivors and experts. Among them is British historian Norman Davies, an authority on Poland. His newest book, “Rising 44 – The Battle of Warsaw,” was published in the United States in May 2004. The documentary also includes an interview with former Secretary of Defense Zbigniew Brzezinski and Professor Marek Chodakiewicz from The Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C. Among the veterans featured in the film is Jan Nowak Jezioranski, former director of the Polish edition of the Radio Free Europe.

The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

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