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Documentary Film Tells Story of One Man's Battle Against Discrimination in the Marine Corps

SAN DIEGO – The documentary film “A Most Unlikely Hero,” about one man’s five-year battle against discrimination in the Marine Corps, will be shown Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The film will be presented by the City of San Diego Public Library, the City of San Diego’s Diversity Program and the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego. The event is free.

Wanting to serve his country, Bruce Yamashita entered Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. But because of his race and ethnicity, he was denied the chance to serve. Uncovering evidence that showed minorities in the Marines had for years silently suffered from discrimination, he challenged the system; embarking on a five-year journey of discovery. “A Most Unlikely Hero” demonstrates Bruce Yamashita’s commitment to equal opportunity, fairness and justice.

Don Estes, Ph.D., a historian with the Japanese American Historical Society, which is dedicated to the collection, identification and preservation of materials related to the Japanese American experience, will facilitate a discussion after the screening. Filmmaker Steve Okino will be in attendance, as well.

May marks the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage month. The San Diego Public Library maintains a vast collection of resources to help meet the information needs of the region’s diverse population. Please visit the library and access books and audio-visual materials regarding Asian Pacific American Heritage.

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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