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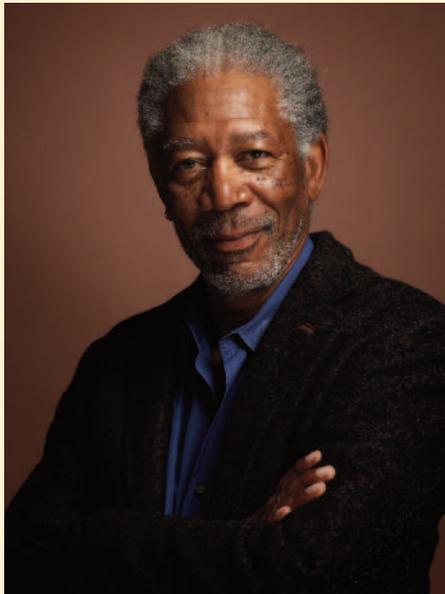
FOR THE
NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Morgan Freeman to Chair 2010 Gala to Honor Ken Burns

Academy Award®-winner Morgan Freeman, who served as the voice of Frederick Douglass in Ken Burns's landmark PBS documentary series *The Civil War*, will join the Foundation in honoring Burns when Freeman chairs the Foundation's 2010 Gala.

Freeman, who also is well-known for his role in another Civil War epic – the blockbuster motion picture *Glory*, about freed slaves being recruited to form the first all African-American fighting brigade – will pay tribute to Burns as the recipient of the Foundation's highest honor: the Records of Achievement Award.

The annual award, to be presented during the Gala on November 9, honors an individual whose life's work has cultivated a broader national awareness of the history and identity of the United States. The honoree's accomplishments reflect the Foundation's mission to elevate the stories found in the billions of documents, photographs, maps, films, and recordings in the Archives' holdings in a manner that fosters a fuller understanding of the American experience.



MORGAN FREEMAN

"We are thrilled that Morgan Freeman, who has collaborated with Ken Burns to educate Americans about the Civil War, will join us as Chair of the Gala," said Ken Lore, Chairman and President of the Foundation. "It is particularly fitting that these two men will share the stage at the National Archives on the eve of the opening of Part Two of the National Archives Experience exhibition, "Discovering the Civil War."

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Foundation for the National Archives
Annual Gala and Records of Achievement
Award Ceremony**

WHEN: Tuesday, November 9

WHERE: National Archives Building,
Washington, DC

**"Discovering the Civil War Part Two:
Consequences"**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 –
April 17, 2011

*Emancipation Proclamation on display:
November 11 – 14, 2010*

WHERE: Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery

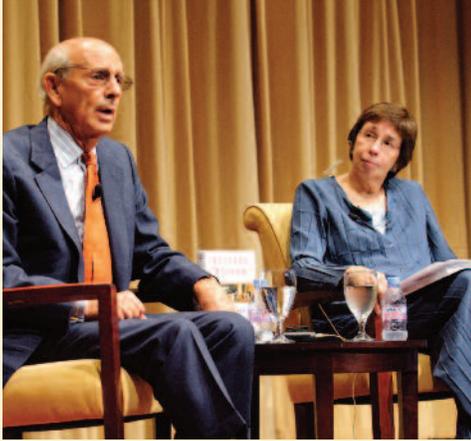
**Book signing and reception: *Going Home
to Glory: A Memoir of Life with Dwight
D. Eisenhower, 1961-1969*, with David
Eisenhower and Julie Nixon Eisenhower,
moderated by presidential historian and
Society member Michael Beschloss**

WHEN: Thursday, December 9

WHERE: William G. McGowan Theater

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of Special Events, at (202) 357-7361 or
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questions or to RSVP to an event.*

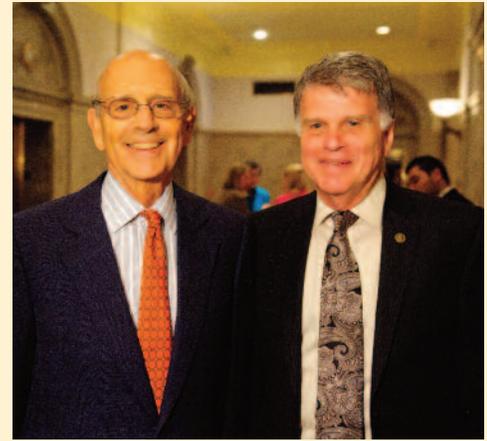
Society Members Enjoy Reception with Justice Breyer, Linda Greenhouse



JUSTICE BREYER, LINDA GREENHOUSE



SOCIETY MEMBER BESS ABELL, CARLA GREGORY



JUSTICE BREYER, ARCHIVIST DAVID S. FERRIERO

Society members joined Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero at a private cocktail-buffet reception this fall to welcome U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and Yale Law School's Linda Greenhouse to the National Archives.

The Justice and the former Supreme Court reporter for *The New York Times* mingled with Society members and other guests in the Archivist's Reception Room

at the National Archives Building prior to a public book launch and signing of *Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View*.

Following the reception on Monday, September 13, Society members enjoyed reserved seating for the full-house program in the William G. McGowan Theater as Greenhouse engaged Justice Breyer in a lively conversation. Justice Breyer entertained the audience with

fascinating stories of difficult cases and key decisions and answered questions about his views on the role of the Supreme Court in the American democracy.

Justice Breyer visited the National Archives last January, when he presided over the ceremonial swearing-in of David S. Ferriero as Tenth Archivist of the United States.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Society Members Celebrate July 4th at the Archives

Society members and their families enjoyed the National Archives' annual Independence Day celebration, complete with patriotic music, historical reenactors, and viewing of the National Independence Day Parade from the Archives' steps. For the first time ever, the parade included a National Archives float, designed to honor the Declaration of Independence and other important documents from the Archives.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES FLOAT

Society Donations Help Launch New On-line Tool for Teachers

Society members' loyal support of the Foundation for the National Archives has resulted in the launch of a revolutionary on-line tool to help classroom teachers around the country create activities for their students based on the treasure trove of primary sources held by the National Archives.

The new on-line tool, found at www.DocsTeach.org, is already in use by history and civics teachers who are creating their own lessons and sharing them with each other on-line.

"*DocsTeach.org* is a significant and welcome addition to our popular education programs," said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. "It will engage teachers and students in new ways and stir their interest in history through the use of original documents in the National Archives. It is also consistent with our goals to make as much of our holdings available to the public as easily as possible."

The site, developed by a team of

Archives educators and Foundation staff and generously supported by Texas Instruments, Society members, and other donors, invites teachers to explore thousands of documents from the Archives – items such as George Washington's draft of the Constitution, the cancelled check for the purchase of Alaska, Chuck Yeager's notes on the first supersonic flight, and President Richard Nixon's resignation letter. It also allows teachers to combine these materials using on-line tools to create activities that their students can access in the classroom or from their home computers. Students can then submit their work to their teachers via email.

The site began with activities created by Archives educators, but it also allows teachers of any grade level to create their own lessons from scratch, tailor lessons written by others to their own students, or let their students create the educational activities.

A formal press launch is planned for early next year to further publicize the site.

Young Founders Society Gift Memberships Now Available

To encourage young professionals to take a more active role in promoting the National Archives, Society members are encouraged to purchase memberships in the Foundation's Young Founders Society as gifts for the young people in their lives.

YFS members enjoy networking with other bright young professionals at receptions, exhibition openings, and programs of the National Archives Experience. Members joining at the Founder level (\$1,000) and above are entitled to additional benefits such as invitations to the July 4th celebration breakfast and viewing of the Independence Day parade from the steps of the National Archives, private tours of the Archives, and invitations to exclusive events where they can mingle with Society members and other generous supporters of the Foundation.

If you want to offer a young professional in your life a gift membership in the YFS, please contact Jesika Jennings at 202.357.5056 or email: jesika.jennings@nara.gov.



YOUNG GUESTS "AIR GRIEVANCES"



(TOP) YOUNG GUEST ENJOYS PARADE
(BOTTOM) ARCHIVIST FERRIERO
WITH REENACTORS



REENACTORS ENJOY PARADE

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In his distinguished acting career on stage and screen, Freeman has also played the roles of a prison inmate (*The Shawshank Redemption*), a U.S. President (*Deep Impact*), South African President Nelson Mandela (*Invictus*), and God (*Bruce Almighty* and its sequel, *Evan Almighty*). He has received Academy Award® nominations for his performances in *Street Smart*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, and *Invictus*, and won in 2005 for *Million Dollar Baby*.

Freeman is also well known for his distinctive and powerful speaking voice. He has served as narrator for numerous movies, including two Academy Award® -winning documentaries, *The Long Way Home* in 1997 and *The March of the Penguins* in 2005.

In Burns's *The Civil War*, Freeman read the part of Frederick Douglass, an



KEN BURNS

escaped slave who became famous as a leader of the abolitionist movement, and as a speaker, writer, and statesman.

"I have tremendous respect for Ken Burns and his work as a historian and as a documentary filmmaker," Freeman said. "So it's my honor to chair the Gala and congratulate him on his big night."

Burns, who is a vice president of the Foundation's Board of Directors and a member of the Society, will be the seventh recipient of the Records of Achievement Award. Other awardees include: Tom Brokaw, Brian Lamb, the late John Hope Franklin, Annette Gordon-Reed, David McCullough, and James McPherson.

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Honorary members in italics