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***NO TIME TO WASTE* – PREMIERE FILM SCREENINGS
CAPTURE URGENT MISSION OF BETTY REID SOSKIN, THE NATION'S OLDEST
NATIONAL PARK RANGER**

On September 23, 2019, Rosie the Riveter Trust will release a 50-minute documentary film about a legendary national park ranger who still, at age 97, actively presents her unique perspective on American history to packed theaters at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

The first screening will take place in the Mission Blue Chapel at Cavallo Point in Marin on Monday 9/23, beginning at 6 pm with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. A second screening in Marin will be part of the Mill Valley Film Festival's Mind the Gap Summit on October 5th with some limited public tickets available. A series of additional screenings, in Richmond, Sonoma, and San Francisco, will follow between October and January 2020. These screenings are part of the lead up to the park's 20th Anniversary celebration, launching in January 2020.

Betty Reid Soskin is an iron-willed American woman who became a national park ranger at age 85. The great granddaughter of a slave, Betty has lived a life filled with painful and often humiliating memories... yet she remains a defiant voice of hope.

No Time to Waste examines this 97-year-old park ranger's mission to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. It follows her journey from a kitchen stool in a tiny theater of 48 seats to media interviews for national and international audiences who now hang on every word she utters as she challenges her fellow citizens to move together toward a more perfect union of humanity, and its best and highest interests.

The documentary, produced by Digital Story Company for Rosie the Riveter Trust and in association with the National Park Service, captures Betty Reid Soskin's fascinating life pathway -- from the experiences of a young worker in a WWII segregated union hall, through her multi-faceted career as a singer, activist, mother, legislative representative and park planner to her present public role.

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Launched into the public eye by the government shut down in 2013, when media sought her out as the nation's oldest furloughed national park ranger, Betty Soskin captured attention with her clearly articulated frustration that gridlocked legislators were wasting her precious time to do important work.

At the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, on the Richmond waterfront, Betty illuminates the invisible histories of African Americans and other people of color, and her efforts, charted in the film, demonstrate how her work has impacted the way the National Park Service conveys such history to audiences across the U.S.

She is elegant and incisive in conveying hard truths to a wide audiences and in telling a story about the value of American democracy, the realities of the African American struggle and the importance of continuing progress. Throughout the film, her remarkable sense of humor shines through, and her humility in the face of her task.

Film Director, Carl Bidleman, fell in love with Betty's message while visiting the park one day, and began to follow her on her bus tour with a hand-held camera. Rosie the Riveter Trust then commissioned Digital Story Company to do more. The final film, shot in the highest quality 4k film format by Cinematographer Stefan Ruenzel, is what Executive Co-Producers Marsha Mather-Thrift and Doug McConnell describe as "a remarkable labor of love." Digital Story Company is known for its television series, *Open Road*, featured on NBC Bay Area.

Sponsors of the film include the Berkeley Film Foundation, the East Bay Community Foundation, the East Bay Fund for Artists, Kaiser Permanente, and the National Parks Conservation Association.

Rosie the Riveter Trust is the official nonprofit partner building support to expand public education programs and preserve historic resources for the **Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park**, the flagship national park for telling stories about home front efforts across the United States. For more information, visit: www.rosietheriveter.org.

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