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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Band of Brothers Preview

The third of five screenings of HBO's Emmy Award-winning miniseries, *A Band of Brothers*, will be on Tuesday, October 5th, at 6:30 PM at the Eisenhower Library's Visitor Center Auditorium.

The episodes shown will be *Crossroads* and *Bastogne*. The following is a brief synopsis of the two episodes:

Lt. Winters (Damian Lewis) leads a risky mission on a Dutch dike, resulting in a resounding victory, for which he is promoted to Battalion Executive Officer. Dissatisfied with his new, largely administrative job, Winters is concerned about the leadership of the three companies he now commands. After a weekend pass to Paris, news arrives of a massive Axis effort in the Ardennes Forest, threatening to break the Allied lines. Easy Company races in to hold the line, ill-equipped for the bitterly cold weather and the entrenched battle ahead of them.

In the dead of winter, in the forest outside of Bastogne, Belgium, the men of Easy Company struggle to hold the line along while fending off frostbite and hunger, having arrived with no winter clothes and little supplies and ammunition. Medic Eugene Roe (Shane Taylor) is overwhelmed, on edge and close to combat exhaustion when he finds friendship with a Belgian nurse. Easy Company spends a miserable Christmas in the trenches, and receives the news that the German army's demand for surrender was met with Gen. McAuliffe's defiant answer: "Nuts!"

The next episodes, *Breaking Point* and *The Patrol*, will be screened on Thursday, October 7, with the final screenings on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The screenings of *A Band of Brothers*, which are being shown by special permission of HBO, are free and open to the general public. Call 1-877 RING IKE to reserve seats. The Eisenhower Center's Visitor Center Auditorium is located on South Buckeye at S.E. Third Street. For more information, call 1-877-RING IKE.