



**Documentary film presentation**

**at CHANNING HOUSE**

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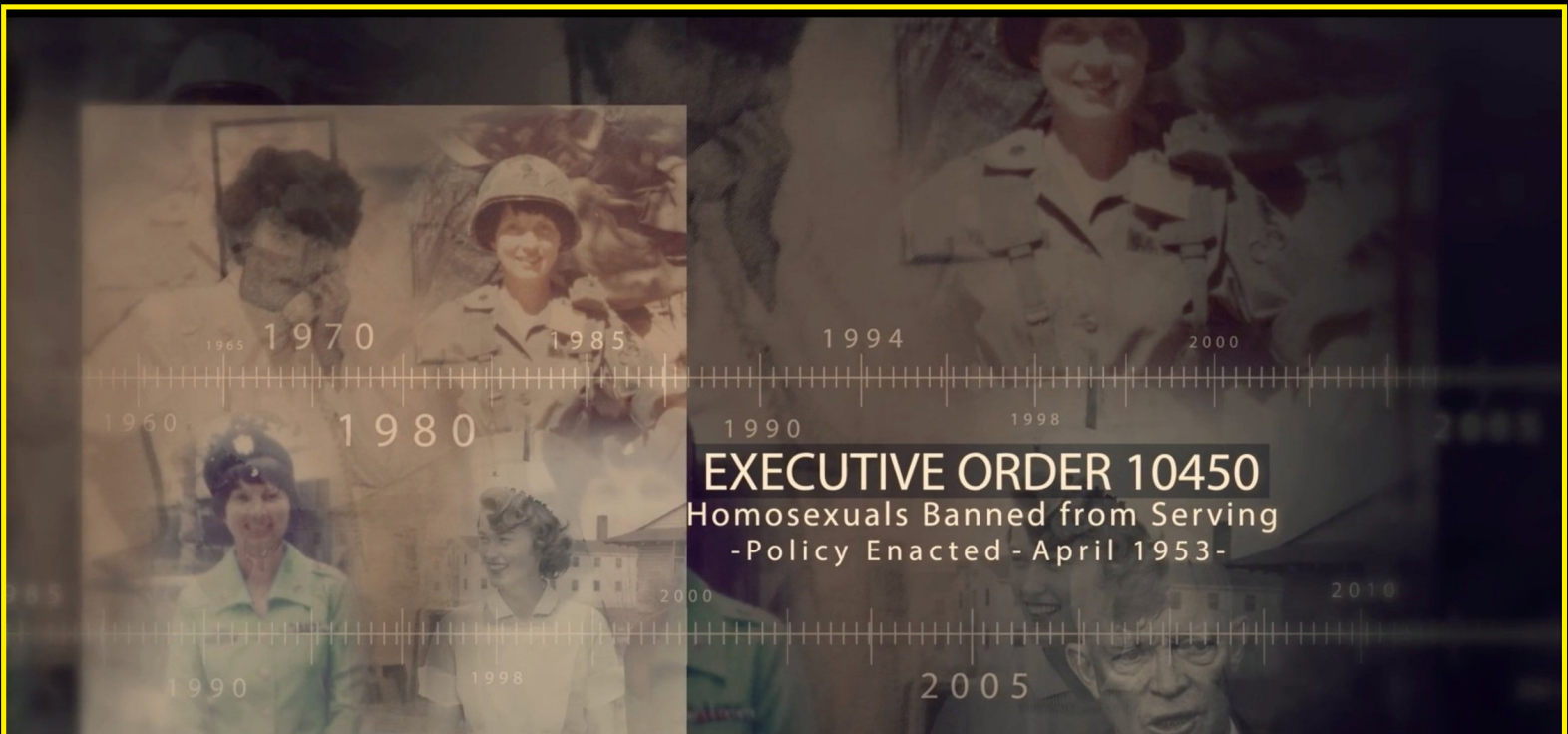
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# **SURVIVING THE SILENCE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF TWO WOMEN IN LOVE WHO HELPED CHANGE MILITARY POLICY**

**Director: Cindy L. Abel**

**Producers: Marc Smolowitz, Cindy L. Abel**

**(US, 79 min)**



**In 1992, Colonel Pat Thompson was a decorated Army nurse, only two years away from retirement, when she was asked to preside over the military review board that eventually dismissed Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer for admitting she was a lesbian. In that moment, she had to protect her own life secret: that she, too, was a lesbian and had lived privately with her life partner, Barbara Brass for many years.**

**moderated by Jasmina Bojic** **Founder and Executive Director of the International Documentary Film Festival UNAFF**