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Middlesex Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Middlesex Vicinage will host a program on Friday, Feb. 16 featuring Jeffrey T. Sammons, co-author of the book, *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: the Undaunted 369th Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality*.

The event, sponsored by the Middlesex Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee, will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the jury assembly room at the Middlesex County Courthouse, 56 Paterson St., New Brunswick.

Sammons, a history professor at New York University, will discuss his book, which tells the story of a combat unit connected to the New York National Guard. It reveals the details of the Harlem Rattlers' experience, the poignant history of some of its heroes, its place in the story of World War I and the African-American campaign for equality, and its importance in the understanding of American history.

Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas and Trial Court Administrator Dawn Brevard-Waters will give opening remarks.

The program is free and open to the public.

The program is co-sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the Metuchen/Edison Area Branch of the NAACP.

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