

WAR STORIES: VIETNAM

Hello,

WWIA would like to inform you of an important upcoming event, the Ken Burns and Lynn Novick ten-part, 18-hour documentary series, *The Vietnam War*. The documentary tells the epic story of one of the most divisive and controversial events in American history. WWIA is reaching out to all veteran organizations asking them to pass on the following information of this very important event to all interested parties. The documentary, *The Vietnam War*, premieres Sunday September 17 at 8pm on WWIA-TV.

In conjunction with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's landmark PBS documentary series, *The Vietnam War*, WWIA Public Media is producing programming and collecting the personal stories of people from northeastern and central Pennsylvania who lived through the Vietnam conflict.

WWIA's *War Stories: Vietnam* is a multi-platform initiative, which will air on WWIA-TV, WWIA-FM, WWIA.org and on WWIA's social media channels. "Our hope is to engage our area and encourage community conversations on the Vietnam War by sharing the stories of local citizens who lived through the conflict and help them tell their stories" said Tom Currá, WWIA President / CEO and Executive Producer.

The *War Stories: Vietnam* online component will feature veterans and others sharing their memories from Vietnam through a series of short form documentaries. The first in a series of six films entitled "Unrest" premiered Wednesday, August 9th on WWIA.org, which highlights how divisiveness of the Vietnam War sparked outrage on college campuses across America. In 1970, President Richard Nixon asked Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton to chair a committee investigating expanding unrest. Scranton attorney, Morey Myers served as coordinator on this commission, shares his memories. A new short form documentary will launch online at WWIA.org each Wednesday leading up to the premiere of Ken Burns' and Lynn Novick's *The Vietnam War* Sunday, September 17th at 8pm on WWIA-TV.

The WWIA website also has a page dedicated to veterans resources.

Audio from selected interviews for *War Stories: Vietnam* will air on WWIA-FM's *Artscene*, hosted by Erika Funke. The interviews will focus on artwork that has been inspired by the Vietnam War from local artists. WWIA-FM is also producing *Music of the Vietnam Era* which highlights the music of the 1960s featured in *The Vietnam War* documentary and will tell the stories behind the songs.

WWIA television will host two screenings of the one-hour highlight reel of *The Vietnam War* for veterans in the WWIA HD studio theater. An hour-long panel discussion on the Vietnam War will follow each screening. The panel discussions will be filmed for television and the first one will air on Friday, September 22nd and the second will air Friday, September 29th at 9pm respectively.

We ask all veteran organizations to post this letter on their bulletin board and inform their members of this important and historic event.

Thank you and thanks for your dedicated service,

WWIA Public Media

