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## **Screenings of Ken Burns' 'The Vietnam War' Offered Across Nebraska**

LINCOLN, Neb (Aug. 16, 2017) – Preview screenings of the highly anticipated new Ken Burns' documentary "The Vietnam War," will take place across Nebraska in August and September leading up to its Sept. 17 premiere.

Free and open to the public, screenings will be followed by a discussion with local Vietnam Veterans. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, a political scientist and assistant vice chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a military veteran, will facilitate panel discussions at all locations except for events at the Nebraska History Museum. Marty Ramirez, former Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, will facilitate the screenings at the museum.

These events are presented by NET, Nebraska's PBS & NPR Stations, to provide outreach and public engagement in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War.

### **Times, dates and locations include (all times local):**

**Lincoln:** Noon-1 p.m., Aug. 16, 23, 30 and Sept. 6, Nebraska History Museum

7 p.m., Sept. 11, Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center

**Falls City:** 5:30 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. screening and discussion, Aug. 23, Falls City Library and Arts Center

**Grand Island:** 7 p.m., Aug. 24, The Grand Theatre

**Scottsbluff:** 7:30 p.m., Aug. 31, Midwest Theater

**Fremont:** 7 p.m., Sept. 5, Midland University, Eppley Auditorium

**Ogallala:** 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sept. 7, Prairie Theatre

**North Platte:** 7 p.m., Sept. 7, North Platte Community College South Campus, McDonald-Belton Theater, limited seating, reserved tickets available at NPCC Welcome Centers (maximum four per person)

Noon, Sept. 15, Prairie Arts Center

**Norfolk:** 7 p.m., Sept. 12, Johnny Carson Theatre

**Hastings:** 1:30 p.m., Sept. 17, Super Screen Theatre, Hastings Museum

For more information, visit [netNebraska.org/vietnam](http://netNebraska.org/vietnam) for updates on these events, plus related materials, photos, videos and more.

In addition, NET will collect stories related to “The Vietnam War” to include on this website. Stories can be sent to [mflorenc@netad.unl.edu](mailto:mflorenc@netad.unl.edu) and should be no more than 500 words accompanied with a photo of the veteran.

Funding for these NET events has been made possible by Humanities Nebraska and coordinated in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Nebraska Library Commission.

“The Vietnam War,” a new 10-part, 18-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, premieres Sunday, Sept. 17. The first five episodes will air nightly Sept. 17-21, and the final five episodes will air nightly Sept. 24-Sept. 28, all at 7 p.m. CT on NET.

In an immersive narrative, Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never been told on film. “The Vietnam War” features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides.

Ten years in the making, the series brings the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life. It includes rarely seen, digitally re-mastered archival footage from sources around the globe, including photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as well as historic television broadcasts, evocative home movies and revelatory audio recordings from inside the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations.

Viewers are encouraged to join the conversation via social media by using #VietnamWarPBS.

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“The Vietnam War” is a production of Florentine Films and WETA, Washington, DC. Directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. it was written by Geoffrey C. Ward and produced by Sarah Botstein, Lynn Novick and Ken Burns.

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