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**WPSU-TV SALUTES SOLDIERS ON MEMORIAL DAY**

***Local PBS station to air programs that pay tribute to America's soldiers, past and present.***

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (May 21, 2007)** — On the eve of Memorial Day, WPSU-TV salutes America's lost soldiers and veterans and those currently serving with four programs that pay tribute to America's soldiers. WPSU begins the tribute with PBS's "National Memorial Day Concert" at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 27. The deeply moving and reverential tribute will be broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol before an on-site audience of more than 300,000, as well as millions more watching at home.

Acclaimed actors Gary Sinise ("CSI: New York") and Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna will reunite for a second time to co-host this moving and reverential tribute to America's heroes. The concert will feature uplifting musical performances, documentary footage and dramatic readings and will include an all-star line-up of dignitaries, actors and musical artists.

The concert is followed by the broadcast of "Air Group 16: We Came to Remember" at 9:30 p.m. Air Group 16 tells their stories, remembers their fallen comrades, and accepts official honors from the country they served. This documentary follows the last reunion of the pilots, radiomen, and gunners who served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington in the Pacific in World War II.

The evening tribute continues at 10 p.m. with "Eyes Wide Open," a documentary that examines an exhibit on the human cost of the Iraq War that features a pair of empty army boots for each U. S. casualty and a collection of civilian shoes to represent a portion of the Iraqi civilians killed in the conflict. Join Gold Star families as they make the physical and emotional journey to visit the boots of their children lost.

WPSU-TV concludes its salute to veterans with "Thunderbolts of Millville" at 10:30 p.m., a half-hour documentary that tells the story of the Millville Army Air Field and the impact of WWII on the civilians of Millville, New Jersey. From 1942 to 1945, the Millville Army Air Field trained P-47 pilots, teaching them to fly and attack with their aircraft.

WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. Its public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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