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REMEMBRANCES OF WWII DISCUSSED BEFORE LIVE AUDIENCE

WPSU-TV hosts a public discussion to explore how WWII is remembered today

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (September 17, 2007) – This month, PBS will be airing Ken Burns' new seven-part documentary, "THE WAR," examining the experience of Americans who lived through the Second World War. As part of WPSU's Common Ground Lobby Talk series, a panel discussion, "The War Remembered, The War Forgotten" will explore some of the themes raised by the PBS documentary. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 20 in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Penn State's Innovation Park. The public is invited to be part of a television studio audience and participate with their questions and comments at the event.

Given that ever fewer numbers of men and women remain who had a direct experience of that conflict, it seems more timely than ever to ask questions about the legacy of the war. This moderated discussion will explore how men, women, and children carried on during the war, how WWII is remembered today, what has been forgotten, and what will be remembered when the "greatest generation" is no longer there to tell its stories. For more information, visit wpsu.org/lobbyspeaks.

Panelists include:

- William Leech, historical site administrator of the Pennsylvania Military Museum
- Robert Maddox, professor emeritus of American history at Penn State and WWII veteran
- Catherine (Cathy) Wanner, associate professor of history at Penn State

Moderator for the discussion will be Greg Eghigian, director of the Science, Technology and Society (STS) program and associate professor of history at Penn State.

The production of this event will be broadcast on WPSU-TV at 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 18 and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 21.

This talk will also be streamed live at wpsu.org/lobbyspeaks online. The website contains streams of archived productions and a listing of upcoming events. The Common Ground Lobby Talk Series, a production of Penn State Public Broadcasting in conjunction with WPSU's Public Service Media Study Initiative, provides a forum for increasing public discussion about important issues and current events. Common Ground Lobby Talks are locally broadcast, available online, and statewide through Penn State ON DEMAND.

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