



New Shepherd Films' Latest Release "FORGOTTEN HEROES – THE ROBERT HARTSOCK STORY" wins multiple awards, including Best Documentary

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*Salem, OR – April 15, 2019 – **Forgotten Heroes – The Robert Hartsock Story*** brought home 13 awards from 6 film festivals in only 5 weeks including "Best Documentary", and with more festival competitions scheduled throughout 2019, it's not done yet.

Jim Huggins directed the film and won "Best Director" and "Best Producer" awards. His win as Best Director at the Oniros Film Awards in Italy follows several nominations for this project in other festivals around the world, including London and Palm Springs, as well as past nominations for his previous work. This is his first Producer award.

FORGOTTEN HEROES is a compelling and compassionate story of one young draftee who stands alone atop the proud and enduring legacy of US Military Working Dogs. This award-winning documentary interweaves Medal of Honor recipient SSgt Bob Hartsock's story with an overview of dog handlers and their dogs in the Vietnam War while carefully explaining the major issues that America faced during this generally unpopular war. What makes this documentary standout is that few people realize over 10,000 American lives were saved by the actions of over 4,000 military working dogs and their handlers.

Huggins directed *Forgotten Heroes – The Robert Hartsock Story* from first-hand interviews, DoD records, and historical records from the Presidential Libraries of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan. The film was produced by Huggins in association with **C3 Entertainment, Inc.** and **Leslee Huggins** served as associate producer. The film features the men who served alongside SSgt Hartsock during some of the most intense battles of The Vietnam War. **Larry Hughes, Rodger Forbes, Lamar Smith** and **Robert Kollar**, among others, provide incredible, if not chilling, firsthand accounts of this war.

The strong showing so early in the festival season, both in the US and abroad, clearly shows how this story resonates with audiences. The US Premiere of *Forgotten Heroes – The Robert Hartsock Story* will screen at the Allegany College of Maryland theater in Cumberland, MD on **Saturday, June 15th, at 5:30pm**. Tickets for this event are being handled by Eventbrite and may be purchased at a discount online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-robert-hartsock-story-premiere-event-tickets-60094869372.

The documentary will also be available **May 25, 2019** on **Valorous TV (www.valoroustv.com)** and the will be distributed on DVD beginning **3Q 2019** throughout North America by **Mill Creek Entertainment**, and is available in select territories worldwide through C3 Entertainment, Inc.

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