



New Shepherd Films Announces Premiere Event for FORGOTTEN HEROES – THE ROBERT HARTSOCK STORY

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Salem, OR – April 18, 2019 – New Shepherd Films will debut Jim Huggins’s award-winning documentary film in Cumberland, MD on June 15, 2019 before its release in North America. The premiere will screen at the Allegany College of Maryland theater in Cumberland, MD on **Saturday, June 15th, at 5:30pm**. Ticketing for this event is 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 Jim Huggins-directed documentary on Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipient SSgt Robert Hartsock has appeared in festivals worldwide earning honors for “Best Documentary” and “Best Trailer.” Huggins has also earned “Best Director” and “Best Producer” awards for his work on this feature.

FORGOTTEN HEROES is a compelling and compassionate story of one young draftee who stands alone atop the proud and enduring legacy of our Military Working Dogs. This award-winning documentary interweaves 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.

On February 23, 1969, Bob Hartsock, in an action that altered the course of The Vietnam War, became the first Military Working Dog Handler to receive The Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military award. His sacrifice, born of character and made for people he didn’t even know, changed lives forever. Even so, Bob Hartsock has become a forgotten hero.

Huggins directed *Forgotten Heroes – The Robert Hartsock Story* from first-hand interviews, DoD military 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.

“We are thrilled to be part of *Forgotten Heroes – The Robert Hartsock Story*,” said **Earl Benjamin**, President, C3 Entertainment, Inc. “The film brings to the screen a story that will captivate viewers around the globe. **Jim Huggins** – an award-winning director – knows how to turn a good story into a wonderful and successful motion picture. And in his hands, we know the film is going to be a special cinematic event for the attendees.”

Available **May 25, 2019** on **Valorous TV** (www.valoroustv.com), the film 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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