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MPBN Announces Film Release and Screenings for A Matter of Duty Documentary

Documentary details the effects of PTSD on Maine's Veterans.

(Portland/Bangor/Lewiston)—The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announces the upcoming airing schedule on MPBN Television and community screenings of “A Matter of Duty,” a new MPBN documentary focusing on the epidemic of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in Maine.

The film explores PTSD through the story of Kennebec County Sheriff Randy Liberty, who served as a Command Sergeant Major and took part in major combat in Fallujah Iraq. Upon his return, Sheriff Liberty struggled with PTSD and received therapy at Togus VA. He was then instrumental in several initiatives to serve veterans, including Maine’s first Veterans Treatment Court in Augusta, and the innovative Veterans unit within the Kennebec County Jail.

The film’s broadcast premiere will be Sunday, November 10 at 8:00 pm on MPBN Television. It will also air November 10 at 11:00 pm; Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 pm and Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 am. Additional airing times are being added to MPBN’s schedule and can be seen at MPBN.Net.

A Matter of Duty is co-produced by Jennifer Rooks and Charles C. Stuart. Rooks is host and Executive Producer of Maine Watch with Jennifer Rooks, and is the winner of two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards. Stuart has produced documentary films for every major television network, including PBS Frontline. He is a recipient of the George Foster Peabody and Alfred Dupont awards and eight national television EMMYs.

“This is one of the most powerful stories I have ever worked on,” stated Jen Rooks. “The documentary provides viewers with a glimpse into the significant challenges and difficulties facing veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress.”

MPBN is bringing this important documentary to Maine through a series of screenings in the Fall of 2013 and the Spring of 2014. The first screening will be held at USM’s Hannaford Hall on November 1st at 7 pm and at Colby College on November 8th at 7 pm. These events are free and open to the public, but seating is very limited. Screening information is detailed at MPBN.NET.

About the Maine Public Broadcasting Network:

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is Maine’s premier, independent media resource, dedicated to creating exceptional opportunities for the communities it serves to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment. MPBN is renowned for creating award-winning programs, as well as airing content from PBS, NPR, and other independent producers. Formed in 1992, MPBN is an independently owned and operated nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland, Maine. For more information, visit www.mpbn.net.

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