

NET Television Programs Honor America's War Heroes

LINCOLN, Neb. (May 12, 2010) -- NET Television will honor the men and women in uniform who protect and serve our country with several programs leading up to Memorial Day.

The NET Television production "Most Honorable Son" explores the personal odyssey of Ben Kuroki, a Nebraska-born, second-generation Japanese-American whose sense of shame over the bombing of Pearl Harbor and sense of loyalty to his country as a native-born American drove him to enlist to fight the Axis powers. "Most Honorable Son" airs on NET1 and NET-HD on Thursday, May 27, at 9 p.m. CT and Sunday, May 30, at 6 p.m. CT.

This moving story of a Japanese-American air war hero is told through rare and little-seen footage, as well as emotional recollections from Kuroki and his fellow airmen of the 8th and 20th Army Air Forces. "Most Honorable Son" follows Kuroki from his childhood through his distinguished military career and on to his long-overdue honoring with the Distinguished Service Medal.

NET Television's "On the Frontline: Nebraskans at War in Iraq" takes viewers around the globe to hear the compelling stories of 63 soldiers from Troop A of the 1-167th Cavalry, which is based in Hastings, Neb. Through in-depth interviews, soldier profiles and images the soldiers brought home from Iraq, the program examines how the civilian and family lives of these men were changed by this 18-month training and active duty assignment, in visible and invisible ways. "On the Frontline: Nebraskans at War in Iraq" airs at 10 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD on both Thursday, May 27, and Sunday, May 30.

Several war-related programs air on NET1 and NET-HD during the evening on Saturday, May 29. First at 7:30 p.m. CT, the NET Television production "The Canteen Spirit" chronicles the story of the World War II North Platte Canteen, which made history when residents of 125 communities from across the state greeted millions of soldiers over a nearly five-year period, as their trains made a ten-minute stop at the North Platte, Neb., depot. Canteen workers provided sandwiches, cakes, cookies, hard-boiled eggs, doughnuts, beverages, cigarettes, magazines and more, never once running out of provisions in its years of operation.

At 8:30 and 9 p.m. CT, the two-part "The War: Nebraska Stories" continues the saga of World War II through very personal interviews with Nebraskans who lived through the conflict. In this NET Television production, the stories from veterans are presented in short videos, covering topics such as combat, reactions from the home front, the atom bomb and other horrors of war.

Also on May 29, the story of the Medal of Honor -- the highest U.S. award for valor in combat -- is told through personal accounts of bravery and daring. Airing at 9:30 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, "Medal of Honor" transports audiences to the battlegrounds of Little Round Top, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq through the inconceivable stories of veterans. The Medal of Honor dates from the Civil War and is presented to individuals for service "above and beyond the call of duty."

The "National Memorial Day Concert" airs on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD on Sunday, May 30, at 7 and 8:30 p.m. CT, as well as on Monday, May 31, at 10 p.m. CT. The concert features an all-star line-up of dignitaries, actors and musical artists, including Colin Powell, music legend Lionel Richie, country music artist Brad Paisley, actor Dennis Haysbert and superstar Yolanda Adams in performance with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Also on Sunday, May 30, at 11 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, "D-Day: The Price of Freedom" pays tribute to the courageous men who began the liberation of France more than 60 years ago, and remain heroes to the French people even today. Throughout the program, former paratroopers, gunners, landing craft operators and others from the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy share their harrowing tales of survival. Five veterans -- some of whom returned to France for the first time since 1944 -- make an emotional journey to the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach, the final resting place of 9,000 of their fallen comrades.

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