

Plattsmouth Woman Featured in "History Detectives" Episode July 27

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 16, 2010) -- An episode of the PBS television series "History Detectives" features the story of Rhonda McAuliffe of Plattsmouth, Neb. Her search for the man who saved her father's life in the Korean War turns out to be what a "History Detectives" producer calls "one of the most touching stories of our entire season." The "Korean War Letter" segment will air on NET Television's NET1 and NET-HD Tuesday, July 27, at 9 p.m. CT and on Monday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. CT. It will repeat on NET2 on Saturday, July 31, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. CT.

McAuliffe never met her father, Ron Bradley. The U.S. counts Bradley among the more than 8,000 soldiers declared Missing In Action during the Korean War. She only knows her father from letters and photos her mother saved for her. McAuliffe contacted "History Detectives" hoping that they could help her solve a mystery in one of the letters her mother recently unearthed.

Ron Bradley's letter tells of a firefight that nearly cost him his life. Bradley names another soldier who saved his life by jumping on a live grenade. McAuliffe realizes she may never know what happened to her father, but she asked "History Detectives" to help her find closure in the story of this mystery hero. In his quest, host Eduardo Pagán visits the Korean War Veterans Memorial and meets a man who served alongside Rhonda's father, and finally discovers a revealing connection.

The episode also includes Tukufu Zuberi's searches for the author of "Diana: A Strange Biography," and explores whether it could be a groundbreaking work. Then, Wes Cowan digs into the mystery of a painting depicting a Civil War battle. How did the artist of this painting end up in prison at the Rock Island Arsenal?

"History Detectives" is devoted to exploring the complexities of historical mysteries, searching out the facts, myths and conundrums that connect local folklore, family legends and interesting objects.

NET1, NET2 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For complete program schedules, visit NET's website at netNebraska.org/television.

RELEASE WRITTEN BY: Deb Miller, 402-472-9333, ext. 353, or e-mail at debmillier@netNebraska.org

NET Television:

NET1 is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming. NET1 programming is also obtainable on Dish and DirectTV satellite networks in available areas; **NET2** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral, and other news and public affairs programming; **NET3** is a 24-hour channel featuring the most popular how-to, travel and lifestyle series; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.