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Veterans Legacy Film Screening

Students to Show and Discuss the Stories Behind those interred in VA's National Cemeteries

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) <u>National Cemetery</u>
<u>Administration (NCA)</u> and San Francisco State University's Veteran Documentary Corps will showcase the untold stories of Veterans buried in California's Golden Gate and San Francisco National Cemeteries. These short-form films will be screened at the Marines Memorial Theater in downtown San Francisco, Nov., 16 at 7 p.m.

"We are seeking to empower communities of young learners to see themselves as agents of their own history, researching, writing, and sharing their local history through the lens of Veterans," said acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Ronald E. Walters. "These films signify the VA National Cemetery Administration's (NCA) dedication and commitment to providing enhanced memorialization of Veterans interred in our VA national cemeteries."

The university received a contract to provide a framework of digital and non-digital outreach based on student research focused on Veterans interred at San Francisco and Golden
Gate national cemeteries. The project is led by Dr. Daniel Bernardi, professor of cinema, joined by colleagues: Dr. Trevor Getz, professor of history and department chair; Dr. Judith Munter, dean of the Graduate College of Education; Dr. Christina Sabee, professor of communications studies and department chair; and Ms. Carolina Gratianne, instructor, school of cinema and production coordinator.

NCA awarded three separate contracts to San Francisco State University, Black Hills State University and University of Central Florida as the first of many planned initiatives to engage educators, students and researchers and the general public through NCA's <u>Veterans Legacy Program</u>.