'No Greater Love' Camera follows soldiers into combat ... and home

LOS ANGELES — "No Greater Love" — the first theatrical documentary filmed and directed by an active-duty soldier — brings to vivid life the battles of the "No Slack" Battalion (of the famed 101st Airborne Division) in Afghanistan ... and back home.

For Veterans Day weekend, the multiple-award-winning "No Greater Love" premieres today in select cities nationwide, including Clarksville Stadium 16 & RPX, located at 1810 Tiny Town Road in Clarksville. It is the only theater in Tennessee currently slated to show the production.

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"No Greater Love" shows No Slack's most intense firefights since Vietnam," said former Army chaplain Justin Roberts, who directed and filmed in Afghanistan for more than three years. "But it's the stories behind the video that changed my life. How can soldiers who know this kind of danger, hardship and loss, transition back to

civilian life? Home becomes a whole new battleground."

Consider that:

• Every day, 20 U.S. military veterans commit suicide (Suicide Data Report, Department of Veteran Affairs, Mental Health Services, 2015)

• 20 percent of veterans suffer PTSD (Litz BT, Schlenger WE. PTSD in service members and new veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars: a bibliography and critique. PTSD Res Q 2009;20(1):1-2.)

• Among incarcerated adults, 10 percent served previously in the military (Blodgett JC, Avoundjian T, Finlay AK, et al. Prevalence of mental health disorders among justice-involved veterans. Epidemiol Rev 2015;37. 000–000.)

• Of the U.S. homeless population, 12 percent are veterans (Tsai J, Rosenheck RA. Risk factors for homelessness among US veterans. Epidemiol Rev 2015;37. 000–000.)

Most Americans are unaware

that U.S. military chaplains carry no weapons, even in battle — and it's true that while deployed in Afghanistan, Roberts initially had no plans to make a film. The courage around him, however, spurred him to ask: "What drives men to commit acts of valor and sacrifice?" (As "No Slack" won decisive, strategic victories in intense battles, it also suffered multiple fatalities, returning home with more than 200 purple hearts.) Roberts also

interviews Gold Star family members.

"The only way a person can really come back from war is with love," Roberts said. "And it has to come from friends. It has to come from family members, neighbors and the people you were fighting for, and from each other. That is the only way we can fully come home."

Fore more information about the movie, visit https://nogreat-erlovemovie.com



The Obion County Public Library for the past several years has had a Parade of Trees during the holidays.

The Friends of the Obion County Public Library decorate a tree each year by placing photographs of veterans on a colorful red, white and blue tree.

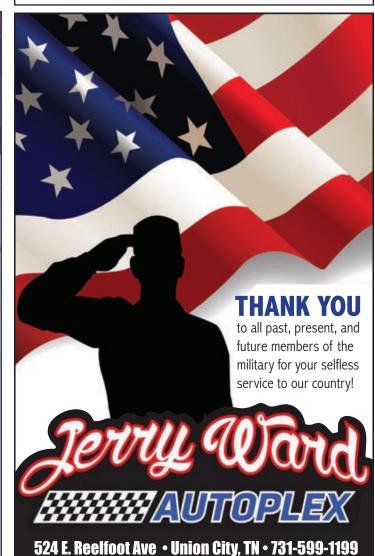
The group is requesting veterans and family members of veterans to bring photos to the library in Union City so they may be copied and used in the display. The original photos will be returned.

The annual Parade of Trees will be on display from Thanksgiving through February. The Friends of the Library tree will be on display in the genealogy department.





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