

## Military and Veterans Initiatives

CPB supports compelling, multiplatform content and community engagement projects on military and veterans' issues. With CPB support, public media stations organize town hall meetings and produce content to engage citizens and community partners on issues of concern to veterans and their families, and to raise awareness of opportunities and resources for veterans.

### [Veterans Coming Home](#)

*Veterans Coming Home* is a multimedia effort supported by CPB since 2013 and aimed at bridging the gap of understanding between America's military and civilians and finding solutions to challenges during the transition to civilian life. Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) leads the effort and works with participating stations to create broadcast, radio and online stories, and local engagement events. Stations have partnered with more than 130 organizations to reach veterans through job fairs, summits and screenings. Local forums increase dialogue around critical community issues, provide a space for veterans to tell their stories and offer information about resources for veterans and their families.

The latest phase, *Veterans Coming Home: Finding What Works*, takes a solutions-based approach by focusing on innovative, effective programs leading the way to better outcomes for veterans. Stations are hosting local events culminating in a diverse digital series premiering on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2018.

The Kindling Group serves as executive producer of the *Veterans Coming Home* national digital series. Under their direction, a team of two post-9/11 veterans and two civilian media-makers and journalists traveled the country in 2016 to explore ways communities support veterans, and empowered veterans to tell their own stories on-air and online.

Numerous public media stations continue to contribute local content to this national series and social media campaign developed with community partners. PBS' [Stories of Service](#), [WORLD Channel's](#) "Local USA" series, and a host of national partners, feature this content and extend this crucial dialogue about America's veterans to new and diverse public media audiences.

### **Additional CPB-Funded Veterans Programs**

[The Vietnam War](#) – Directors Ken Burns and Lynn Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War, with firsthand accounts from nearly 80 witnesses, including Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians. With CPB support, public media stations worked with a host of local organizations to explore the war's lasting impact.

### *2018 Veterans Coming Home Grantees*

AETN | [Little Rock, AK](#)  
 Arizona PBS | [Phoenix, AZ](#)  
 CET | [Cincinnati, OH](#)  
 East Tennessee PBS | [Knoxville, TN](#)  
 KALA-FM | [Davenport, IA](#)  
 KBTC | [Tacoma, WA](#)  
 KCPT | [Kansas City, MO](#)  
 KSFR-FM | [Santa Fe, NM](#)  
 LPB | [Louisiana](#)  
[Montana Public Radio](#)  
 Montana PBS | [Bozeman, MT](#)  
 Rhode Island PBS | [Providence, RI](#)  
 WHRO | [Norfolk, VA](#)  
 WPT | [Wisconsin](#)  
 WQED | [Pittsburgh, PA](#)  
 WUSF | [Tampa, FL](#)

### *Other participating stations include:*

DPTV | [Detroit, MI](#)  
 KLRN | [San Antonio, TX](#)  
 KLVX | [Las Vegas, NV](#)  
 KPBS | [San Diego, CA](#)  
 KPTS | [Wichita, KS](#)  
 KQED | [San Francisco, CA](#)  
 NPT | [Nashville, TN](#)  
 TPT | [Saint Paul, MN](#)  
 WCFE | [Plattsburgh, NY](#)  
 WFYI | [Indianapolis, IN](#)  
 WGBY | [Springfield, MA](#)  
 WHYI | [Philadelphia, PA](#)  
 WNET | [New York, NY](#)  
 WPBS | [Watertown, NY](#)  
 WUCF | [Orlando, FL](#)  
 WVAS | [Montgomery, AL](#)  
 WYSO | [Yellow Springs, OH](#)

[American Creed](#) – Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy explore the idea of a unifying American creed.

[American Homefront](#) – a journalism collaboration between WUNC, Chapel Hill, NC; KPCC, Pasadena, CA; WUSF, Tampa, FL; KPBS, San Diego, CA; Texas Public Radio, San Antonio, TX; and North Country Public Radio, upstate New York focused on veterans' issues.

[A Capitol Fourth](#) – The all-star concert salute in honor of Independence Day broadcasts live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, before a live audience of hundreds of thousands, millions more at home, and troops watching around the world on the American Forces Network.

[Coming Back with Wes Moore](#) – A 3-part series produced by best-selling author and Army combat veteran Wes Moore is the story of his search for answers to questions related to returning from war.

[Going to War](#) – Featuring combat journalist, Sebastian Junger, and Vietnam veteran and author, Karl Marlantes, *Going to War* explores the soldier's experience of combat and its aftermath.

[The Great War: Television Mini Series](#) - This six-hour series by American Experience coincided with the 100th anniversary of America's entrance into World War I. The film highlights important themes including the emergence of American power in world affairs.

[Homefront: Fort Drum](#) – Part of the CPB-funded multimedia project “Finding America” series produced by AIR and 15 local stations discovering stories from diverse communities.

[Lidia Celebrates America: Homegrown Heroes](#) – Renowned chef and food ambassador Lidia Bastianich travels across the U.S. to visit with veterans who have reconnected with their communities through farming.

[Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield](#) - Hosted and reported by ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff, this one-hour film covers military medical advances and technology from the battlefield to the return home.

[National Memorial Day Concert](#) – The CPB-supported National Memorial Day Concert honors the service of our military men and women. PBS broadcasts the concert live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

[On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam](#) – This film tells the story of shifting priorities in America's barrios. From the mines of Arizona to the streets of East LA, Latino youths faced the push and pull of military service during the Vietnam War.

[StoryCorps' Military Voices](#) – In partnership with [POV](#), stories from the Peabody Award-winning oral history nonprofit StoryCorps provides post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families the opportunity to record and share their stories with the public – through broadcasts on NPR and animated short films on PBS.