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Film Navigating Veteran Homelessness Selected to Screen at GI Film Festival

Beyond the Wall: Homeless Zone by Local Director and Author Alivia C. Tagliaferri
Screens Sunday, May 16th at 2:15 PM.

FAIRFAX, VA (May 5, 2010) – Selected to screen at the 4th annual GI Film Festival, the world premiere of **Beyond the Wall: Homeless Zone** is slated for the festival's "*Short Block - Issues On The Homefront*" on Sunday, May 16th at 2:15pm.

Produced and directed by local author Alivia C. Tagliaferri, *Beyond the Wall: Homeless Zone* navigates the parallel journeys of two Iraq War veterans who slipped through the cracks and end up living on the streets as well as two Vietnam veterans who are fighting to end homelessness in Washington, DC.

Nearly one in four of our nation's homeless is a veteran, according to the 2007 report released by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. "I wanted to explore the contributing factors that lead to homelessness among veterans, what programs and services are available, and how citizens can engage in preventing and ending this experience for our nation's heroes," says filmmaker Alivia Tagliaferri.

Thirty minutes in length, the documentary features the work of Jim Street, a former Marine and social worker based at the DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center who provides outreach as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Program.

"I created this film specifically as an awareness-raising and educational tool for high schools and libraries across the country," notes Tagliaferri. The movie's website features a digital library of interviews with officials and experts she hopes will be used as an additional resource for students and communities. (Website: www.beyondthewallmovie.com)

An opportunity to meet with filmmaker, Mr. Street, and co-producer and educator Nancy E. Mantelli will follow a brief question and answer session after the screening. The GI Film Festival is located at the Carnegie Institution for Science, 1530 P Street, NW, Washington DC.

General admission for *Beyond the Wall: Homeless Zone* is \$10 and tickets are available at the door and via www.gifilmfestival.com.

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