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Maryland Public TV reprises its Vietnam documentary September 9 in advance of series premiere of Ken Burns' *The Vietnam War*

***Maryland Vietnam War Stories airs in its entirety as MPT pledge event;
Maryland Vietnam veterans staff in-studio pledge phones***

OWINGS MILLS, MD – More than a dozen Maryland Vietnam veterans will staff the Maryland Public Television (MPT) pledge phones as the station rebroadcasts its 2016 documentary ***Maryland Vietnam War Stories*** on Saturday, September 9. The three-hour MPT film will air beginning at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD that evening as a station pledge event. The majority of in-studio phone volunteers are veterans who appear in the documentary, while others are Vietnam veterans who participated in MPT's four-year Vietnam initiative from 2012 - 16.

The reprise of ***Maryland Vietnam War Stories*** provides the local perspective in advance of the PBS premiere of ***The Vietnam War***, a 10-part series by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. The filmmakers spent 10 years developing the series, which has its debut on Sunday, September 17 at 8 p.m. and continues through Thursday, September 28.

During the September 9 pledge showing of the MPT-produced documentary, the station will offer premium items including DVD copies of ***Maryland Vietnam War Stories*** and the Ken Burns 10-part film for various levels of giving.

About MPT

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT's six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT's commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through year-round instructional events and the super-website *Thinkport*, which garners in excess of 14 million page views annually. MPT's community engagement connects viewers with local resources on significant health, education, and public interest topics through year-round outreach events, viewer forums, program screenings, and phone bank call-in opportunities. For more information visit mpt.org.

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