

At Ease

Trauma treatment and therapeutic support
for active military, veterans and their loved ones

Groups collaborate to present special screening and panel discussion on post-combat trauma and stress



WHAT: Special screening of RESTREPO with panel discussion regarding the effects of post-combat trauma and stress on the armed forces

WHO: Presented by Film Streams, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, and At Ease USA.

WHEN: Thursday, September 16, 7 p.m. (More showtimes daily September 10-23)

WHERE: Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street

TICKETS: \$9 general, \$7 for seniors, students, teachers, and military, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members

MORE INFO & ADVANCE TICKETS:

http://filmstreams.org/filmstreams_calendar.aspx?ID=589

OMAHA (8/24/10) – An acclaimed new documentary about soldiers stationed in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley—one of the most dangerous postings in the U.S. military—will lead to a dialogue about the effects of post-traumatic stress and trauma on the armed forces as part of a collaborative film event next month.

On Thursday, September 16, at 7 p.m., Film Streams, in collaboration with Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska's At Ease Program and its funder At Ease USA, will present a special screening of the documentary RESTREPO with a post-show panel discussion. The film, which will show for two weeks at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater starting Friday, September 10, focuses on a remote, 15-man outpost named "Restrepo" in memory of a platoon medic who was killed in action.

Co-directed by photographer Tim Hetherington and journalist Sebastian Junger (author of "The Perfect Storm," "Fire" and "War"), RESTREPO is an entirely experiential film: the cameras never leave the valley. There are no interviews with generals or diplomats. The film's goal is to make those watching it feel as if they have just been through a 90-minute deployment.

“Our intention was to capture the experience of combat, boredom and fear through the eyes of the soldiers themselves,” Hetherington and Junger say in their directors’ statement. “Their lives were our lives: we did not sit down with their families, we did not interview Afghans, we did not explore geopolitical debates. Soldiers are living and fighting and dying at remote outposts in Afghanistan in conditions that few Americans back home can imagine. Their experiences are important to understand, regardless of one’s political beliefs. Beliefs can be a way to avoid looking at reality. This is reality.”

The special screening of RESTREPO on September 16 is part of Film Streams’ Community Development Program, which facilitates partnerships with other nonprofits and community groups on film-related events that speak to their missions and programming.

Tickets for all showtimes of RESTREPO, including the screening and discussion on September 16, are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, students, teachers and military, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members.

For questions, requests, or more information, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or casey@filmstreams.org.

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Critical Praise for RESTREPO:

“As the war in Afghanistan returns to the front pages and the national debate, we owe the men in RESTREPO, at the very least, 90 minutes or so of our attention. If nothing else, this film, in showing how much they care about one another, demands the same of us.”

— A.O. Scott, The New York Times

“This utterly immersive documentary puts you on the Afghanistan frontline.”

— Time Out New York Critics Pick

“An unforgettable and terrifying story—an adrenaline drip of blazing action that assaults your senses and locks your eyes to the screen. This is war as only the bravest experience it. Enormously affecting.”

— Steve O’Brien, CBS Radio

“Here's a documentary that embeds you deep into the war in Afghanistan... The filmmakers offer no commentary. We watch. And what we see is explosive, deeply moving and impossible to shake.”

— Peter Travers, Rolling Stone Magazine

“RESTREPO, on its own terms, is a stunning piece of work.”

— David Edelstein, New York Magazine

Official Film Site for RESTREPO:

<http://restrepothemovie.com/>

More information, showtimes & advance tickets:

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Lutheran Family Services' At Ease program is committed to providing **confidential trauma treatment and therapeutic support to active military, veterans and their loved ones. No one is turned away based upon an inability to pay.** Estimates show up to 35% of armed forces deployed in Iraq will suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).* Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a 118 year history, including 31 years of experience in outpatient behavioral health services. Senator Chuck Hagel has praised Lutheran Family Services' At Ease program as "a potential national model," saying, "**Local public-private partnerships could be the quickest and most compassionate way to get veterans the help they need. The government is spending billions of dollars annually trying to help veterans, but our circuits are overloaded after nine years of war and a crippling recession. Non-profits, religious groups and businesses must step up.**" This is exactly what the Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska and At Ease USA partnership is doing! For more information, please visit www.lfsneb.org.

*Source: Wein, Lawrence, "Counting the Walking Wounded," New York Times, Jan. 25, 2009

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AT THE RUTH SOKOLOF THEATER

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