



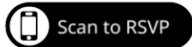
VETERANS DAY FILMFEST AT CSU - NOV 11

Short Films by Area Vets — Music by Grammy-winning Musicians *Monday, Nov. 11th at 6PM — Colorado State U, Fort Collins*

2 October 2024 — Fort Collins, CO: On November 11th, **The Patton Veterans Project (PVP)** and **CSU's Adult Learner and Veterans Services (ALVS)** are co-hosting **The Patton Veterans Day FilmFest** on Veterans Day evening to showcase short films created by area veterans at PVP's innovative film workshops. This **FREE** event will take place at CSU's Lory Student Center Theatre, and will feature a musical performances by *Grammy Award-winning* producer / musician John Alagia and Greg Holden, writer of the smash hit, *Home*.

The Patton FilmFest will be led by author and filmmaker Benjamin Patton (grandson of General George S. Patton, Jr.) He and his team of award-winning film instructors have held more than 75 collaborative **I Was There Film Workshops** throughout the US and abroad.

Following the Posting of the Colors by CSU's ROTC Honor Guard, the year's most powerful vet-produced shorts will be screened, along with an excerpt from this year's Oscar-winning animated short *The War is Over*, for which one of Patton's instructors served as cinematographer.



The evening will culminate with a performance by acclaimed musicians John Alagia and Greg Holden. Alagia is the Grammy-winning producer of John Mayer's *Room for Squares*, and has worked with Lukas Nelson, Paul Simon, Jason Mraz and Dave Matthews, among many others. Holden's iconic *Home*, exploded onto the charts as Phillip Phillips' *American Idol*-winning song. "In my opinion," says Alagia, "*Home* is one of the most powerful anthems of hope in the past 25 years." Their performance will include tracks from Holden's forthcoming album, which Alagia is mixing.

Since 2012, PVP's **I Was There Film Workshops** have helped nearly 1500 vets create more than 300 narrative short films at major military installations and colleges across the US and abroad. The workshops, which are free and open to all vets, enable them to work together to conceive and create visual narratives that safely express their often challenging service experiences. The workshops have proven highly therapeutic, especially for those coping with posttraumatic stress, transition and isolation. Reflecting on his workshop experience, 82nd Airborne CPT Rich Barbato, remarked: "*If more of my OIF buddies had known about this program when we got home from downrange, they'd be alive today.*"

To register for a workshop in your area, call Mike Leeman at (970) 657-5500 or visit pattonveteransproject.org.

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