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Marines raised the American flag of victory atop Mt. Suribachi on February 23, 1945 - only 5 days into the 36 day battle of Iwo Jima. This is the most reproduced photograph of WWII and perhaps of all time.

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personal stories, told by distinguished disabled veterans, with deep history narrated by leading scholars in the fields of disability studies, history and psychology to illustrate the human cost of war and the enormous sacrifices of military service. These sacrifices are brought to life through hundreds of carefully curated still images and h
“Through the very real and heart-wrenching personal stories told by war veterans, PBS hopes to shine a brighter light on the realities of life after battle,” said Beth Hoppe, chief programming executive and general manager of general audience programming at PBS. “At its core, our programs seek to provide viewers with a better understanding of the men and women who stood on the front lines. This year, we not only show viewers how veterans are living beyond their battle wounds and disabilities, but also how some veterans on opposing sides have sought to reunite.”


Both programs are part of PBS Stories of

Service, a multi-platform initiative exploring veterans’ experiences and providing a deeper understanding of our country’s military history. Viewers are invited to join the conversation in social media using the hashtag #ServiceStoriesPBS and access a rich library of more than 50 archival programs and resources for educators, students and veterans at pbs.org/storiesofservice.

The Stories of Service initiative was announced in May 2014 along with a community engagement campaign for select PBS member stations and their local veterans and funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, called Veterans Coming Home. The PBS programming under Stories of Service, some with funding support from CPB, includes a comprehensive list of titles, many of which can be found here. The initiative runs through 2017 with the premiere of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick’s “The Vietnam War.”



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