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Richard Robbins is an award-winning producer and director who has been making documentaries for PBS, cable, and network television for more than a decade. The programs have ranged from the historical to the political, to present-day breaking news. From 1998 to 2004, Robbins primarily made documentaries for Peter Jennings at ABC News. Immediately following September 11, 2001, Robbins produced a variety of ABC News programs, including the live Jennings special “ANSWERING CHILDREN’S QUESTIONS,” which won a DuPont award from the Columbia School of Journalism.

Ed Hrivnak is a professional firefighter and registered nurse in the State of Washington. He has over 19 years of service on active duty and in the Reserve Air Force. A veteran of the first Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Hrivnak has also served in Somalia, Rwanda, and Bosnia. His piece, “Medevac Missions,” was inspired by his time serving on flights bringing wounded soldiers from Iraq to Germany.

Mike Strobl, from Grand Junction, Colorado, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1983. He has served as a field artilleryman in each of the three active duty Marine divisions around the world. He is currently assigned to Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He wrote “Taking Chance” while serving with the 1st Marine Division during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Andrew Carroll founded the Legacy Project, a national, all-volunteer effort to honor and remember those who have served this nation in wartime by seeking out and saving their letters. From this project came Carroll’s bestseller *War Letters*, the compelling correspondence of American military men and women, as well as the PBS documentary of the same name. Carroll is also author of the national bestseller *Letters of a Nation: A Collection of Extraordinary American Letters*.

“America at a Crossroads” is a series of 11 documentaries funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and produced by WETA, the Washington, D.C.-based PBS affiliate that explores the challenges confronting the post-9/11 world, including the war on terrorism, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the experience of American troops, the struggle for balance within the Muslim world, and perspectives on America’s role

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globally. The series is scheduled to launch on Sunday, April 15, 2007 and will run through Friday, April 20, 2007 on PBS. "Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience" will air on WHYI on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10:00 p.m.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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