WAR STORIES

A performance based on writings
from the Empire State College community

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from texts supplied by members of the Empire State College community

Director
Cindy Bates

Stage Manager
Lori Barringer

Cast
Jack Fallon
Isaac Newberry
Patrick Rooney
Deb Smith
Ryan Smithson
Sarah Wasserbach
Nadine Wedderburn
Program

Opening
Selections from the writings of Bob Gerulat ............ Jack Fallon,
Nadine Wedderburn, Isaac Newberry,
Patrick Rooney, Deb Smith, Sarah Wasserbach
and Ryan Smithson (in speaking order)

Thank You
by Christine Carner ........................ Nadine Wedderburn

A Christmas Sea Story
by Matthew Coffey ............................ Jack Fallon

Bernie’s Story, 1943
by Mindy Kronenberg ........................ Ryan Smithson

Sole Surviving Son
by Daniel Reinhold ............................ Isaac Newberry

Dreams
by Andrew Ferg .............................. Patrick Rooney, Sarah Wasserbach
and Deb Smith

Infantry Training
by Sean Markham .............................. Isaac Newberry

Little Brother
by Carrie Pfaffenbach ........................ Sarah Wasserbach

World War II Prisoner of War
by Alan Davis ................................. Jack Fallon

Purple Heart Boulevard
Anonymous ..................................... Ryan Smithson

Buzzing Flies
by Robert Lamb ............................... Isaac Newberry

I Carry Your Picture with Me
by Wesley Burton ............................ Sarah Wasserbach

Them
by Ryan Smithson ............................ Patrick Rooney
Afghanistan
by Sean Markham ........................................ Ryan Smithson

A Look Back at My War – Vietnam
by Bob Gerulat ........................................... Jack Fallon

World War II Combat
by Eric Hauenstein ................................. Deb Smith

September 11, 2001
by Anthony Flammia and Gennaro Bonfiglio .... Patrick Rooney
and Jack Fallon

World War I
by Fran Hardy ........................................ Nadine Wedderburn

The Lighter Side
by Lee Feigenbaum ......................... Jack Fallon and Isaac Newberry

Angels
by Maria MacKay ..................................... Deb Smith

Denny
by Carla Hall D’Ambra ......................... Sarah Wasserbach

Dedication of the Vietnam Memorial, November 11, 1982
by Elaine Handley .................................. Ryan Smithson

Veterans Day
by Patricia Pillsworth .............................. Nadine Wedderburn,
Sarah Wasserbach and Deb Smith

Closing
Selections from the writings of Sean Markham ........ Jack Fallon,
Deb Smith, Nadine Wedderburn,
Isaac Newberry, Patrick Rooney
and Sarah Wasserbach
(in speaking order)

Music by Matthew Hough, “Rated G-Berlin”

Please join the cast and production team in the lobby following the performance for a light reception.
The work of all contributors to the “War Stories” project will be housed in the Empire State College archives. We deeply appreciated reading the submissions that each of these contributors shared with us. Each piece taught us something unique about this project even if we were unable to use the piece in the final production.

The names of these contributors include:

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About the Project:

The idea for this performance came about through the SUNY Empire State College course, War Stories: Reading and Writing About the Impact of War, where the participants read, wrote and shared stories and thoughts about war. To encourage wider participation in thinking about this complex topic, the collaborators of “War Stories” invited Empire State College students, staff and faculty to submit their war stories, in writing. They then crafted a 75-minute performance piece featuring the voices of men and women in the military, as well as those on the homefront, who have been profoundly touched by war.

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For more information or to view online, visit: choose.esc.edu/WarStories