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Kansas City PBS announces an evening with award-winning filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick at Arvest Bank Theatre at the Midland

Kansas City, Mo. August 21, 2017: Kansas City PBS (KCPT) is offering an exclusive evening with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick around their upcoming documentary series, *The Vietnam War*, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, at the Arvest Bank Theatre at The Midland. Tickets are available for purchase at <u>veterans.kcpt.org</u> or by calling The Midland box office at (816) 283-9921.

Burns and Novick will share with the Kansas City audience their experiences making the film, collaborating with Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross on the soundtrack, and why they call this their most ambitious project ever. Joining them on stage to discuss the war and its impact are two Kansas City veterans, Dr. James Wilbanks and John Musgrave, who are both featured in the film.

The Vietnam War, an epic 18-hour documentary series from Burns and Novick features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides. The series will premiere on KCPT September 17 at 7 p.m.

KCPT will premiere its own local special *LZ Kansas City* **on September 29 at 8:30 p.m.** LZs or landing zones were used extensively in the Vietnam War to move forces in and out of combat zones. *LZ Kansas City* tells the stories of local veterans who "landed" back here after the war, as well as our region's contributions and reactions.

Share Your Story - Community members are also invited to share a personal story, a story of their family or community related to the Vietnam war with KCPT online or by visiting the KCPT Storybooth as it tours the region. Online submission and Storybooth schedule at <u>veterans.kcpt.org</u>

More local stories of service and video features at veterans.kcpt.org

KCPT believes in the power of media on every platform and seeks to use that power to enrich, engage and entertain our viewers both on-air and online. We strive to advance conversations through community engagement and social media; explore complicated issues facing our region with ongoing reporting, investigative reports and informed discussions; and share the stories of people, places, and progress in our community.