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**DOCUMENTARY “BLOOD STRIPE: A SPOUSE’S STORY” SET TO MAKE  
WORLD PREMIERE IN NOVEMBER**

***New film tells the true story of a story of a family torn apart as a veteran and  
his wife struggle with the invisible wounds of war.***

CLEVELAND, OHIO, September 17, 2019 — Hearts of Patriots is pleased to announce that the documentary “Blood Stripe: A Spouse’s Story” will make its world premiere on Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Breen Center for Performing Arts in Cleveland.

The film, adapted from Denise Weller's original dance theater production, tells the true story of Megan Cain and her husband, Jeremy, who served in Iraq with the 3/25 Marines. Although Jeremy returned from his tour when many of his fellow Marines did not, he wasn't the same.

Jeremy’s time on the front lines had left him with PTSD and a traumatic brain injury. His mood often swung wildly. He forgot things. Megan didn’t understand what was happening. “As time went on, I seemed to be left with just his anger and resentment,” Megan says in the film.

“Blood Stripe” tells their story of struggle and hope through dance, music and intimate interviews. Hauntingly moving and intensely revealing, “Blood Stripe” is a must-see for military veterans, their spouses and patriotic Americans alike.

A VIP reception kicks off the evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas Room at the Breen Center (1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland). The movie screening begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes live performances by featured artists who appear in the documentary, dancers Juliana Freude and Brian Murphy, and, Nashville recording artist Ricky Lee. A VIP meet-and-greet with the artists, producers, writers and director of the documentary will follow.

General admission tickets are \$35 and \$20 for active military and veterans. VIP tickets, which include the pre- and post-film receptions, are available for \$125. Proceeds from the evening support Hearts of Patriots’ mission to provide education, resources and support to spouses and families of veterans with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries or both.

For more information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Denise Weller, Hearts of Patriots co-founder and executive director, at 440-477-4704 or [denise@vetspouse.org](mailto:denise@vetspouse.org). Tickets may be purchased online at [www.vetspouse.org/blood-stripe-documentary.html](http://www.vetspouse.org/blood-stripe-documentary.html) or by calling 440-477-4704.

*Hearts of Patriots* is a nonprofit organization that provides education, resources and support to spouses and families of veterans with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries or both. Co-founded by the wife of a 3/25 Marine, Hearts of Patriots understand the challenges faced by caregivers of veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. Our mission is to support these hidden heroes whose lives have been changed simply because they fell in love with a combat veteran.

*Hearts of Patriots* received the 2018 Platinum GuideStar Nonprofit Profile Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information.

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