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Tickets Still Available for *Veterans Journey Home* Film Series to be Shown at the Jean Cocteau Cinema in Santa Fe

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Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11 & 12 (1pm & 6pm)
Jean Cocteau Cinema/Downtown Santa Fe
(418 Montezuma Ave.)

SANTA FE—Tickets are still available for the *Veterans Journey Home* film series to be screened on Veterans Day, November 11, and Friday November 12, at the Jean Cocteau Cinema in downtown Santa Fe.

The five-film series from acclaimed filmmaker Frederick Marx, who co-made the acclaimed 1994 documentary *Hoop Dreams*, is hosted by the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and Warrior Films. They show the amazing journey of veterans readjusting to life back home after returning from combat.

The films, said Marx, are not just for and about veterans. He said they offer life lessons for *all* adults—veterans and non-veterans.

“These stories are about human transformation--about how all of us need to be able to heal our childhood wounds and face down our darkest demons in order to grow into the

fullest, happiest versions of ourselves we can be,” said Marx. “If we could all undertake reaching our greatest human potential as seriously as these veterans in the films do, we could transform society.”

Here is the schedule for the two-day the Veterans Journey Home film series:

Thursday, November 11 (Veterans Day)

The series kicks off with a 1pm-3pm matinee showing of the following three short films:

- **Solutions**-The philosophical underpinning to the entire five-part series...showcasing the greatest minds highlighting community-based, non-medicalized solutions for veterans returning home.

- **Ben’s Story**- A former U.S. Army paratrooper and sniper, challenged by suicidal thoughts, alcoholism, and a divorce, fights to reconnect with his family—and resume a place of leadership in society.

- **On Black Mountain**-Twenty-two women veterans are transformed through a four-month meditation/mindfulness-based healing retreat.

- Filmmaker Marx will then host a question-and-answer session from 3:15-4pm.

Later that evening, a 6-7:45pm session will showcase the following two films:

- **Kalani’s Story**-U.S. Marine Corps Captain Kalani Creutzburg experiences transformation through emotionally authentic “healing circles.”

- **Leaving It On The Land**—12 veterans undergo an ancient 12-day “vision fast” ceremony in the wilderness—fasting...alone, with minimal shelter.

- Marx will then host a question-and-answer session from 7:45-8:15pm.

Friday, Nov. 12

1pm matinee session (2 films):

- **Kalani’s Story**

- **Leaving It On The Land**

Followed by a 3:15-4pm Q&A session with Filmmaker Marx.

6pm evening session (3 films):

- **Solutions**

- **Ben’s Story**

- **On Black Mountain**

Followed by a 7:45-8:15pm Q&A session with Filmmaker Marx

Tickets available online

The Jean Cocteau Cinema is located in downtown Santa Fe at 418 Montezuma Ave.

Tickets are \$20 or the matinee sessions on both days, \$25 for each evening shows, and \$40 for a two-day pass. **Active-duty service members and veterans will be admitted free for all sessions.**

- November 11th - <https://jccvetday11th.eventbrite.com>
- November 12th - <https://jccvetday12th.eventbrite.com>

Safety facemasks will be required to be worn for all sessions.

For brief “trailer” clips of the films: <https://warriorfilms.org/veterans-journey-home/>

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