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Honoring New Mexico's Soldiers - Airmen - Marines Sailors - and Coast Guardsmen

NEW EXHIBIT AND PREVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTARY "A LONG MARCH" AT THE NEW MEXICO MILITARY MUSEUM

Santa Fe, N.M. – The New Mexico Military Museum will host its last exhibit opening of the year on Dec. 3, 2021. The exhibit, *Portraits of Palawan*, displays artwork by the late artist and Bataan Survivor Don Thomas Schloat (1921-2010). Schloat served in the Philippines as an Army medic during WWII. As a POW, he was interned at Palawan and Bilibid. He created many drawings during this time, which he later sent to newspapers. After the war, he worked for Disney, Hanna-Barbera, and Filmation Studio.

Our presenter for the evening is Tammy "TS" Botkin. Botkin is a local film producer whose directorial debut is the documentary "A Long March," the story of Filipino-American veterans' struggle to have promises from the U.S. government fulfilled after the war.

Botkin became aware of the plight of these veterans after her uncle, Vic Fulford, rediscovered World War II art depicting scenes from the Philippines, the Bataan Death March, and POW camps in his basement. Together, they embarked on a

journey of discovery that shed new light on this period of history and its impact today.

In addition to the Museum's new exhibit, two of these paintings will be on display. Video clips and a trailer of the new documentary will also be shown and discussed.

This event is free to the public, but donations are always welcome.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6:00 p.m.

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