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Veterans program Thursday at museum in Spa City

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SARATOGA SPRINGS >> Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Michael King will lead a screening and discussion of his new documentary, “When War Comes Home,” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the New York State Military Museum, 161 Lake Ave.

This film follows three veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan as they try to acclimate themselves to civilian life. They carry with them the wounds of war, some physical such as traumatic brain injury, and some invisible including post-traumatic stress.

An estimated 20 percent of the 2.6 million military service members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress. At times debilitating, the effects of PTS not only affect the veteran, but also family members and friends.

In many ways, the aftermath of war can be the toughest battle they face as they try to build a healthy future beyond the pain and loss of war.

The panel discussion will include veterans Jim Cahill, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan; Jordanna Mallach, a veteran of Afghanistan; Vietnam veteran Robin Temple; and Ed Bushey, who served in Korea. The program’s purpose is to encourage dialogue between area veterans and community members.

Topics will include how different branches of the armed services, veterans organizations and other institutions handle and treat difficult PTS cases, as well as the services available to returning service men and women.

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King has produced, directed, and written documentaries, music videos and feature films for over two decades.

He is well-known for his critically-acclaimed documentary “The Rescuers” that follows the diplomats who risked everything to save tens of thousands of lives during World War II. The film toured internationally at the request of the U.S. State Department in several different countries for international diplomats and dignitaries.

The program is presented by the military museum and Skidmore College’s John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative.

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