

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Virgin Islands Short Film Wins Best Picture Award At Oregon Film Festival

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“Proudly We Served: Virgin Islands Veterans of the Korean War”, a documentary short produced on behalf of the American Legion, District 10 has been awarded Best Picture in the Oregon Documentary Film Festival, which was held between March 23-24, 2019. The film was one of 70+ entries into the festival.

“We were thrilled and honored to receive this award”, said Joan Keenan, producer of the film.

This is the third installment in the “Proudly We Served” (PWS) series. According to the release, the 30-minute video vividly explores what motivated Virgin Islanders to serve in

the Korean War from 1950-1953, their contributions to the war effort, and the effect military service had on their lives.

About the film: In late 2007, The American Legion District 10 of the United States Virgin Islands authorized a volunteer video production team to produce the documentary, "Proudly We Served: Virgin Islands Veterans of World War II". This was the continuation of a project initiated a few years prior to collect and preserve the stories of Virgin Islands veterans for inclusion into the Library of Congress' Veterans Project. The PWS production team decided to continue the mission in 2013 and reached out to more than twenty-five Virgin Islands veterans, which led to the second installment, "Proudly We Served: Virgin Islands Veterans of the Vietnam War". Joan Keenan Jean J. Picou Brian O'Reilly The PWS production team is: - Producer/Director, - Editor/Director, Steven Richards - Narrator, - Interviewer and Roberta Knowles, EdD - Writer/Researcher. www.pwsvi.org

The Oregon Documentary Film Festival is a theatrical screening event of international independent Documentary films in Portland. The mission is to screen independently produced documentary films from around the world showcasing excellent storytelling, compelling interviews, fresh topics and good production value that will keep the audience engaged. <https://info.filmfestivalcircuit.com/blog>