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PBS 45 & 49 to hold free previews of *The War*

*Events offer sneak peek of new World War II documentary
by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns*

KENT, Ohio — Aug. 30, 2007 — PBS 45 & 49 will hold two free previews of Ken Burns' epic documentary, **The War**. The previews will be held on Sept. 11 at Akron-Summit County Library and on Sept. 12 at The Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown.

Both events begin with free refreshments at 6:30 p.m., followed by the film preview at 7 p.m. From 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the station will show a half-hour of excerpts of community members' videotaped oral histories that feature northeast Ohioans' recollections of World War II.

The preview events are free of charge; however, reservations are required by calling 1-800-554-4549.

The War, a 14-hour epic that was six years in the making, tells the story of World War II through the personal accounts of nearly 50 men and women from four quintessentially American towns. The series honors and celebrates the bravery, endurance and sacrifice of the generation of Americans who lived through what will always be known simply as "the war." The documentary will air over two weeks on PBS 45 & 49 beginning Sept. 23 at 8 p.m.

Akron-Summit County Library is located at 60 S. High St. in Akron. The Butler Institute of American Art is located at 524 Wick Ave. in Youngstown. For more information, visit www.pbs4549.org/thewar or call 1-800-554-4549.

About PBS 45 & 49

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