



WKSU AND WESTERN RESERVE PBS EXAMINE VIETNAM'S LEGACY
40 YEARS LATER
COLLABORATION INCLUDES RADIO REPORTS AND DOCUMENTARY FILM

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The WKSU newsroom looks back at two significant historical events, presented in collaboration with Western Reserve PBS. As the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War approaches, Western Reserve PBS (WNEO/WEO) joins with a national PBS effort to examine ramifications of the deadly conflict that are still being felt today. A focal point of the public television station's coverage is a broadcast on April 28 of the Oscar-nominated documentary "The Last Days of Vietnam," directed by Rory Kennedy and part of PBS' "American Experience" program.

Beginning on April 13, WKSU will broadcast "Looking Back at Vietnam," a series of reports that includes reports on Vietnam vets, Hmong immigrants, the media's reaction to the war, and a deeper look into the PBS documentary. WKSU's effort continues with stories related to the 45th anniversary of the shootings at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. The clash between protesting college students and National Guard troops left four dead and nine wounded and is credited for building anti-war sentiment in the U.S.

In tandem with the WKSU broadcasts, Western Reserve PBS will air topically related 90-second vignettes during prime time. The vignettes are the work of Kent State University student Daniel Henderson, who is a sophomore in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Scheduled broadcasts include:

April 13

- WKSU: Vietnam vets at 40: The lives of local vets, now and then – Tim Rudell (*Morning Edition*)

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- Western Reserve PBS: A look at why Vietnam veterans continue to gather, and examples of their brotherhood
- WKSU: Learning from Vietnam: The lessons learned from the U.S. involvement in Vietnam and how that has affected U.S. military involvement in other conflicts since then – Kevin Niedermier (*Here and Now* and *All Things Considered*)
- Western Reserve PBS: The impact of the Vietnam War and the subsequent changes in training at the college level

April 20

- WKSU: The Immigrants: Immigrant Hmong communities in NE Ohio and the lasting impact of the war along with the challenges they faced/continue to face in becoming Americans – M.L. Schultze (*Morning Edition*)
- Western Reserve PBS: Discussions with the children and grandchildren of Vietnam-era refugees living in Northeast Ohio
- WKSU: The lens of the media, then and now: Local reporters who covered both Vietnam and May 4th reflect on past and present events – Kabir Bhatia (*All Things Considered*)
- Western Reserve PBS: A comparison between the impact of social media today on news gathering and media delivery methods during the Vietnam era

April 27

- WKSU: “Last Days in Vietnam”: A two-part interview with the documentary’s producer and writer, Keven McAlester – Amanda Rabinowitz (Part 1 during *Morning Edition*, Part 2 during *Here and Now* and *All Things Considered*)
- Western Reserve PBS: An interview with a local documentary filmmaker who has had a project in the works for over 20 years

May 4

- WKSU: May 4 – A lens on history: Examining a newly released video of the burning of the Kent State University ROTC building on May 2, 1970 and a discussion with the person behind the camera – Jeff St. Clair (*Morning Edition*)
- Western Reserve PBS: Current students at Kent State University share their impressions of May 4, 1970
- WKSU: The Lasting Impact on the Arts: A look at the impression the war made and continues to make on all forms of art through a local and national lens – Vivian Goodman (*Here and Now* and *All Things Considered*)
- Western Reserve PBS: Vietnam-era photographers: Where are they now?

Both public broadcasters support on-air programming with additional information online. WKSU’s audio reports will be posted as they air along with support materials at www.wksu.org/rememberingvietnam. Western Reserve PBS coverage will be posted at www.westernreservepublicmedia.org/vietnam. WKSU airs Northeast Ohio-based and statewide news reports daily during station broadcasts of NPR’s *Morning Edition* (Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-9 a.m.), *Here and Now* (Monday-Friday, 12 p.m.-2 p.m.) and *All Things Considered* (Monday-Friday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 5 p.m.-6 p.m.)

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WKSU's reports on Vietnam and May 4 are made possible in part with support from Kent State University's May 4 Visitors Center, County of Summit – ADM Board and the Cleveland Public Library.

About WKSU

WKSU is an award-winning public radio station and service of Kent State University that broadcasts to 22 counties in Northeast Ohio from the station's primary signal at 89.7. WKSU content can also be heard over WKRW 89.3 (Wooster), WKRJ 91.5 (Dover/ New Philadelphia), WKSU 89.1 (Thompson), WNRK 90.7 (Norwalk) and W239AZ 95.7 (Ashland). The station adds WKSU-2 Folk Alley, WKSU-3 The Classical Channel and WKSU-4 The News Channel over HD Radio and as streaming audio at www.wksu.org.

About Western Reserve PBS

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Through funding from the Ohio Department of Education, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in 10 Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.