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SAVANNAH, Ga. - In honor of Veteran's Day, Telluride Mountainfilm in association with Mountainfilm on Tour, Savannah present a special screening of the award-winning documentary, *Mending the Line*, featuring the subject of the film, 92-year-old WWII veteran, Frank Moore as guest speaker. Monday, November 10 at 7 p.m - the Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union, 11935 Abercorn St.

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Mountainfilm is honored to welcome Frank Moore and his family to Savannah and offer our community a rare chance to speak to one our nation's surviving WWII / Normandy Veterans. A living legend, Frank Moore speaks around the world, has appeared on Ted Talks- Portland, and will be the Grand Marshall of Savannah's Veterans Day parade.

Frank's participation Savannah's parade is even more meaningful as he was stationed at Fort Stewart in 1943! In a recent phone interview with Savannah Morning News, Frank Moore remembers our "beautiful little city" and the warm waters of Tybee Beach. <u>Link to SMN Article</u>. Thanks to a generous donation from Delta Airlines, Mountainfilm and Armstrong State University are excited to welcome back Frank Moore and his family to Savannah.

Frank will be speaking to the press as he attends the WWI Memorial on Sunday at 3pm in Daffin Park, tours Fort Stewart on Monday at 10am, and answers questions following Monday night's screening of, *Mending the Line*. The Producer of *Mending the Line*, Steve Engman, will introduce the film before the DVD's national release on Veterans Day. Mountainfilm World Tour, Director, Henry Lystad, will also be in attendance. (Please see time/location details on following page).

*Mending the Line* chronicles Moore's remarkable life history and follows the 90-year-old veteran's return to France to fish the rivers he crossed so many years ago as a 21-year-old soldier amidst the devastation of war. Moore is one of the few veterans his age in good enough health to travel back to France to visit their former war grounds, making his story inspiring.

Tough as nails, Moore loves to fly-fish. In 1944, he landed along with some 150,000 other troops on the beaches of Normandy, France for the D-Day Allied invasion. Despite the cacophony of war around him, the avid, young fly fisherman couldn't help but notice the productive fisheries on the rivers he and his fellow troops crossed as they made their way into occupied France.

Moore's lifetime accomplishments as a fly fisherman, conservationist and a veteran have earned him many awards, including the prestigious Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor and the recent induction into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. He has guided and fished with actors, congressman and executives over his storied angling career.

Now, reflecting on his life, Moore is compelled to return to the rivers of Normandy, this time armed not with a gun, but with a fly rod and reel. Engaging in his favorite hobby in the place of his greatest trauma brings him healing and closure.

"We are fortunate to have such an accomplished World War II veteran come to Savannah to speak to a local audience," said Col. Pete Hoffman, the director of Armstrong's Liberty Center in Hinesville, Ga. "His story is inspiring and will be fascinating to hear."



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## **Press Opportunities:**

Frank Moore will be speaking to Press at the following events:

### Sunday November 9th 3:00pm

WWI Memorial Ceremony in Daffin Park - Daffin Park Dr, Savannah, GA 31404

### Monday Nov 10th 10:00 am

Arrival Ft Stewart Warriors Walk - Warriors Walk - Fort Stewart, GA 31314 BG Blackburn, the Dep CG 3rd ID will welcome the group.

\*\*Members of the press should be at the Ft Stewart main gate at 9:45. The Division PAO will be there to meet them and will direct from there. As they approach the gate they should stay to the right and there is a pull-off just before the gate.

### Monday Nov 10th 7:00 pm

Screening of Mending the Line Ogeechee Theater, Armstrong Student Union- 11935 Abercorn St (parking available across the street from Student Union)

### Tuesday Nov 11th 6:00 pm

Chatham County Veterans Day Banquet, American Legion Thunderbolt - 3003 Rowland Ave Thunderbolt (Savannah), GA 31404 \*Frank is the keynote speaker

### Also in attendance and available for interviews:

The Director of Telluride Mountainfilm World Tour, Henry Lystad The Producer of the award-winning documentary, Steve Engman - in town for the national release of DVD

#### Links

- Tickets:
  <u>http://www.armstrong.edu/Liberal\_Arts/amt\_box\_office/box\_office\_ticketing</u>
- Recent Press
  - <u>http://www.dosavannah.com/article/wed-11052014-0957/wwii-veteran-</u><u>frank-moore-attend-screening-documentary-mending-line</u>
- Mountainfilm on tour Savannah website: www.mountainfilmsav.org
- Secure Link to "Mending the Line" password:
  - o <u>http://vimeo.com/101723153</u>
    - Password: jessica

## **About Mountainfilm on Tour- Savannah**

Mountainfilm on Tour in Savannah is dedicated to educating, inspiring and motivating audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving, adventures worth pursuing and conversations worth sustaining. **MountainfilmSAV 2015 festival dates are Friday, January 23 – Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Trustees Theater in Savannah. For more information, please visit www.mountainfilmsav.org.