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Announcement concerning the Production the Documentary Film "Mobile Riverine Force"

The **Mobile Riverine Force Association** signed an agreement in 2020 with **Arballo Entertainment** to develop and produce a documentary of the Mobile Riverine Force, Vietnam. This is the same production company that produced the *Telly Award* winning documentary movie "Scramble the Seawolves". To date there has been no production that has fully explained the Mobile Riverine Force's contribution to the Vietnam War. The unique Army and Navy unit was established to fulfill a mission in the Mekong Delta that otherwise could not have been made. The Army and Navy individually trained for this mission in Kansas and California. Our story began there and ended in the hot, humid rivers and rice paddies of Vietnam. We transited the small canals and rivers that were the traffic way for the enemy forces and inserted troops who fought their way through muddy fields and jungle.

To that end, **Arballo Entertainment** utilized photos, film footage, audio tapes and key material for the documentary. Most of this material was donated by MRFA members. It begins with the formation of Task Force 117 and ends with Task Force 194. Many of you may not be familiar with TF-194, but it was the very last units of the Navy, who served as a combined Naval unit, interdicting, and blocking the enemy forces entering South Vietnam from Cambodia.

This documentary was premiered on the deck of the USS Midway March 25th, 2025 with 650 people in attendance. Other Premieres will be scheduled, including Veteran's Week in Branson Missouri, this November! We will more than likely have one in the Midwest and also East Coast.

The Documentary will be aired on KPBS Memorial Day 2025 at 9PM and then DVD's will be available directly from Arballo Productions.

Sincerely,

Harry B. Hahn

President MRFA





Dear Soldiers, and Sailors, Family and Friends of the Mobile Riverine Force.

When we began the journey of producing The Mobile Riverine Force documentary, we extended a promise – that we would protect, respect, and care for your story. From the very beginning, our hearts were committed. And today, our hearts are full of deep gratitude—for every one of you who sat with us, shared your stories, opened your albums, lent your film, gave your time, and supported us every step of the way. Thank you.

We hope and pray that the finished film honors the tremendous legacy of the Mobile Riverine Force and the valiant Soldiers and Sailors that fought as Brothers in that land far away.

We thank God for blessing the WORLD Premiere of The Mobile Riverine Force, which took place on the flight deck of the USS Midway. We absolutely enjoyed every moment of the night, which was full of special moments, VIP Members of the MRF along with their families and our local Military Community. Wow, what a night!!!

To our sponsors, the Johnson Family Fund, Jill Linder and John Decker of KPBS, Merrill, and of course, the Mobile Riverine Force Association, we thank you for your extremely generous support. Thank you for the tremendous generosity of the USS Midway and the GI Film Festival, To all the individuals and families who gave directly through the association to support this work, we are endlessly grateful. It was your generosity that made this possible.

As you know, it was always our mission to make sure all Americans could hear your story as well. That is why we are taking it to PBS stations across the country.

KPBS in San Diego will air The Mobile Riverine Force documentary on Memorial Day—Sunday, May 26 at 9:00 p.m. Once it airs locally, we will move immediately into seeking national distribution and will be sure to keep you posted on our progress and share PBS broadcast schedules as they are confirmed. For updates, follow the Mobile Riverine Force Facebook page, River Currents, and the MRFA email list.

We are looking forward to an extremely exciting year of traveling around the country with members of the Executive Board, displaying your story. We are especially excited about the screening of the film at the MRFA Reunion, St. Louis and a special screening during Military Film Fest, Branson, MO., taking place on Sunday, November 9th at the IMAX Theater. WOW! We have other screenings in mind for the year and as they are scheduled, we will be sure to promote and advertise so that you can attend, especially if you live in the area.

We are preparing a two-disc DVD and Blu-ray set, available in late May to coincide with the PBS broadcast. We will also have available an 18x24 movie poster available on our website: www.arballoentertainment.com . You can Pre-Purchase your DVD/Blu-ray set today! https://arballoentertainment.com/

For those of you who contributed through the association at the Silver, Gold, and Platinum Level—rest assured, we have not forgotten. We will be getting those to you: the challenge coin, the DVD, and, for Platinum Level, the signed movie poster once available.

Many people have asked if we are still raising funds for post-production and distribution. The answer is yes. We are incredibly thankful for the support that carried us this far—but the work is not over. All proceeds from DVD and poster sales, including pre-purchases, go directly toward these remaining expenses. The MRFA, our fiscal sponsor, continues to accept tax-deductible donations on our behalf. With that said, we extend a heartfelt, Thank You, to Frank Jones for processing all donations and for the continued support of the Executive Board, especially Harry Hahn and Mike Harris. Thank you for your unwavering support along the way!

The BEST is yet to come and we hope to honor every Soldier and Sailor of the Mobile Riverine Force as we carry this film forward!!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Jeff and Shannon Arballo

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My Contribution to the development of a Documentary Film Mobile Riverine Force - Vietnam



The following Donation Levels are available for your financial contribution to the development of a Documentary Movie on the Mobile Riverine Force – Vietnam....please choose one!

Bronze Level - \$25 "Thank You Letter" as well as Name in Credits on the DVD
Silver Level - \$100 "Thank You Letter", Name in Credits on DVD, and a Copy of DVD
Gold Level - \$250 "Thank You Letter", Name in Credits on DVD, Copy of DVD and a MRFA Challenge Coin
Platinum Level - \$1000 plus "Thank You Letter", Name in Credits on DVD, Copy of DVD, a MRFA Challenge Coin and a Signed Movie Poster.

Please make your check payable to **MRFA**. Then mail this form and your check to: **Frank Jones 9 San Marino Parkway Fenton, MO 63026-7513**

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Thank you for your participation!

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