GARY SINISE, NARRATOR
Actor, film director and musician Gary Sinise has won an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award, and was nominated for an Academy Award for his portrayal of Lieutenant Dan in “Forrest Gump.” Since 2004 he has starred in television’s “CSI: NY” as Detective Mac Taylor. He has devoted countless hours to U.S. military veterans, including both World War II-era and on behalf of the National Vietnam Veterans Arts Museum, now called the National Veterans Art Museum. Mr. Sinise serves as the National Spokesperson for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. He spends much of his time raising awareness for the Memorial and other veterans' service organizations. In November 2009 he narrated the highly acclaimed “World War II in HD” on the History Channel. In 2010 he narrated the World War II documentary "Missions That Changed The War" on the Military Channel.

JEFF BALLenger
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
Jeff Ballenger is chairman of both the Central and Western Iowa Honor Flight organizations, as well as co-chairman of the West Texas Honor Flight Group. A highly successful entrepreneur in the private sector, Mr. Ballenger and his committee were awarded “Hero of the Heartland” in 2010 by the Red Cross. He has received special recognition from the Iowa Army and Air National Guard and received special recognition for his tireless efforts on behalf of America’s war veterans. Iowa Governor Terry Branstad named Jeff an honorary colonel for all of his charitable contributions. He is a former chairman of the Renaissance Faire of the Midlands and a member of a child-abuse prevention group Shaken Baby Task Force. Mr. Ballenger has also received the Jason Award for Community Contributions by Children’s Square.