

# WARRIOR CHAMPIONS

Directed by Craig Renaud

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION STEPS!

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We believe that films like the one you just saw can change the world. At the CIFF, we present these films and the accompanying FilmForums to provoke thought, inspire dialogue, and spark ideas. Now we're taking it one step further by encouraging you to take action steps to address the issues you've learned about today. Get involved! Make change happen!

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## Speak Up

- Talk to five people about the film you saw today.
- Start a conversation at the dinner table about ways you can support our courageous veterans.
- Share your personal story—publish a story; blog about it; make art; talk to a friend, a class or a community group.
- Write a letter to the editor regarding an issue that you are passionate about. Go to [www.nancyschwartz.com/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editor.html](http://www.nancyschwartz.com/letters_to_the_editor.html) for tips on writing your letter and send it to local daily papers, such as [forum@plaind.com](http://forum@plaind.com) and [vop@thebeaconjournal.com](mailto:vop@thebeaconjournal.com).

## Get Involved

- Become a Veteran's Supporter. Sign up through Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. Go to [www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org) and click on the Become A Supporter tab.
- Send letters, packages and gifts to troops overseas. Visit [www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org) and click on the Take Action button for a listing of organizations that can assist you in this effort.
- Take a road trip to Arizona to support the Pat Tillman Foundation's feature event Pat's Run on April 17, 2010. Pat Tillman hung up his cleats and his NFL Career to join the military. He lost his life in service to the U.S., and the Foundation honors him by serving and supporting veterans. If you can't make the journey, consider taking a bike ride that day with family and friends. For more information about him and the Foundation, visit [www.PatsRun.com](http://www.PatsRun.com).
- Consider volunteering with the Cleveland Sight Center. Every day Cleveland Sight Center clients overcome challenges and serve as an inspiration to friends, family, coworkers, and even strangers. You can help out with recreational events such as golf, sailing, tandem cycling, and more. Contact CSC at 216.791.8118 or visit [www.ClevelandSightCenter.org](http://www.ClevelandSightCenter.org).
- Become a companion to a veteran by bringing him or her magazines, books, or comfort items in the hospital. Volunteer for the Red Cross. Their service to military personnel and families is ongoing. For more information, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and click on Giving and Getting Involved.



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### Stay Informed

- Visit the film's website to keep up to date with news and progress at [www.warriorchampions.com](http://www.warriorchampions.com). Sign up for email updates and join the Warrior Champions family on Facebook.
- If you are a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, reach out and become a member of the IAVA's Community of Veterans online social network. To connect with friends, find out about local events, and get informed on the latest legislation, go to [www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org) and click on the Membership and Resources tab. If you are not a veteran, become a Veteran's Supporter.
- Sign up for the Wounded Warrior Project's Social Network to share information, support and resources. Go to [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) and click on the Connect tab.
- For more information about the Paralympics and the Military Program, go to [www.usparalympics.org](http://www.usparalympics.org) and click on the Military tab.
- Are you a veteran looking to achieve job readiness and self-employment skills? Visit the Greater Cleveland Veterans Business Resource Council, a non-profit organization of veterans assisting veterans. For more information, contact them at [gcvbrc@gmail.com](mailto:gcvbrc@gmail.com) ([www.gcvbrc.org](http://www.gcvbrc.org)). For Veterans Education programs at Cuyahoga Community College, contact 216.987.4200. For a national resource, contact the United States Special Operations Command and its Care Coalition at [www.socom.mil/CARECOALITION](http://www.socom.mil/CARECOALITION).

### Make a Donation

- Consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project, offering tangible support to the severely wounded, and helping them on the road to recovery. Visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) and click on Donate Now. For local support efforts, email Joe Gross at [jgross@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:jgross@woundedwarriorproject.org).
- Support the work of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and their efforts to assist veterans by shaping public policy through grassroots efforts. Go to [www.iava.org](http://www.iava.org) and click the Donate tab.
- Donate to the Pat Tillman Foundation, an organization dedicated to assisting veterans. Their goal is to raise 3.6 million dollars, representing the NFL contract Pat walked away from when enlisting in the U.S. Army. Visit [www.PatsRun.com](http://www.PatsRun.com) and then click on the Donate tab.
- Attend the Cleveland Sight Center's 5th Annual White Cane Walk on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Crocker Park in Westlake. Visit [www.whitecanewalk.kintera.org](http://www.whitecanewalk.kintera.org) to learn about this event to raise funds for the Cleveland Sight Center. The Cleveland Sight Center helps infants through seniors who have vision loss learn how to live more safely and independently. Visit [www.clevelandsightcenter.org](http://www.clevelandsightcenter.org) or call 216.791.8118 for more information about their programs and services for people of all ages. To make a direct donation to their organization, click on the Donate tab.
- Participate in the Operation Hero Miles program and donate your frequent flyer miles to service men and women to return home to visit their families, or to family members to visit loved ones at a medical center. For more information, visit [www.fisherhouse.org/programs/heroMiles](http://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/heroMiles).
- Consider donating cab vouchers or car rentals to injured veterans recovering at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. Visit [www.yellowribbonfund.com](http://www.yellowribbonfund.com) and click on the Make A Donation tab.

LET THE CIFF KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION STEPS YOU TAKE. Email us at [action@clevelandfilm.org](mailto:action@clevelandfilm.org).

