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-- MEDIA ADVISORY --

The Fla. National Guard & WJCT to premiere: “Camp Blanding: Florida’s Hidden Gem From the Beginning”

WHAT – The television debut of the documentary “Camp Blanding: Florida’s Hidden Gem From the Beginning”

WHEN – 8 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 23 2017.

WHERE – WJCT Channel 7-1 / Comcast Channels 8 or 440

This short documentary gives viewers a modern day high tempo view of the current training and capabilities of this little known post. It also provides a rustic historical telling of how the post came into being, its ties to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the Empire State Building, and German POW’s.

Some of the people who appear in the movie worked at Camp Blanding as teenagers, trained there before entering World War Two, were held as German POW’s, and one woman who was born there, tells the story of her father who worked in the post hospital as a doctor.

The original movie was written, directed and produced by Mr. A.J. Artley. The extended version to air on local television was co-produced by Mr. Artley and WJCT Producer, Mr. Carlos Bouvier.

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