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Western Reserve PBS NewsMaker Special Features New Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park

KENT, Ohio — May 15, 2009 — Western Reserve PBS will honor Ohio's veterans with a **NewsMaker Special** program that features the new Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park in Clinton. The program will air on Friday, May 22, at 9 p.m. and will repeat on Saturday, May 23 at 5 a.m.

NewsNight Akron host Eric Mansfield will host the special. "As a veteran, I was involved in the groundbreaking and so I'm touched to see the project come full circle," Mansfield said. The program will include footage from the park's dedication ceremony and interviews with veterans. It will also tell the story of the many people who helped bring the project to life over the last several years.

The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park, located at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road in Clinton, includes a huge black granite wall inscribed with the more than 3,000 names of Ohio natives who died in the Vietnam War. There is also a gray granite statue of a woman holding an American flag, which representing the Gold Star mothers of the Ohioans lost at war. Throughout the two-acre park are many other memorials honoring servicemen from all wars and branches of service. More details about the project can be found online at www.ohiovietnammemorialpark.org.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron, which is recorded at Western Reserve PBS's Production Hub in downtown Akron, is in its 11th season on Western Reserve PBS. It airs on Fridays at 9 p.m. and repeats on Saturdays at 5 a.m. The program offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron. Hosted by Eric Mansfield, WKYC-TV3 evening news coanchor, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both

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breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. Serving as regular panelists on the show are Steve Hoffman, political writer at the Akron Beacon Journal; freelance journalist Jody Miller; and Ed Esposito, Joe Jastzremski and Larry States, all of whom are members of the Rubber City Radio Group news staff.

About Western Reserve Public Media

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