

RED WHITE BLACK & BLUE

PRESS MATERIALS

ON JUNE 7, 1942 JAPAN INVADED ALASKA.

IT IS THE ONLY INVASION OF AMERICAN SOIL SINCE THE WAR OF 1812.

4,000 PEOPLE DIED.

NOW, 60 YEARS LATER, ONE MAN HAS COME TO TAKE IT BACK.

"A wrenching look at a forgotten battle."

The Boston Globe

"With unerring visual acumen, *Red White Black & Blue* rescues the battle from oblivion while asking how 4,000 dead soldiers became an obscure footnote in history...

Reveals the psychological scars of warfare with a respect that doesn't preclude deeper questions about morality."

Variety

"The film is a warning to human stupidity and to those who believe that war can change the world."

La Regione

"This is an important and necessary documentary."

Cinemavveniere

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DESCRIPTION

Short Description:

Walk through one of the bloodiest battles of World War II with the soldiers who lived it. Through their eyes you'll experience the complicated, and sometimes contradictory, mindset of a nation at war and what it really means to be an American hero.

Expanded Description:

"My job was to kill Japanese, and that's what I did."

Bill Jones and Andy Petrus are the two toughest 85-year-olds you've ever met.

Together, these life-long friends fought 3,000 Japanese in a secret Alaskan invasion during World War II. Now, 60 years later, these two forgotten heroes embark on an intense and emotional journey back to the remote Aleutian island of Attu, where they relive the brutal 19-day battle that the American government kept secret.

As Bill and Andy retrace their steps over this desolate, untouched battlefield -- a living museum littered with crashed airplanes, collapsing buildings, and unexploded bombs -- the line between past and present begins to blur and long-forgotten memories resurface with moving force.

Red White Black & Blue isn't just one soldier's story -- it is the story of every soldier who faces an enemy he does not understand and returns home with scars that are slow to heal.

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THE STORY

One Soldier's Journey

"This story I am about to tell you is true. I tell it not for personal attention but rather that you who were never in mortal combat can get a picture of what your husbands, fathers, sons, and neighbors were confronted with when laying their lives on the line so you wouldn't have to."

-- Bill Jones

In the year following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Empire of Japan grew bolder in its offensive against the United States and invaded the remote Aleutian island of Attu in preparation for a larger invasion into Canada and the lower 48 states. Although Attu was the only American territory to be held by a foreign nation since the War of 1812, the American public was not informed of this transgression in fear that widespread panic would ensue.

Nearly 4,000 soldiers would die in the American campaign to take the island of Attu back.

Red White Black & Blue is a feature-length documentary that recounts the story of one soldier's journey into one of the bloodiest battles of World War II... And his continuing struggle to come to grips with what happened there and ensure that the sacrifices of the young men who died there are recognized and remembered today.

In a calculated risk, the filmmakers escorted 83-year-old Bill Jones and fellow battle veteran Andy Petrus to the wind-swept terrain of Attu to tell their story right where it happened six decades ago.

Over the course of two weeks, it becomes clear that Bill is still fighting the war in his heart and mind. He confronts not only ghosts from the past but a real specter in the form of a 2-ton, 22-foot-tall Japanese monument placed on the same site as a horrific Japanese banzai attack that left American soldiers bayoneted where they slept.

Through intimate interviews with Bill and Andy, the viewer learns what it means to be a soldier then and now. And for Bill, that means continuing the battle -- even at the cost of his own peace of mind.