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GROUND OPERATIONS: Battlefields to Farmfields is a documentary film and national tour of audience engagement events featuring the film, farm-fresh food and farmer-veteran speakers in selected theaters and community venues. It won the *Audience Favorite* award at DocUtah International Film Festival and *Best Solution* at the Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival. The mission of **Ground Operations** is to strengthen the growing network of combat veterans transitioning into sustainable farming and ranching, and to build the resources necessary for them to create healthy new lives for themselves and food security for communities everywhere. ***America needs a million new farmers. Veterans want the job!***

SYNOPSIS:

Veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan face a difficult transition to civilian life, marked by high unemployment, prescription drug addiction and staggering suicide rates. They need a place to de-escalate from the high-velocity impact of combat. They are service-driven people who need a new mission. Coincidentally, half of American farmers have reached retirement age and the USDA is calling for *one million new farmers and ranchers* in the next 10 years to fill the coming gap. Agriculture's problem is the veterans' solution. **Ground Operations** follows an ensemble of young men and women who tell us why they joined the military, how the war changed them, how they've struggled to return home and ultimately, how they found organic farming and ranching to be the answer to a dream. These veterans blow the lid of any stereotypes and you'll be rooting for them all the way to your local farmers market. In a world full of problems, **Ground Operations** is a story about solutions.

FILMMAKERS:

Producer-Director, Dulanie Ellis had a long career as a Script Supervisor before becoming Associate Producer on the Academy Award nominated documentary, **Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks**. She launched her own company, Walk Your Talk Productions, in 2000 to address issues about protecting America's food security. **Ground Operations** is her fifth film about sustainable agriculture.

Co-Producer & Editor, Raymond Singer is an award-winning screenwriter of Disney's **Mulan**, HBO's **Iron-Jawed Angels** and Dreamworks' **Joseph, King of Dreams**. He teaches Screenwriting & Film Production and is a certified teacher for Final Cut Pro editing systems. His company, Cut to the Story, is a one-stop shop, equipped to take a project from script to screen.

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