

# Film series ranges from Delaware's WWII vets to small-town life

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The hour-long film has interviews, some used in his books "World War II Heroes of Coastal Delaware" and "World War II Heroes of Southern Delaware." Diehl also will give a short talk and lead a discussion, said the film society's Wendi A photo from the 1940s shows Sussex County resident Don Addor serving in World War II. Addor is one of 23 Sussex veterans featured in the documentary "Vanishing Voices of World War II." (Addor family photo)

Delaware's World War II veterans will share their stories -- and be honored -- in an upcoming presentation by the Rehoboth Beach Film Society and Milton Historical Society. The groups are hosting a film series, Delmarva Roots, that opens Jan. 20 with a showing of "Vanishing Voices of World War II," written and co-produced by author James Diehl of Seaford.

"Their stories are emotional, real and very candid," she said. With passion and pride, she said, they recall memories of Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, D-Day and other parts of the war.

The film society reached out to posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, she said.

All films in the series start at 7 p.m. at the Milton Fire Hall, 116 Front St., Milton. Tickets, \$4 for each event, are available by calling the film society at 645-9095, ext. 1, or the Milton Historical Society at 684-1010.

Dennis said such films are "a way to expose people to the history of this region . . . especially for young people," who may find history "too dry" in books.

The series' second event, on Feb. 18, has two short films. In the first, Greenwood residents of all ages share the history of the northwestern Sussex County town in "A Nice Place to Live," a 24-minute 2002 film.

Then, "Wood Shavings to Hot Sparks" explores Milford's past. The 36-minute 2010 film tells how, because of the Mispillion River and nearby forests, early shipwrights helped settle Milford, with seven shipyards employing most residents, Dennis said. After the screening, residents involved in restoration and historical research of Milford's shipbuilding past will give a presentation and and take questions, she said.

The final showing, March 18, is "Mayor Cupcake," a 2010 film written and directed by local businessman Alex Pires and shot in Sussex County. It stars Lea Thompson as a cupcake-making mother of three who ousts a corrupt incumbent after her daughter secretly registers her to run for mayor.

For more information, visit the Rehoboth Beach Film Society website at [www.rehobothfilm.com](http://www.rehobothfilm.com) or call 645-9095.

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