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Many Stories, One Mission: Help, Recovery, and Hope (Film) Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health

"Many Stories, One Mission: Help, Recovery, and Hope" is a film produced by the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, designed to connect with the veteran community. Through heartfelt interviews with local Mental Health advocates, Derric Brown and Pete Daniels, who are themselves American Veterans, the film sheds light on the challenges faced by Fresno County Veterans and the journey to overcoming mental health struggles. These local heroes serve as beacons of hope, showcasing resilience and courage. Their stories not only inspire but also provide invaluable insights into the path to recovery and the importance of seeking help.

The film's impact extends beyond the screen, serving as the cornerstone of an impactful in-person event in November 2023. Veterans and community-based organizations came together to watch the film and engage with the featured interviewees, gaining deeper understanding and sparking meaningful conversations around mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

At the heart of the event was keynote speaker Tu Lam, a retired 23-year US Army Veteran and former Green Beret. Tu's journey serves as a guiding light, illuminating the road to personal growth and resilience for both military and civilian communities alike.

With hundreds of views online and widespread dissemination through social media channels, the film continues to reach and resonate with audiences far and wide. Through its heartfelt storytelling and powerful message of hope, "Many Stories, One Mission" stands as a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the collective effort to support those in need within the veteran community and beyond.

