

GIFILM FESTIVAL

GIFF SUCCESS STORIES

Many GI Film Festival films over its ten year history have earned Academy Award nominations and distribution deals of all kinds, including theatrical, broadcast, international, VOD and retail. Following are a few shining examples:

- *Fort Bliss*, a narrative feature film directed by Claudia Myers and starring Michele Monaghan and Ron Livingston, hosted its World Premiere at GIFF 2014, earning a theatrical release and an on-demand distribution deal.
- *Field of Lost Shoes*, directed by Sean McNamara and starring David Arquette and Jason Isaacs, hosted its World Premiere at GIFF 2014, earning a theatrical release and an on-demand distribution deal.
- *Kilo Two Bravo*, directed by Paul Katis, hosted its North American Premiere at GIFF 2015 earning the festival's "Best Narrative Feature Award," and received an international distribution deal.
- *War Pigs*, directed by Ryan Little, hosted its World Premiere at GIFF 2015 and received the festival's "Best Action Feature" award and a national theatrical and digital distribution deal through Cinedigm.
- *Rickover: The Birth of Nuclear Power*, a documentary directed by Michael Pack, hosted its World Premiere at GIFF 2014 and earned its national broadcast premiere on PBS in December 2014.
- *Honor Flight*, a feature documentary directed by Dan Hayes, which premiered at GIFF in 2013 taking home the festival's Best Feature Documentary Award, holds the Guinness record for the largest audience to ever attend a film screening: 28,442.
- GIFF's 2016 award-winning world premiere documentary film *USS. Indianapolis: The Legacy* earned a worldwide distribution deal from Gravitass Ventures.
- Owing to its growing reputation in the entertainment industry, GIFF has hosted advanced screenings, promotions, and premieres of a number of studio films as well, including: X-MEN: APOCALYPSE (Fox), SPY (Fox), LONE SURVIVOR (Universal), JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT (Paramount); THE FINEST HOURS (Disney); VALKYRIE (MGM); and TAKING CHANCE (HBO).
- GIFF has also helped spearhead a philanthropic community of support for military veterans within Hollywood. GIFF alumni, Army Veteran and filmmaker Kyle Haussman-Stokes co-founded Veterans in Film in Television, a group now 2,000+ strong. GIFF is also a community partner of Got Your 6, a studio driven military charitable organization, and the SAG-AFTRA Veterans Committee.

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