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Military Veterans Present Their Stories in *Telling: El Paso* at Chamizal National Memorial

What is the cost of war? Who pays the price? The public is invited to discuss these questions and more after the performance of *Telling: El Paso*, the dramatic presentation of personal stories from six El Paso area military veterans. Under the auspices of The Telling Project, interviews with these veterans were used to construct a script that weaves their stories of service and coming home into a one-act play. Local PBS station, KCOS, is hosting three performances of *Telling: El Paso* in the Chamizal National Memorial theater. Two of those presentations will be for local school students. The general public is invited to attend the third performance, free of charge, on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m.

The actors in *Telling: El Paso* are the veterans, themselves, having trained and rehearsed with Hector Serrano, an El Paso native and theater professional. The group of veterans includes men and women from various branches of the military and whose service spans Vietnam to the present. After listening to their powerful and diverse stories, the audience will be encouraged to join the park rangers in an engaging conversation with the veterans.

Superintendent F. Gus Sánchez stated, “We are happy to partner with KCOS for this event because when we open our eyes to the personal sacrifices of our veterans, we see the necessity of diplomacy.” This year marks the 50th anniversary of the legislation that created Chamizal National Memorial as a reminder of how diplomacy accomplished the harmonious settlement of a long border dispute. To find out more about *Telling: El Paso*, and other events that celebrate the Memorial’s 50th and the National Park Service’s 100th anniversaries, contact Gina Hernández of Chamizal National Memorial at (915) 532-7273 x129 or Gina_Hernandez@nps.gov.

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