



NEWS RELEASE

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California Reads-War Comes Home Presentation

The Santa Maria Public Library will host a thought-provoking community discussion on what it is like to go to war, which will feature two Vandenberg Air Force Base Technical Sergeants. The event will be held on October 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in Shepard Hall, at the Santa Maria Public Library. This important civic discussion is part of a three month series of California Reads events funded through a grant from Cal Humanities. The community is invited to attend and participate in this free discussion event.

Technical Sergeant Eric Bergery and Technical Sergeant Justin Macias are Active-Duty Airmen stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base and will be the guest speakers. Technical Sergeant Bergery, who joined the Air Force to make a difference, has been deployed at least three times since his enlistment in the Air Force. Technical Sergeant Justin Macias received a Joint Service Commendation Medal after two other servicemen and he were struck by an Improvised Explosive Device on September 18, 2009, while patrolling in an armored vehicle in Afghanistan.

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Questions may be directed to the Library Reference Department at 925-0994 ext. 331.

Seating is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis.

The Santa Maria Public Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday.

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