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**ARCHIVES TO HOST PREVIEW SCREENING OF KEN BURNS' *THE VIETNAM WAR* ON AUGUST 22**

Montgomery, AL (7/19/17) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will host a special preview screening of excerpts from the highly anticipated new Ken Burns' documentary, *The Vietnam War*, on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.** in its Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. Presented in partnership with Alabama Public Television (APT), **admission to the screening is free.** No advance registration or tickets required.

Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's ten-part, 18-hour documentary series, *The Vietnam War*, tells the epic story of one of the most consequential, divisive, and controversial events in American history as it has never before been told on film. Visceral and immersive, the series explores the human dimensions of the war through revelatory testimony of nearly 80 witnesses from all sides—Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as combatants and civilians from North and South Vietnam. Ten years in the making, the series includes rarely seen and digitally re-mastered archival footage from sources around the globe, photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th Century, historic television broadcasts, evocative home movies, and secret audio recordings from inside the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administrations. The documentary in its entirety is set to air on APT beginning September 17, 2017.

Recently acquired artifacts and records related to the experiences of Alabamians during the Vietnam War from the ADAH collection will be on display at the event. Light refreshments will be served.

For questions or additional information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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