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### **“LIONESS” TO SCREEN AT SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*How five female Army soldiers engaged in direct combat alongside the Marines*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library and Media Arts Center San Diego will host a film showing of *Lioness* at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 15, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Meg McLagan and Darla Sommer’s *Lioness* tells the story of female Army support soldiers who became the first women in American history to be sent into direct ground combat. Without sufficient training but with a commitment to serve as needed, these young women ended up fighting in some of the bloodiest counterinsurgency battles of the Iraq war.

Told through intimate accounts, journal excerpts, archival footage, as well as interviews with military commanders, this probing documentary reveals the unexpected consequences that began by using these Army women to defuse tensions with local civilians, but resulted in their fighting alongside Marine combat units in the streets of Ramadi. Together, the women's candid narratives describing their experiences in Iraq and scenes from their lives back home form a portrait of the emotional and psychological effects of war from a female point of view.

Learn about events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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