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**New television show debuts with salute to local veterans**  
*“Connecting the Community” premieres Feb. 10 on WSRE PBS*

# CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

PENSACOLA, Fla., January 28, 2022 — A new television program on WSRE PBS will spotlight a variety of cultural interests and the diversity of local communities. The first episode of “Connecting the Community” airs at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, with its focus on local veterans and the legacy of Gen. Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. Viewers can also watch the program on demand at [video.wsre.org](http://video.wsre.org) or via the PBS Video App.

“Connecting the Community” is a presentation of Pensacola State College. PSC’s Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives Rameca Vincent Leary, Ph.D., is producer and host.

“I believe the WSRE audience has the desire to learn about the diversity of cultures that make up our community and a willingness to hear different points of view,” said Leary. “By fostering a better understanding of each other, we help create a thriving community for all, and that is the vision for this new program.”

Leary has booked a number of guests for the show’s debut episode, “Honoring Our Military Veterans.”

For a discussion about the legacy of Gen. “Chappie” James, Jr., her guests are his son, Claude James; Rob Gregg, co-chair of the Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council; and Cris Dosev, chair of the Gen. Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. Memorial Foundation.

For an exploration of Pensacola’s Monument and Museum to Women Veterans, guests are its CEO and founder Michelle Caldwell; Army veterans, Traci Solt, D.N.P., and Denise Reyes; and Navy veteran, Gideon Innis.

Marine Corps veterans, Dave Glassman and Stan Barnard; Navy veteran, Dan Frisbie; Army veteran, Dave Glover; and Air Force veteran, Derek Breaux will reflect on 9/11 and their military experiences.

New episodes of “Connecting the Community” will premiere monthly on the second Thursday.

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