North Carolina Arts Council

Working with Veterans
and the Military

NC Military/Veterans

- **4th largest military population in U.S.**
  - 5 military bases, a military ocean terminal, a coast guard base
  - 130,000 active duty
- **8th largest veteran population in U.S.**
  - 4 federal VA medical centers
  - 2 Intrepid Centers (Dept of Defense)
  - 14 state veteran service centers
  - universities and community colleges
  - @ 2,000 non-profit organizations serving veterans

Intersections with Current Programs

- Arts in Education activities at base schools
- “Downrange,” a new work by playwright Mike Wiley commissioned by Cape Fear Regional Theater
- Goldsboro downtown public art and design plan

Charles George VA Medical Center
Asheville, NC

Our Project with the CGVA

- First official writer-in-residence program
- Vietnam combat veterans with PTSD
- 8 weeks became 16 months
- Staged reading
- Anthology

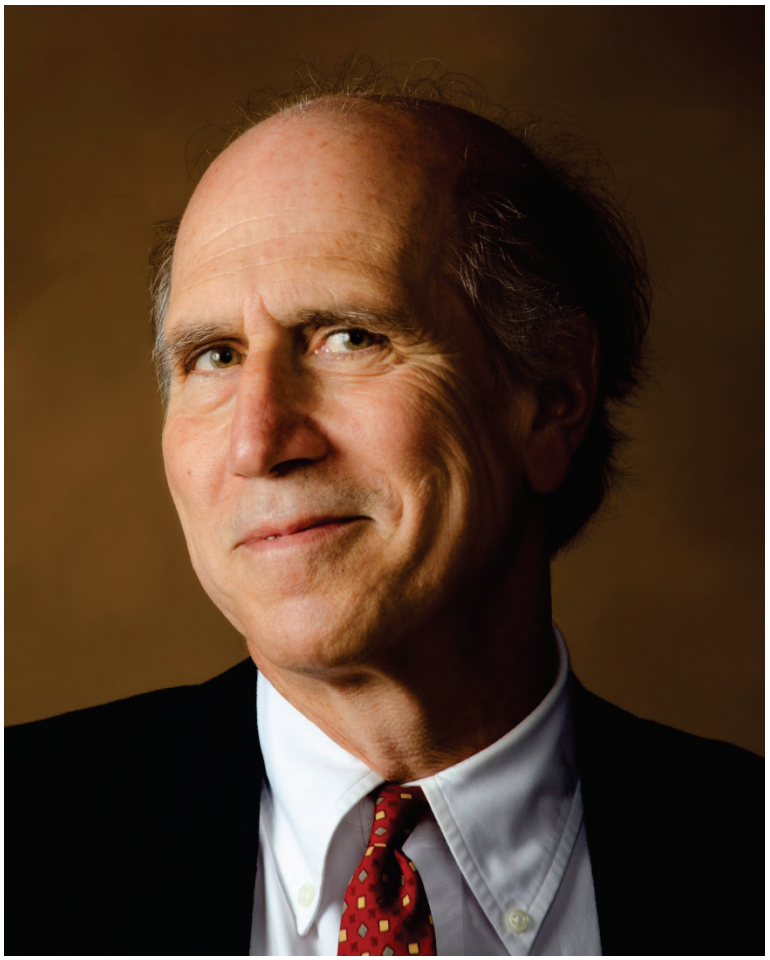

Photo Voice Project with UNC-Asheville

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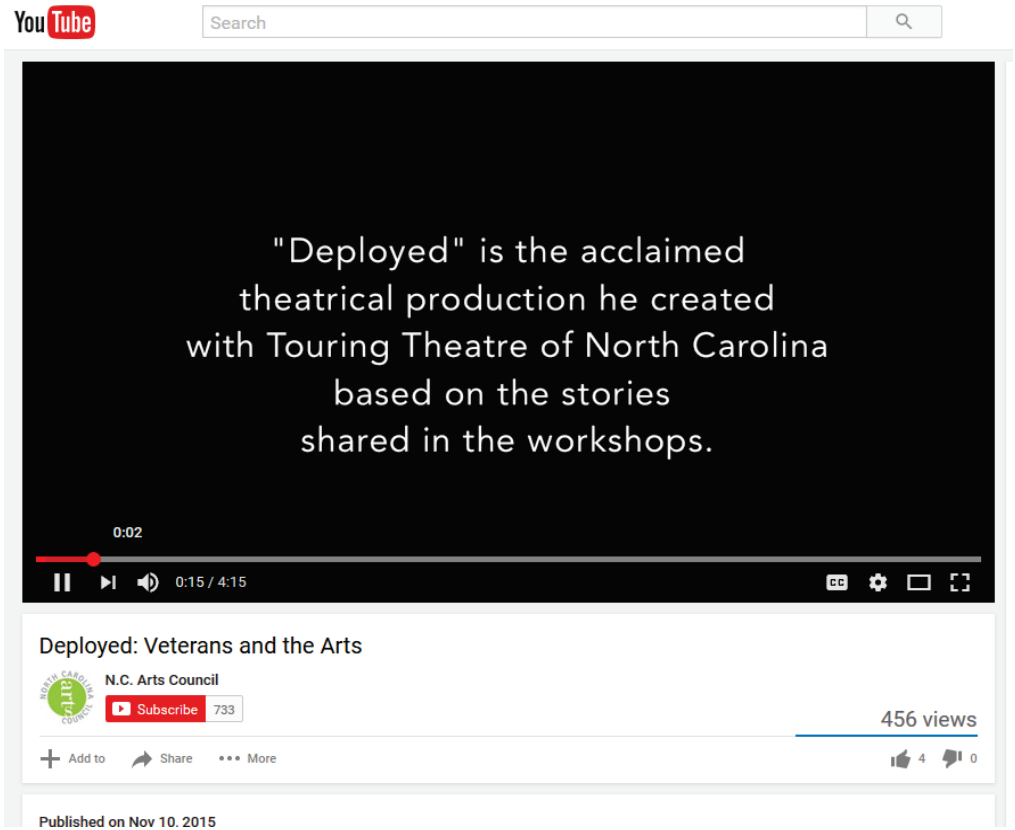
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