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**MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY WITH SCREENING OF CAUSEWAY AT USS IOWA**

*LA County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Partners with A24 and Apple Films to Present a Screening of a New Film Depicting an LGBTQ Soldier Recovering from TBI & PTSD.*

LOS ANGELES, CA – On Friday, November 11th, the Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA) will sponsor a screening of *Causeway,* a film depicting the life of a soldier played by Jennifer Lawrence who suffers from a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS) after surviving an explosion in Afghanistan. Join us this Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, at 6 PM on the Battleship USS IOWA, followed by a panel of experts to discuss issues raised in the film.

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| **WHAT:** | The Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, the Veteran Peer Access Network, A24 and Apple Films present a screening of the new film "Causeway" starring Jennifer Lawrence as a soldier returning from Afghanistan with TBI and PTSD. The film is a quiet portrait of how relationships foster recovery.  6:00-7:00 PM: Meet and greet  7:00-8:40 PM: Film screening  8:45-9:15 PM: Panel Discussion |
| **WHO:** | **Master of Ceremonies/Moderator: Kristen Kavanaugh**, USMC veteran, LGBTQ vet advocate, Senior Executive, Tesla, Naval Academy graduate.  **Panelists:**  **Jim Zenner,** USA Veteran;MVA Director.  **Lila Neugebauer,** *Causeway* Director.  **Carl Castro,** USA Veteran;Director, Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans & Military Families and Director of Military Veterans Programs, University of Southern California.  **Jodie Grenier,** USMC Veteran; CEO, Foundation for Women Warriors. |
| **WHY:** | * There have been 414,000 Wounded Warriors who suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) of all severities through 2019 (Depart of Defense). * 22% of all casualties from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan resulted from brain injuries. * About 20% of Veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan suffer the effects of PTSD in a given year. * A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Psychiatry found that 20% of veterans with TBI reported suicidal thoughts. |
| **WHEN:** | **Friday, November 11, 2022,** from6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. |
| **WHERE:** | Battleship USS Iowa, Rear deck  [250 S Harbor Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731](https://www.bing.com/local?lid=YN873x121623537&id=YN873x121623537&q=Battleship+USS+Iowa+Museum&name=Battleship+USS+Iowa+Museum&cp=33.742435455322266%7e-118.27718353271484&ppois=33.742435455322266_-118.27718353271484_Battleship+USS+Iowa+Museum) |
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