

Catch the Canteen spirit Sept. 14-16

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The North Platte Community Playhouse will present the “Canteen Spirit Experience,” in conjunction with the Original Town Association and Railfest 2012 in North Platte.

During the “Canteen Spirit Experience,” patrons will be treated to a viewing of the “Canteen Spirit” film, a panel discussion with former North Platte Canteen volunteers and soldiers, vendors and an authentic Canteen meal, all taking place in the historic North Platte Community Playhouse at the Neville Center for the Performing Arts.

Railroad enthusiasts, history buffs or anyone who has an interest in the rich history of the North Platte Canteen is likely to enjoy the program.

The “Canteen Spirit” film produced by NET is an acclaimed account of the citizens who rallied to support the country’s men in uniform. Audiences will have the opportunity to learn firsthand from former Canteen volunteers and soldiers about the life-changing experiences they had during this time. Volunteers will also participate in a Q&A session.

Several vendors will also be in attendance selling Canteen memorabilia and many other items. The meals will be served by local church groups, and will consist of items commonly served during the operation of the North Platte Canteen.

The “Canteen Spirit Experience” will have showings at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. Admission will be \$5 per person and tickets will be sold at the door.

For questions or if you are interested in being involved in the “Canteen Spirit Experience,” contact North Platte Community Playhouse general manager Scott Carlson at 308-532-8559 or Robert Martinson at 308-530-2233.