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Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero *Special movie to be shown in Andrew College's Liddie Murphy Theatre on March 14th*

CUTHBERT, GA. – Thanks to Andrew College 2003 alum Jordan Beck, a special screening of the movie, *Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero* will be shown on March 14 in the Liddie Murphy Theatre in Old Main on the Andrew College campus in Cuthbert, GA. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with remarks by Beck at 6:15 and the movie starting at 6:30. A question and answer session will be held after the movie and a pop-up store will be available in the Old Main lobby. The movie is free and open to all.

The movie is based on the incredible true story of the unbreakable bond between a young soldier and a stray dog who, for his valorous feats, is still recognized today as the first dog promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Army, the most decorated dog in American history and is widely considered the forerunner to the U.S. Army's working dog program. Set against the backdrop of America's entry into World War I, this computer-animated feature shows the world that the greatest heroes can come from the unlikeliest of places in a heartwarming "tail" for the entire family.

Beck is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area but spent the majority of his youth in rural Southwest Georgia. He began auditing college courses at Andrew College in Cuthbert when he was 12 years old and enrolled as a degree-seeking student three years later. At age 19, he graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in film studies.

Beck is the chief operations officer of Fun Academy Media Group as well as the 2D sequence director and voice actor for the Sgt. Stubby animated movie. His duties on the film included the direction of all vintage-inspired map/propaganda animations and motion graphics, as well as the casting and direction of secondary voice roles including his own as Stubby's squadmate and occasional antagonist, Elmer Olsen. For the studio, Beck balances the creative aspects of filmmaking

with the business of entertainment, overseeing day-to-day production, sales, and outreach efforts across Fun Academy's international footprint.

From 2009-2016, Beck served as entertainment and creative director at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, a \$110 million, 190,000-square-foot interactive tribute to the American Soldier.

He earned his first screen credit as associate producer and field recordist on the giant screen film *Soldiers' Stories* (2014), telling the events of the Battle of the Somme in World War I through the voices of modern combat veterans. Beck also co-produced country singer Tim Maggart's music video "A Link (in the Chain of Freedom)" in 2013 and spent four years on the road as bassist and guitarist for Nashville recording artist Joey Allcorn.

In 2012, Beck wrote, edited and narrated featurettes to accompany *The American Road to Victory* documentary trilogy's national PBS broadcasts and collector's edition DVD sets. The series creator, Richard Lanni, then enlisted Beck to co-produce a follow-up series focusing on the WWI centennial, a project which ultimately led to the production of *Sgt. Stubby* and the founding of Fun Academy.

In addition to his work in the entertainment industry, Beck currently serves as a military intelligence Captain (O3) in the Georgia Army National Guard. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Photo: Jordan Beck, Andrew College class of 2003, is bringing the movie, *Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero* to Andrew College on March 14.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, Associate of Nursing, Associate of Science and Bachelor of Business degrees.

