

People from all areas of southwest Nebraska know or have heard about the North Platte Canteen.

From Dec. 25, 1941 until April 1, 1946, more than six million servicemen and women who traveled through Nebraska during World War II experienced the hospitality of the North Platte Canteen, where every troop train was met by volunteers who prepared and served sandwiches, coffee, cookies, cakes and other homemade goodies during stops there.

A special event is in the works to commemorate that effort during the Sept. 14-16 weekend—The Canteen Experience.

During that weekend, three showings of Nebraska Educational Television's "Canteen Spirit" documentary will be given, followed by a panel question and answer session with some of the canteen volunteers and soldiers who came through North Platte during WWII.

An authentic canteen meal will be served after each performance at the North Platte Community Playhouse, 301 East 5th St., in North Platte.

Performances are set for Friday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. Times are CT.

Tickets will be \$5 at the door. Proceeds will help support the community playhouse.

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