

Not anxious to see it: World War II veteran Russell Hines doesn't plan on seeing Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," partly because it glorifies war.

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around and everyone else was crying, too. Old men were hanging their heads. I didn't want to make a spectacle of myself. But I think eventually I will go back and see it again."

Farmington Hills resident Bill Hofsess, 70, who also served in the Navy, from 1944-46, has only seen clips about the movie on television commercials and nows programs. He isn't sure yet if he'll see it.

"I can develop those memorics anytime, just sitting here," Hofsess said.

Hofsess added that he's heard much about the violently graphic movie's first scenes – chronicling the bloody ambush of American troops that occurred June 6, 1944 on Omaha Beach, off the German coast.

"I've heard that it's quite gery," Hofsess said. But there's nothing that could be any worse than the real thing."

Another World War II vet, 7B-year-old Russell Hines, has no inclination of viewing the movie, even one touted as being well-researched and realistic.

"Those kids who made the movie, they have no idea what went on," said Hines, a Farmington resident. "I spent nine months tas a Prisoner of War) in a Gorman camp. As far as I'm concerned, that damn movie is just glorifying war. War is death."

Strong, ometion-packed images evoked flashbacks for Card. In the movie's opening minutes, there was a rainfall of bullets and bloed-colored tide rolling past corpses onto Omaha Beach.

Curl, a dedicated local advocato for patriotism and Old Glory etiquette, wasn't among those Day troops who were cut down, But he knows from personal experience the anguish and sickening feeling of watching comrades die in batting, and the stream of the stream

of watching comrades die in battle.

The man known around Farmington as "Uncle Jack" served on
the aircraft carrier Hornet during
the October 1942 battle of Santa
Cruz Island, in the South Pacific.

"I was one of three sailors laying flat behind the bomb elevator," recalled Curd, "when an
armor-piercing bomb exploded on
the third deck mess hall. The last
thing I remember was laying
between those two guys who were
both killed."

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It was realistic: Korean War veteran Walter Christensen said the movie had to be bruital in order to be realistic. But he also hopes it will stir compassion for those who served and boost patriotism among younger people.

are strongly affected by "Saving Private Ryan."
According to Walter Christensen, a Korean Warveteran who now serves as home board president of Farmington-based American Legion Groves-Walker Pest 346, Spiebberg "did an outstanding job" putting the combat film together. "If you take that movie and compare it to movies on the History Channel, there are some good comparisons."
Christensen, 64, said the film "scared people a little bit. You see an arm off or a leg off, guts spilling out and the spewing of blood everywhere... That's what happened. Let's face it."
He said the movie had to be violent in order to get across a key point — the need for today's American society to realize the price others paid for their freedom. That point is one lost on many younger people, he continued, a fact underscored by the growing struggle of getting people interested in Memorial Day parades and ecremonies.
"War is brutal," said Christensen, a 28-year Marine, who along with wife Lorr-ine, saw the entire film. "It's ne game, it's n/ fun. But it's fought for a purpose and that's for as to be free." Christensen said the movie should impact old

and young alike, and that the end result could be an upswing both in compassion for veterans and patriotism. Not to mention the potential for increased enrollment into service organizations such as American Legion and the Veterans of Earligh Wars, now beset by older members dying at a quick pace.

For example, it wasn't long ago when the Groves-Walker post was mostly comprised of World War II veterans. Today, Christonson said only 107 of 265 members are survivors from that war.

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"It's going to bring back memories for the old people ... that some of them might not want to romember," he said. "And to younger ones it's show them something about Pappa that few know

About renewed patriotism, Curd also was hope-

iui.
"It's the best thing (Spielberg) could have done,"
Curd said. "There are articles every day in the
newspaper. And that era of time I don't ever think
we'll see again in history."



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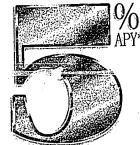
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