

FOUNDING MARTYR

THE DR. JOSEPH WARREN DOCUMENTARY

AN INDEPENDENT DOCUMENTARY

from the

Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation

In collaboration with
Lionheart Filmworks & Kevin Hershberger
along with Devin Olson Media

Why now?

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Two hundred and fifty years ago, a man named Dr. Joseph Warren gave everything for the cause of American liberty. A Harvard-educated physician, revolutionary leader, and hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Warren's courage and sacrifice helped ignite the struggle for independence that gave birth to our nation.

Today, his story remains one of the most inspiring-yet least known-chapters in American history. The Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation, a volunteer-led organization, is dedicated to changing that. Our mission is to honor and celebrate Warren's legacy through education, public outreach, and now the creation of a sweeping documentary that will finally bring his story to the forefront of our shared national memory.

You may ask: why support this cause when there are so many others worthy of help? Because without Dr. Joseph Warren, there may have been no United States of America. It was Warren's leadership and resistance activities that led directly to the Battles of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill—the very sparks that ignited the American Revolution.

At Bunker Hill, though appointed a Major General, Warren chose to fight as a volunteer soldier on the front lines. When his men began to retreat, he stayed behind, defending them until he was killed in action. He died so that his country might live. A widower, he left behind four orphaned children, ages two to ten.

Today, we ask you to honor his sacrifice by helping us preserve and share his legacy with future generations. Your contribution—no matter the amount—will directly support the production of the Dr. Joseph Warren Documentary Project, ensuring this founding patriot receives the recognition he so richly deserves.

Dr. Warren once wrote of defending the "liberty of millions yet unborn."
We are those millions . . . Now, it is our turn to act . . . Please join us in this historic mission.
"*Act worthy of yourselves*"—and become a revolutionary!



This is the first and only statue of Dr. Warren as a physician, located in Lebanon (Warren County) OH.



A Legacy of Medicine and Military Service

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Dr. Joseph Warren stood at the helm of an extraordinary medical and military dynasty. Generations of his descendants—Harvard-trained physicians and surgeons—helped to found Harvard Medical School and the New England Journal of Medicine. They went on to pioneer medical milestones such as the first successful operation with anesthesia and the first rhinoplasty in the United States. Today, Warren's medical lineage continues through his sixth great-granddaughter, a surgeon at the University of Virginia, who established the Dr. Joseph Warren Award at Baylor University in his honor.

Warren's military legacy is equally enduring. His descendants have served in every major American conflict from the Civil War to the present day. Generations of West Point graduates have selflessly served their country with honor and distinction. Warren himself may rightly be called the father of the United States Army: in May 1775, his letter to the Continental Congress urged the creation of a national army and the appointment of a "generalissimo." On June 14, 1775, Congress formally established the Continental Army and named George Washington its leader. That same day, Warren was commissioned Major General of the Provincial Army.



For more than a quarter of a millennium, Dr. Joseph Warren's legacy of courage, intellect, and service to country has endured.

Our Team

Kevin Hershberger



Kevin is an Emmy-nominated film and television director. With his background as a U.S. Army Intelligence Officer and proud VMI graduate (‘95), he is committed to sharing America’s military history through rich, authentic story-telling. You can see his work on major television networks, where he has directed over 100 hours of prime-time television, and on YouTube where his channel has over 645,000 subscribers.

Devin Olson



Devin Olson is the president of Savannah-based Devin Olson Media, known for research-driven, character-first storytelling. Over the past 16 years he has directed films and docu-series for destinations and cultural institutions, including a recent **Emmy nominated** 40th-anniversary documentary for Dolly Parton's theme park: The Dollywood Dream. His company's work involves projects for brands like The Harlem Globetrotters, Georgia Aquarium, Busch Gardens, Hyundai, Georgia Tech, Denver Zoo, and Visit Savannah. Devin's interest lies in the human element of overlooked or widely unknown stories.

Graham Kershner



Dr. Joseph Warren will be brought to life by actor Graham Kershner.


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We will begin our film schedule in 2026 in Boston, MA and continue into 2027 in both Richmond, VA & Boston, MA
The Founding Martyr website will be updated with pictures and videos as we progress.
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Proposed Film Budget - $595,000

This cost includes masterful re-creations of revolutionary scenes including the Battle of Bunker Hill with special effects.

This will be a two-part documentary/drama in 4k resolution.

We will work with Millcreek Entertainment (a division of Alliance Entertainment) to distribute the film and act as producer's representative. Millcreek is the home entertainment industry's leading independent studio for Blu-ray(TM), DVD, and digital distribution to streaming services.



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$251 - $500

Revolutionary Level:
$501 - $1000

Major General Level:
$1001 - $2500

Freemason Level:
$2501 - $5000

Joseph Warren Level:
$5001 - $25000

Founding Martyr Level:
$25001 and above

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To donate go to foundingmartyr.com

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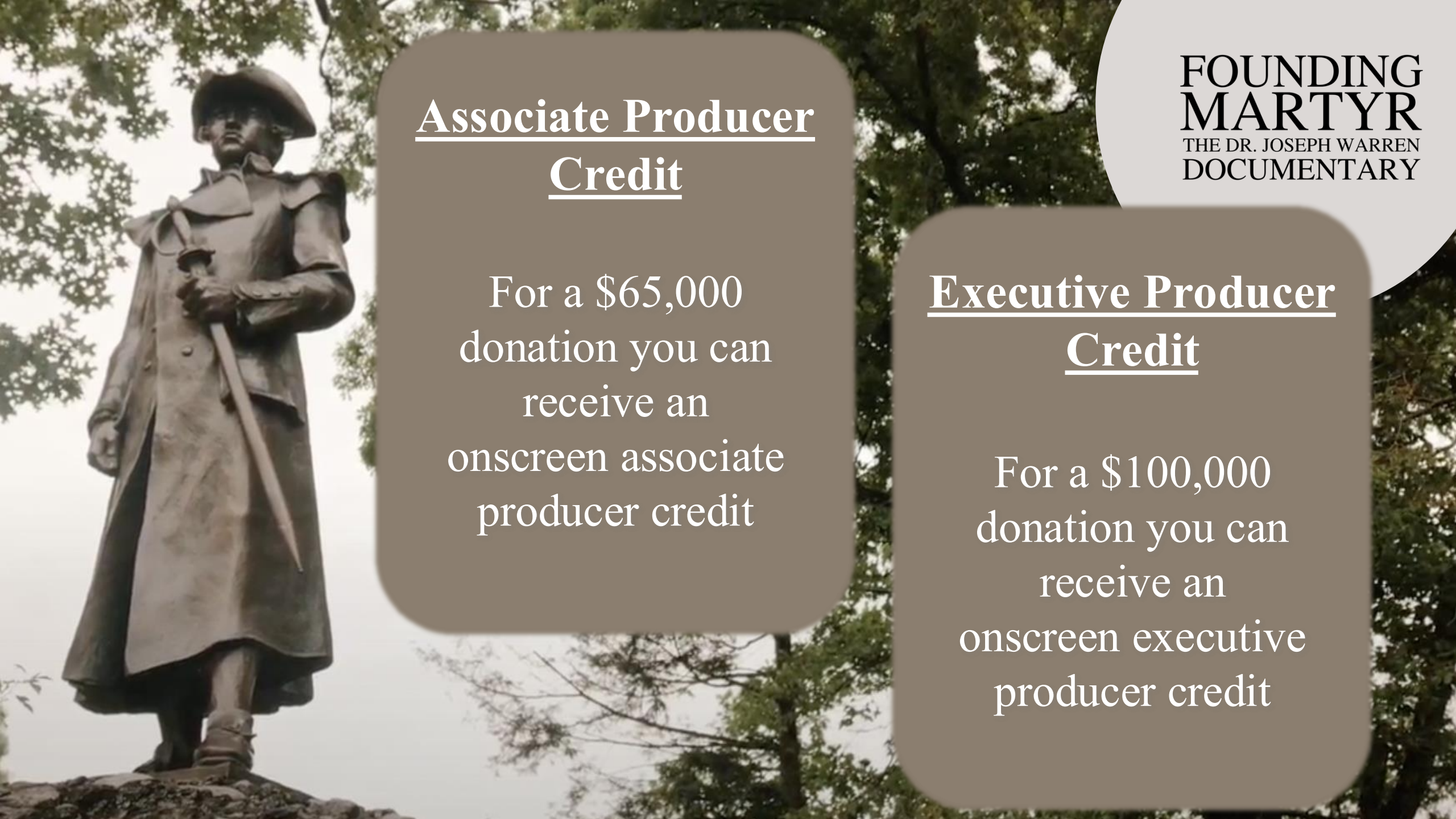

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For a $65,000 donation you can receive an onscreen associate producer credit

Executive Producer Credit

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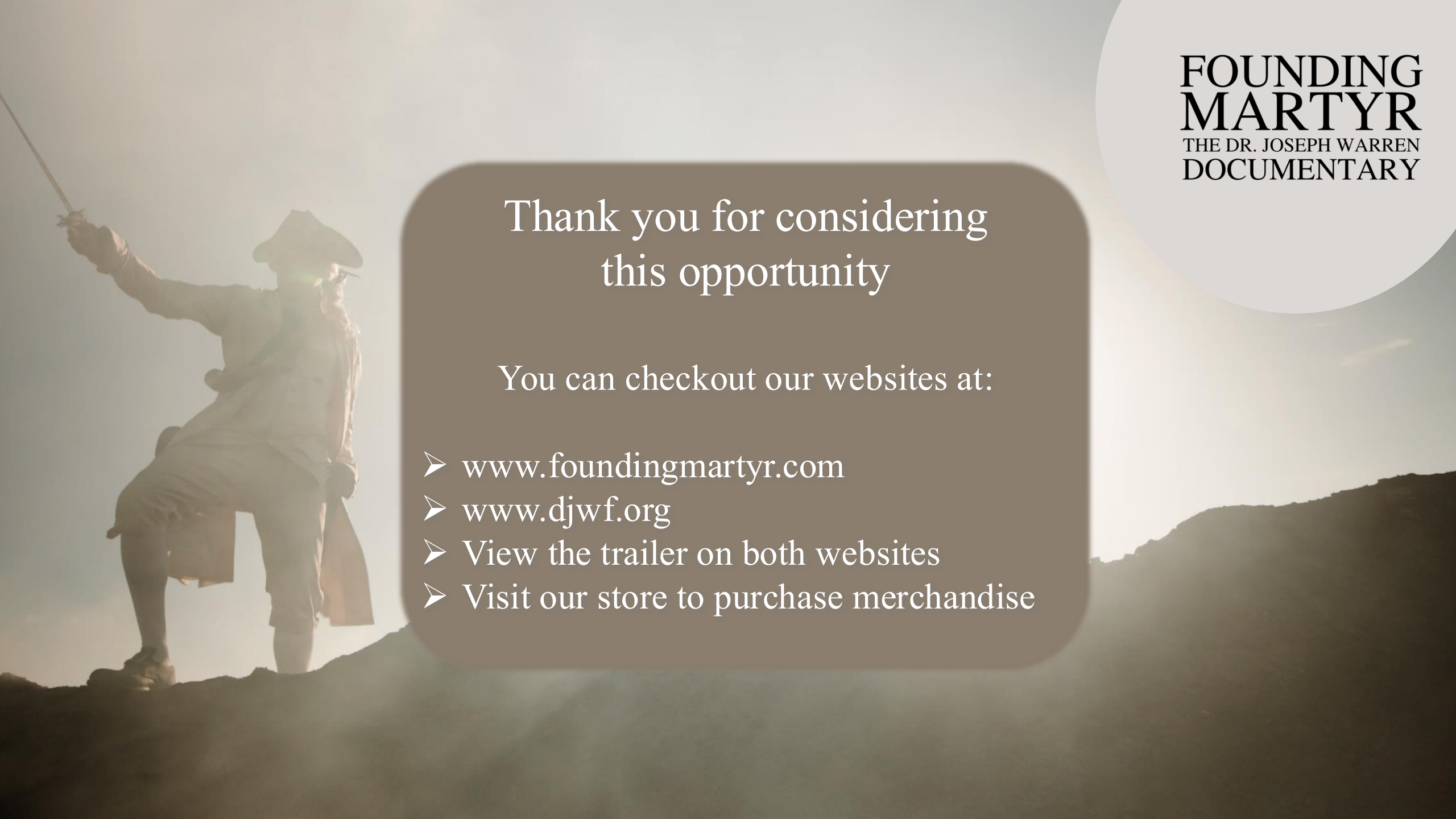

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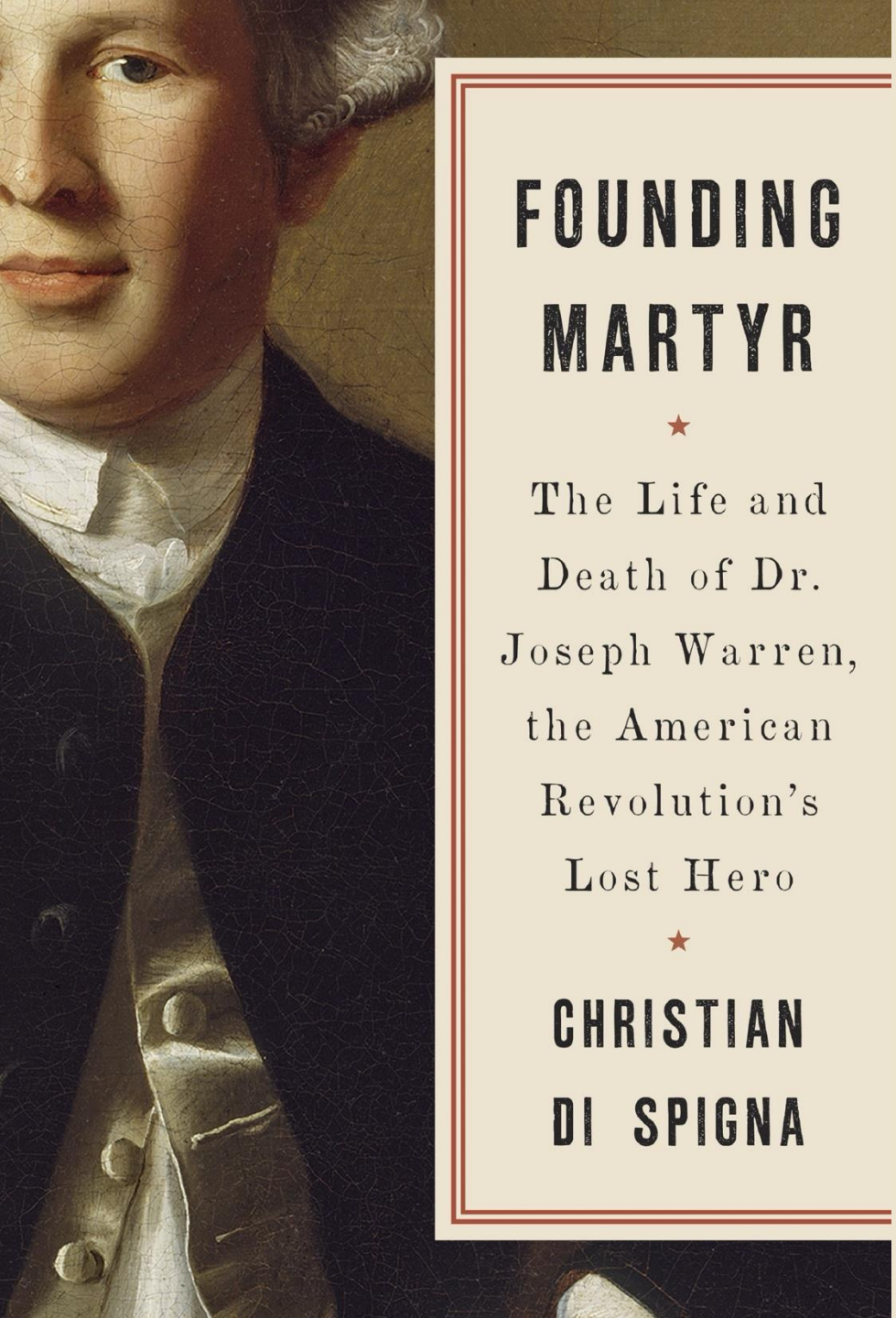

Christian Di Spigna's definitive biography of Warren is a loving work of historical exploration. This work is the product of two decades of research and a wealth of newly discovered, primary-source documents that have given us a new understanding of this forgotten Founding Father. Di Spigna follows Warren from his farming childhood and years at Harvard through his professional success and political radicalization to his role in sparking the rebellion. His meticulous, yet down to earth, retelling not only restores Warren to his rightful place among the Revolutionary greats, it deepens our understanding of the nation's dramatic beginnings.

Available for purchase at foundingmartyr.com