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[WWII POW to Discuss Journey From Prison Camp to US Citizenship at Montclair Film Festival, 5/4](#)

Dr. Paul Loong, WWII POW, Korean War veteran, doctor and subject of documentary "Every Day Is a Holiday, " will give a live talk after a screening at the Montclair Film Festival's spotlight on New Jersey films.

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How does a Malaysian-born RAF veteran get from prisoner-of-war camps in Japan to the NJ suburbs?

On May 4th, at the Montclair Film Festival, Dr. Paul Loong will answer that question, which involves oil tankers; arbitrary immigration bureaucrats; the US Army in the Korean War; a compassionate Congressman; Italian medical school; and the East Orange VA hospital.

Documentary filmmaker Theresa Loong was able to gradually pry the full story from Dr. Loong, her father, after discovering the wartime diary he'd kept secret -- first from his Japanese captors, then his family -- for over 60 years.

Ms. Loong's questions grew into the documentary "Every Day Is a Holiday," a title taken from a diary entry during a bleak time in Dr. Loong's imprisonment, where he swore that if he survived as a free man, "Every day would be a holiday."

The film, previously broadcast on over 200 PBS stations, traces Dr. Loong's journey through visits to former POW camps in Japan, wartime artifacts, archival documents, and interviews. It is featured in the Montclair Film Festival's spotlight on movies featuring NJ filmmakers and subjects.

Dr. Loong, director Theresa Loong, executive producer Bill Einreinhofer and editor Kristen Nutile will comment on the film and answer audience questions after a screening of 'Every Day Is a Holiday' **May 4, 11:15 am at the Clairidge Cinema, 486 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ.** Tickets can be purchased through the [Montclair Film Festival](#).

Director Theresa Loong is an award-winning multimedia multimedia director and producer, and founder of the interactive production company, FORM360, which provides editorial and strategic consulting services. For further information about "Every Day Is a



Holiday, " including information about the DVD, visit <http://www.everydayisaholiday.org>.

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