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The Last Ring Home is the story of Lt Minter Dial and his 1932 Annapolis Naval Academy ring that miraculously made its way home 17 years after he was killed as a POW of the Japanese in WWII. *The Last Ring Home* is a tribute to Lt Dial, the producer's grandfather, and all members of the Greatest Generation.

A prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Lt. Dial discovered the cruelest meaning of the Bushido code. Moments before he was killed, he gave his treasured Naval Academy ring to a friend. In the ensuing chaos, it disappeared.

Traveling through many years, over forty thousand miles and inspiring love and despair in equal measure, Lt. Minter Dial's lost Annapolis ring has altered the lives of many—not just those who gazed upon its blue stone.

The film also became a journey of self-discovery, having an impact on the filmmaker, his wider family and many other people in its wake. This story, which took over 25 years of research, illustrates the importance of serendipity and the role of good and bad luck in piecing together a personal history of someone who died 70 years ago. The film is meant to inspire others to uncover their own personal history, to keep a foot in their past and the other in the future, and to be thankful for the tremendous present in which we live, thanks to the sacrifices of those who fought in WWII.

The Last Ring Home is a spellbinding account of one man's obsession with a family mystery and the product of decades of research and inquiries. It also explores author Minter Dial's pursuit of the true story of his namesake, his late grandfather Lt. Minter Dial, USN, a celebrated war hero whose suffering and trauma nearly buried his memory forever.

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