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Gregg Porter is the Director of Services to the Armed Forces and International Services for the American Red Cross Greater New York Region.

A voracious reader and visual storyteller, he left home at 17 to enlist in the US Army and was eventually assigned to V Corps HQ in Frankfurt, Germany. Four years of military service included a tour visually documenting humanitarian relief efforts for the Kurdish population in Iraq. After hanging up the uniform, Gregg continued serving as an Army civilian video producer, creating documentaries and covering military training, operations and post-deployment reintegration efforts throughout Europe and the Balkans.

V Corps was extremely active through the 1990s and Gregg led video teams covering the 50th Anniversary commemorations of D-Day in Normandy; the Invasion of Southern France; and the Battle of the Bulge. When the US military was called to stabilize the deteriorating political and humanitarian situation in Eastern Europe, Gregg was deployed to provide documentation of military operations in Bosnia, Albania, Macedonia, Hungary and the Ukraine.

Returning to the United States, Gregg managed media production facilities for the Army, the Department of Justice and served as the Information Management Officer at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In 2008, DoD asked him to manage the DoD media archival operation in Southern California.

Living in SoCal fueled the desire to join the entertainment industry. In 2015 Gregg resigned his position with the Defense Department, relocated to the heart of Los Angeles, and started Developed Over Coffee Productions, LLC (DOC). DOC produced documentaries and projects covering a wide variety of topics. From telling the story of Chinese American soldiers serving during WWII to the sacrifices required by immigrants struggling to pay for a college education. Gregg was selected to participate in the prestigious Writers Guild Foundation's Veterans Writers Project and continues to write screenplays in his spare time.

Somewhere along this journey, Gregg realized he was losing touch with his humanity. The constant struggle for "success" had left him feeling less than whole. Recognizing the depression of lonely veterans while visiting family in a NY State veteran's home prompted him to take a volunteer position with the California State Veteran's Home, which opened up a new and exciting world of service and giving back. With an eye

towards reengaging his heart, Gregg decided to go all in and apply for a position with the American Red Cross that would afford him the opportunity to give back to a community that he knows and treasures. He is proud to serve the military, veteran and international community as the Service to the Armed Forces and International Services Director for the Greater New York Region. Go Yankees!