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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**MPN's 2025 *Page To Stage Reading Series* at the HAT\*!**

**Montana Playwrights Network (MPN) presents  
a staged reading directed by Don Phillips followed by a discussion of an original play:**

***The \$1600 Birthday***

**A one-act play by Glenn Schiffman**

**7:30 p.m. on March 22, 2025**

**At the Helena Avenue Theatre, 1319 Helena Avenue; in Helena, MT**

**Admission is by donation at the door. Contact: [montanaplaywrights@gmail.com](mailto:montanaplaywrights@gmail.com)**

**Play Description:** To celebrate his 75th birthday, a traumatized Army veteran stages a video confession about his role in a Vietnam War massacre in hopes of finally unburdening his conscience by telling his version of the truth.

**Playwright Bio:** **Glenn Schiffman** has counseled war veterans suffering from PTSD through writing workshops and indigenous ceremonies. His experience of being a conscientious objector during the Vietnam era is published in "Returning Soldiers Speak" and his essay about 1960s Haight-Ashbury is in the Whitefish Review's 2023 "Music Issue." Glenn writes autobiographical novels and stage plays, and hosts Flathead Story Concerts for live storytelling.

**This staged reading is presented by the Montana Playwrights Network, a state-wide service organization supported by the Montana Arts Council, an agency of state government and the National Endowment for the Arts.**

A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization incorporated in Montana in 2016, **Montana Playwrights Network (MPN)** helps people to create and share stories through playwriting, storytelling, poetry, non-fiction, historical essays, etc. MPN connects writers, storytellers, teachers, performers, theatre companies, libraries and businesses through stories to build communities across Montana. \*The **Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT)**, home to MPN, is available to individuals, businesses, and organizations to present their own performances, recitals, and other special events.

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Attachment: Photo of Glenn Schiffman