

AsiaLENS Film Series
presents

WINGS OF DEFEAT

Thursday, December 8 • 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Lewis Auditorium • Ground Floor



After she learned about her uncle's secret past as a surviving Kamikaze pilot, Japanese American director Risa Morimoto was inspired to interview former Kamikaze pilots. Now in their 80s, the pilots thoughtfully recall and share their fears, their ambivalence, their patriotism, and their guilt as survivors, when thousands of their comrades perished during Japan's most desperate hour at the end of World War II. **Wings of Defeat** is a moving, human re-examination of the Kamikaze legacy from the perspectives of those who trained for, flew, and survived as suicide missions, as well as those Americans who survived such attacks.

AsiaLENS is a series of free public film screenings and lecture / discussion programs on issues reflecting contemporary life in Asia. The series is co-sponsored by the Spurlock Museum and organized by the Asian Educational Media Service, a program of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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