



THE FACES OF WAR

RESIDENT RICK MILLER EXPLORES MEMORIES OF WAR IN HIS ORIGINAL ONE-MAN PLAY, 'VETERAN'S DAY'

It's a memory he'll never forget, and one that he kept to himself for 25 years. Now, though, he wants to share this and other memories in his original play *Veteran's Day*, a one-man performance of six characters exploring the meaning of their war experiences. The stunning one hour show debuted last weekend at the Dowling College Performing Arts Center, and will soon go on tour to local schools and libraries.

The six characters in the play couldn't be more different. There's the gung-ho 17-year-

depot, an action which earned him a medal.

The most powerful performance, though, is of the anonymous suburban gentleman raking his leaves, who after explaining that "he doesn't talk much" about his experiences in Vietnam, relates the sight of all those caskets awaiting shipment to the United States.

"That was me," explains Miller, a 45-year-old Islip resident who originally began writing *Veteran's Day* as an exercise for an acting workshop. "After I read it, I was absolutely

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