

THE ABERDEEN WWII
RED CROSS/USO PHEASANT CANTEEN

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A LIVING LEGACY



"PHEASANT SANDWICHES!"

*Holy smokes!
Who'd ever believe it?"*

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Aberdeen, South Dakota couldn't have been further from the activities surrounding World War II. However, concerned citizens decided to set up a lunch counter or "canteen" inside Aberdeen's Milwaukee Depot on August 19, 1943. The Canteen served as many as 1,500 soldiers a day, for FREE! Due to rationing and limited supplies forced by the war, the Canteen soon turned to the abundant supply of area pheasants to use in sandwiches which they served to service people traveling through Aberdeen on their way to and from the war effort.

This 38-minute documentary includes restored footage from Aberdeen's famous Pheasant Canteen, historic photos and entertaining interviews. It features those who served during WWII, those with fond memories of the Canteen and local area advocates of this lasting legacy.



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