

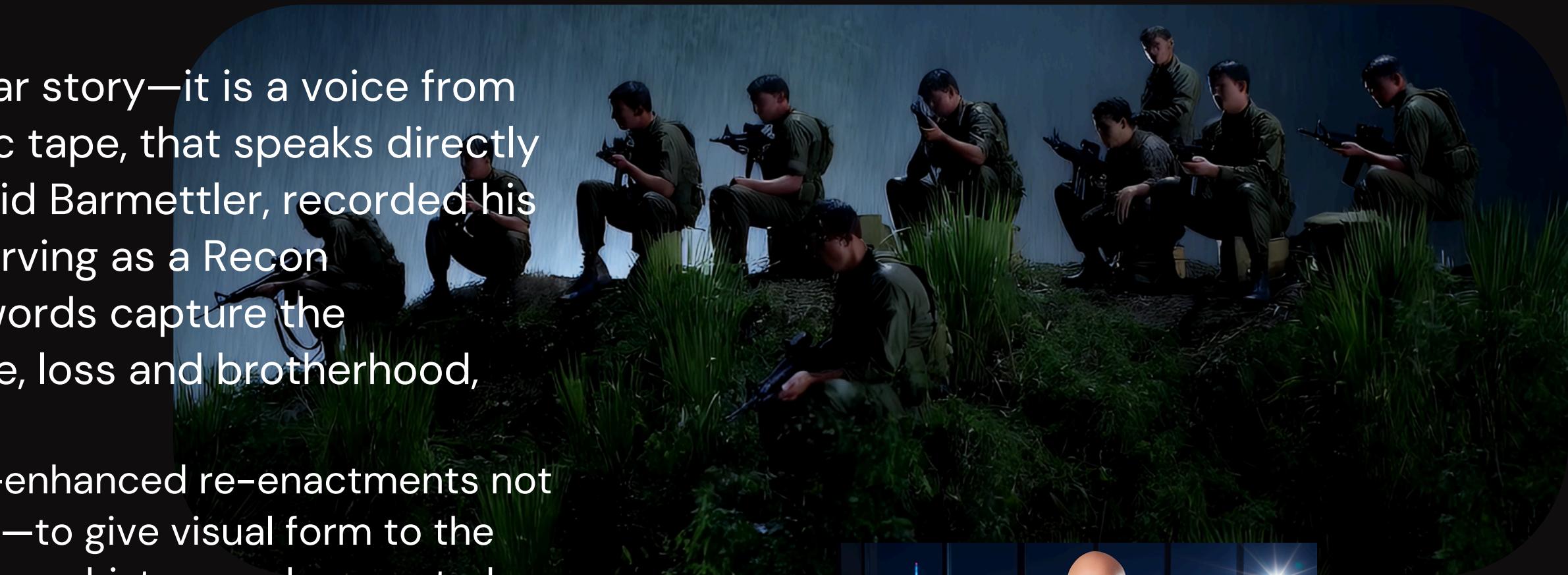
# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

## J.J. BARMETTLER

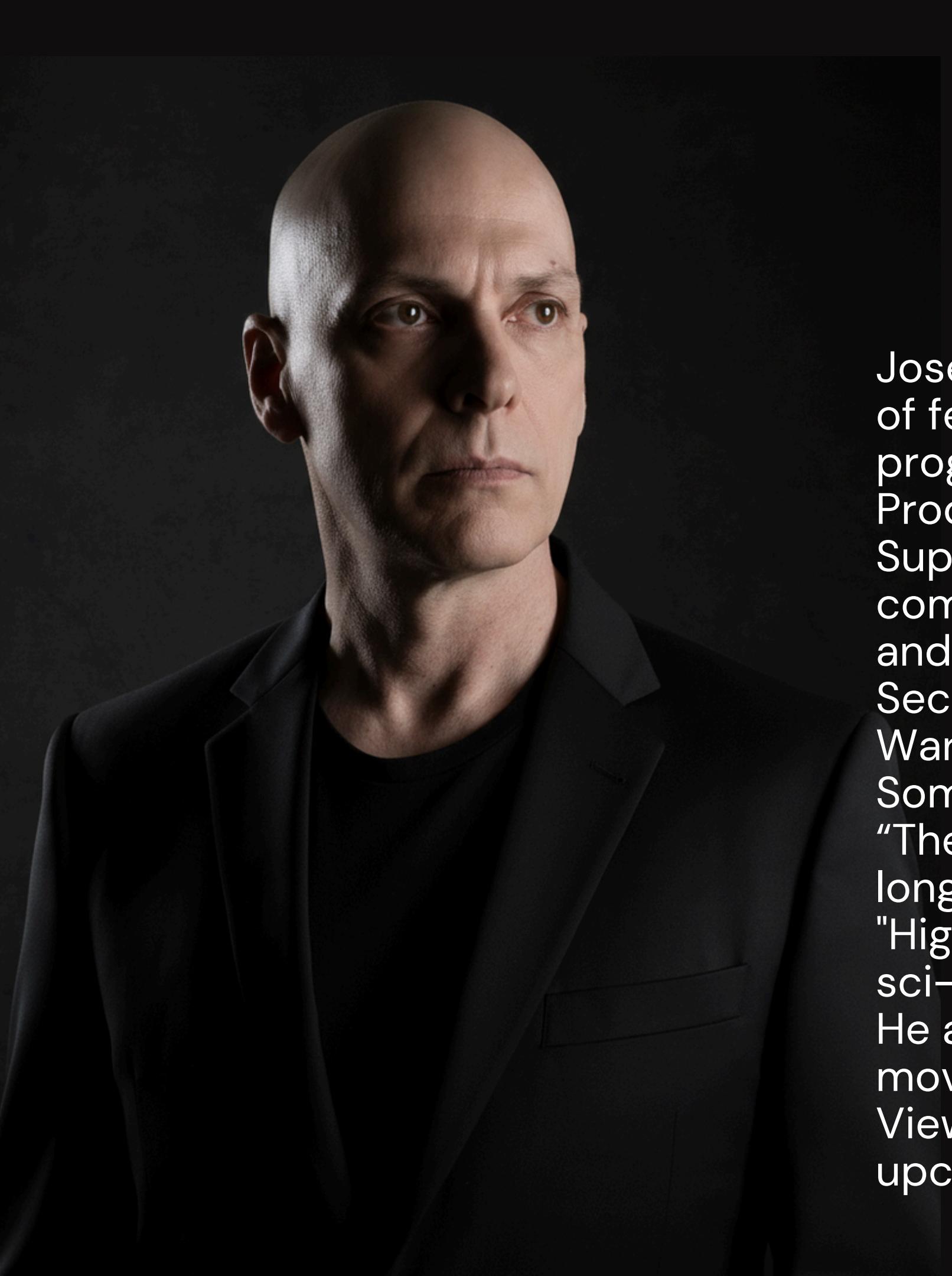
"Recon Commando is more than a war story—it is a voice from the past, preserved on fragile magnetic tape, that speaks directly to us today. My uncle, Specialist 5 David Barmettler, recorded his Christmas letter home in 1967 while serving as a Recon Commando in the 101st Airborne. His words capture the contradictions of war: fear and courage, loss and brotherhood, despair and hope.

I chose to fuse archival footage with AI-enhanced re-enactments not to fictionalize, but to reconstruct memory—to give visual form to the soldier's voice and to bridge the gap between history and present-day audiences. This hybrid form allows us to experience the war as he lived it: immediate, visceral, and deeply human.

My aspiration is that veterans, families, and audiences everywhere will find in this film not only a window into the Vietnam War, but also a mirror for their own struggles with memory, resilience, and reconciliation."



[INFO ABOUT J.J. BARMETTLER](#)



# PRODUCER/DIRECTOR J.J. BARMETTLER

Joseph "J.J" Barmettler is a filmmaker and artist with a catalog of feature length films, documentary, television and music programs. Feature and scripted TV credits include Producer of the sports drama "Beach Kings" released by MGM; Supervising Writer, Producer and Director of the TNT action/comedy series, "L.A. HEAT" starring Steven Williams, Wolf Larsen and Sugar Ray Leonard; and Producer-Director-Writer of "Alien Secrets" a quirky sci-fi comedy indie feature distributed by Warner Home Entertainment.

Some of his copyrights include past features "Rage", "Riot" and "The Silencers". In addition to "Recon Commando", upcoming long form brands include feature length motion pictures: "Highway to Hell" (action-thriller), "All Lizzys Must Die!" (action-sci-fi); and he is in development on "Paradox" (action sci-fi). He also produces music albums and IP soundtracks for his movies with AEVUM Band USA (<https://aevumband.net>). View J.J.'s digital fine art at <https://jjbarmettler.com/art> and upcoming content at <https://newintegrityfilms.com>.