 Invite your friends, family and colleagues to watch the film together, and then have a post-screening discussion.

**WHAT'S THE FILM ABOUT?**

Through found footage from Facebook, Twitter and other social media, 911 calls and police file material, Requiem puts a human face on some of the estimated 8,000 individuals who died by gun violence in America from March - June 2014. (Run-time 66 minutes)

**HOW DO YOU HOST A SCREENING?**

Invite your group to a gathering spot (anywhere from your living room to a more formal space) to watch the film together. Before you watch, a note of caution: this film contains content and crime-scene images that some - especially survivors of gun violence - may find disturbing. Please be mindful of your audience.

Here are some tips for hosting a screening:

1. Bring your group together. Send out invitations and collect RSVPs. Here’s a sample of what your invitation can say:

   `<HOSTNAME> cordially invites you and a guest to a screening and discussion of REQUIEM FOR THE DEAD American Spring 2014

   Through found footage from Facebook, Twitter and other social media, 911 calls and police file material, Requiem puts a human face on some of the estimated 8,000 individuals who died by gun violence in America from March - June 2014. (Run-time 66 minutes)

   `<TIME> WELCOME
   `<TIME> SCREENING (length 66m)

   Please RSVP to `<EMAIL address>` by `<DATE>`. `

Create a Facebook event as well. Then, promote your screening to potential guests. Tag your tweets with #Requiemforthedead and #HBO. Share the poster (see the end of the guide). Send the link to the trailers too - `youtu.be/lJvG3VmPy_k`
2. Introduce the film. Take a moment to provide a warning to your group: this film contains content and crime-scene images that some - especially survivors of gun violence - may find disturbing. It should not be viewed by children under the age of 14 without adult supervision. Ask your group ‘How many Americans die each day on average as a result of gun violence?’ How many of those are the result of homicide, suicide or accidents? Give everyone a chance to write or at least consider his/her responses before the film. See pp. 3-4 for statistics about gun violence that will be helpful to share after the film.

3. Watch the film.

4. Talk about what you saw in the film. Go over your responses, and talk about what surprised people the most. What have they learned? Have their perceptions changed? See below for more sample discussion questions.

5. Think about what you or your group can do to get involved. Invite guests to go to some of the resources listed below to learn more about the current state of gun violence in America and what can be done to decrease the number of preventable deaths. Urge people to tell their personal networks about the film and the issues it raises.

6. Thank your guests. Send a thank you email the next day, and include some follow up comments on the discussion. You can include links to the groups below.

**HOW DO YOU GET THE DISCUSSION GOING?**

After the credits roll, turn up the lights and give your group time for silent reflection. Some viewers may want to leave. Once you’re ready to begin, encourage everyone to listen respectfully to each other as the conversation gets underway. Here are some discussion prompts to start you off.

Mass shootings, though horrific and headline-grabbing, make up a fraction of the gun-related deaths that occur in the United States each year. Between 2009 and 2013, an average of 88 Americans were killed with guns each day according to recent data from The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (‘Fatal Injury Reports 2009-13’ [http://1.usa.gov/Wkas4G](http://1.usa.gov/Wkas4G)). This is an issue that affects all Americans. In ‘Requiem for the Dead,’ we see the faces of over 100 people who died as a result of gun violence during the spring of 2014. This represents less than 2% of the total number of Americans who lost their lives during that period. The film highlights stories of just a few of these individuals. Who were these people?

Did any of these tragedies seem preventable to you? What are some measures that could have been taken to avoid these deaths? What steps can you take to protect yourself and loved ones from accidental or intentional shootings? Do you have a family member, friend, or colleague who has died as a result of gun violence? How can you help an individual who is coping with such loss?

Do you know what the laws in your state stipulate regarding the purchase and use of firearms? What do the laws say about background checks and safe storage of firearms? Do you think firearm-related injury is a public health issue? Why? Why not?

Is it possible to protect people from gun violence while protecting the right to bear arms as described in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution? Why is this one of the most polarizing issues of our time? How has this played out in your state? Are there any areas of common ground?
**GUN VIOLENCE STATISTICS**

**Number of Gun Deaths**
The CDC recently updated their national data on gun deaths. Based on the five most recent years of data, on an average day in the US there are:

- 31 homicides committed with guns
- 55 suicides committed with guns
- 1.5 deaths due to unintentional injuries with firearms
- 0.7 deaths due to injuries with firearms of undetermined intent

In total, 88 Americans are killed with guns on an average day. (People killed with guns in “legal interventions” — committed by law enforcement during legal action — are not included in this figure.)

**Figure 1.0**

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Annual average: 11,294, 19,992, 561, 254 Total 32,100

Daily average: 30.94, 54.77, 1.54, 0.70 Total 87.95


**Number of Guns**

- There are about 310 million guns in the country, about one gun per person.
- An estimated 40% of American households have guns.
- The U.S. has the highest rate of civilian ownership of the world.
- With less than 5% of the world’s population, the United States is home to roughly 35-50% of the world’s civilian-owned guns.

**Gun Violence Statistics**

- Americans are 20 times more likely to be murdered with a gun than people in other developed countries.
- Suicides account for about 62% of gun deaths.
- A gun in the home is 22 times more likely to be used to kill or injure in a domestic homicide, suicide, or unintentional shooting than to be used in self-defense.

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3. According to the census, the U.S. population is currently estimated at 320 million. http://www.census.gov/popclock/
6. Ibid.
8. Calculated from annual averages in Figure 1.0.
An average of eight children and teens under the age of 20 are killed by guns every day.\textsuperscript{10} Approx. 1 million Americans have died from gunshot wounds in homicides, accidents and suicides during the last three decades – more than the sum total of combat deaths in all the wars in U.S. history. More than 2/3 of homicides and half of suicides are committed with a firearm.\textsuperscript{11}

**Domestic Violence**
- More than half (54\%) of women murdered with guns in the U.S. in 2011 were killed by intimate partners or family members\textsuperscript{12}
- Every month, 48 women are shot and killed in the U.S. by a current or former boyfriend or spouse.\textsuperscript{13}
- Women in the United States are eleven times more likely to be murdered with guns than women in other high-income countries.\textsuperscript{14}
- The presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500\%\textsuperscript{15}
- In states that require background checks for every handgun sale, 46\% fewer women are shot to death by intimate partners.\textsuperscript{16}

**Accidental Shootings**
- About a third of U.S. children live in homes with guns.\textsuperscript{17}
- More than 2 million American children live in homes with unsecured guns, 1.7 million live in homes with guns that are both unlocked and loaded\textsuperscript{18}
- American kids are 16 times more likely to be accidentally shot and killed than kids in other developed countries.\textsuperscript{19}
- Youth (ages 0 to 19) in the most rural U.S. counties are as likely to die from a gunshot as those living in the most urban counties. Rural children die of more gun suicides and unintentional shooting deaths. Urban children die more often of gun homicides.\textsuperscript{20}


\textsuperscript{13} Everytown for Gun Safety analysis of FBI Supplementary Homicide Reports, 2008-2012.

\textsuperscript{14} Richardson, Erin G., and David Hemenway, “Homicide, Suicide, and Unintentional Firearm Fatality: Comparing the United States With Other High-Income Countries, 2003,” Journal of Trauma, Injury, Infection, and Critical Care, published online ahead of print, June 2010, p. 1


\textsuperscript{16} Everytown for Gun Safety, “State background check requirements and rates of domestic violence homicide,” 2015, available at: http://everytwv.us/1AqHQZ


RESOURCES

Americans for Responsible Solutions  
americansforresponsibleolutions.org

Amnesty International  
blog.amnestyusa.org/americas/shining-a-light-on-gun-violence-that-no-one-can-ignore/

Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence  
bradycampaign.org

Center for American Progress  
americancprogress.org/issues/guns-crime/view/

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence  
csgv.org

Everytown for Gun Safety  
everytown.org

Evolve  
evolveusa.com/

Generation Progress  
genprogress.org/issues/gun-violence/view/

Gun Violence Archive  
gunviolencearchive.org

The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence  
smartgunlaws.org

National Network to End Domestic Violence  
nnedv.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
1-800-273-TALK (8255) | Veterans Press 1  
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Project ChildSafe  
projectchildsafe.org

Wear Orange  
wearorange.org

Women Against Gun Violence  
wagv.org
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