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"Half Pint," a short film by Providence-based actor/screenwriter/director Duncan Putney, took home the Best Screenplay Short Film award at the 2014 Amsterdam Film Festival. The live-action short, which was filmed in Middletown and other New England locales, was screened last summer at the Rhode Island International Film Festival.

The film centers on a 13-year-old boy (Osmani Rodriguez Jr.) who finds himself transported back in time to a meeting with four World War II paratroopers (Ted Moller, Chris O'Brien, Lee Simonds and Jed Alvizos) in D-Day France. It is the first in what Putney envisions as a series that will help teach children history by taking them back to points in time within the last 70 years so that they can talk to the people who actually lived that history.

Putney's film is currently used as an educational tool in several museums, including Woonsocket's Museum of Work and Culture, and the U.S. World War II Airborne Demonstration Team is taking the film to France for the 70th anniversary commemorations of D-Day, June 6.

