Lori Shinseki has worked in documentary film for over twenty years, and her most recent project, STATECRAFT: The Bush 41 Team, profiles President George H.W. Bush's storied foreign policy team at the end of the Cold War. The film was produced in partnership with The Miller Center at the University of Virginia, and it was aired nationally on PBS in August 2020.

Shinseki’s prior film, The Twinning Reaction, examined the effects of a nefarious, secret study on four sets of twin and triplet infants. She was the co-producer of HBO’s Wartorn 1861-2010, a documentary film about combat trauma from the Civil War to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She worked on several documentaries for WGBH’s FRONTLINE series, as well as on PBS programs produced by journalist Bill Moyers. Notably, Shinseki was a co-producer on FRONTLINE’s Missile Wars, about the National Missile Defense program, and she was the associate producer on Bill Moyers Trade Secrets – a documentary on the US chemical industry – which won an Emmy Award for Long-Form Investigative Journalism.

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