

A SAVA PRESENTATION · 2022

Colonel Kalsi: *Beyond the Call*

The documentary about the fight to serve with turban and beard. About 40 minutes.

"I can't give you that which does not *belong to me.*"

DR. KAMAL S. KALSI, D.O., IN THE TRAILER

When Dr. Kamal S. Kalsi, D.O., an Army physician, was told he would have to cut his hair and shave his beard to serve, the answer became a fight that reached beyond one soldier. The film follows that fight through the Army's 2017 policy letting soldiers keep their articles of faith for a whole career, and the door it opened for other Americans of faith in uniform.

Festivals: Best Documentary, DC South Asian Film Festival and Chicago South Asian Film Festival; Best Documentary Director, Indian Film Festival of Cincinnati; Special Mention, South Asian Film Festival of Montreal; nominee, DOCUTAH 2024 and New York Indian Film Festival 2023; Mumbai

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS	Sonny Kalsi, Michelle Kalsi
DIRECTORS	Anand Kamalakar & Geeta Gandbhir
PRODUCER	Steve Alpert
EDITOR	Anand Kamalakar
CAMERA	Asad Faruqi
ORIGINAL MUSIC	John McDowell
LINE PRODUCER	Lise Zumwalt
PRESENTED BY	Sikh American Veterans Alliance
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◇ Runtime (about 40 min) and festival list from the film's site and PTI; Kamal to confirm.