AMERICAN HEROES CHANNEL SEPTEMBER 2014 PRIMETIME LINEUP

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SPECIALS

AHC FILMS: THE HORNET'S NEST

World Television Premiere Thursday, September 11 at 9/8c

In this critically-acclaimed groundbreaking documentary, THE HORNET'S NEST, unprecedented footage from embedded journalists tells the story of an elite group of U.S. troops sent on a dangerous mission deep inside one of Afghanistan's most hostile valleys. The film culminates with what was planned as a single day strike turning into nine intense days of harrowing combat against an invisible, hostile enemy in the country's complex terrain where no foreign troops have ever dared to go before. Emmy award-winning conflict journalists Mike Boettcher and his son, Carlos Boettcher, bravely followed the troops through the fiercest and most blood-soaked battlegrounds of the conflict. What resulted is an intensely raw feature film experience that will give audiences a deeply emotional and authentic view of the heroism at the center of this gripping story.

AHC FILMS is a new outlet for independent non-fiction filmmakers seeking a television home for documentary projects, celebrating a wide range of heroes through uplifting and engaging films dedicated to powerful stories of the men and women who have shaped the world we live in today.

PREMIERES

WWII'S GREATEST RAIDS

Series Premieres Monday, September 1 at 10/9c

WWII's GREATEST RAIDS takes viewers into the heart of an elite band of soldiers in the heat of a key action in their history. Following these brave soldiers on their mission, this series shows

just how these men put their unique combination of skills, training and equipment to the test of combat. One critical action conducted by a small elite unit can change the course of a war to victory; often in the face of superior enemy forces, the chances of success seem frail. Yet these special forces, counter-terrorist groups, or small tactical units can be astoundingly successful, defying the odds in difficult environments to exact massive tactical victories.

• Hitler's Last Bridge Premieres Monday, September 1 at 10/9c

A brave band of regular GI's are tasked with saving the last bridge and final gateway to the Third Reich. The bridge is bristling with German guns loaded with explosives. Worse, the enemy plans to destroy the bridge if the American unit assaults it.

- Rangers Lead The Way Premieres Saturday, September 6 at 10/9c
 US Army Rangers spearhead the biggest amphibious landing in history the allied
 Invasion of France. They must conquer vertical cliffs before taking on the determined
- Mountain Massacre *Premieres Saturday, September 13 at 10/9c*The Black Devils, a joint US-Canadian elite mountain warfare unit, are about to go into action. They must mount a do-or-die nighttime assault up a treacherous mountain, in extreme weather, to take on heavily-entrenched battle hardened German defenses.

enemy, and destroying the guns that threaten to blow the Allied fleet out of the water.

- SAS vs. Rommel *Premieres Saturday, September 20 at 10/9c*The SAS launches a daring raid behind enemy lines on a German airfield in the Sahara Desert. If they succeed in destroying Rommel's supply planes, their action could turn the tide of war and allow the British to drive the Germans out of North Africa.
- Commando Do or Die *Premieres Saturday, September 27 at 10/9c*British commandos attempt a head-on amphibious assault against a heavily-defended enemy port. Their mission: to take out the dock facilities of St. Nazaire, before they become a base for Germany's biggest battleship.

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

Series Premieres Friday, September 5 at 10/9c

100 years after its outbreak, THE WAR TO END ALL WARS lets viewers experience WWI through the eyes of those who lived it. The Great War of 1914-1918 was the greatest catastrophe in the history of mankind and the first truly global conflict. In just a few weeks, a Golden Age of culture and technological achievement gave way to a new and terrible kind of war - fought with machines the likes of which had never been seen before. From over 1,000 dramatic and emotional memories of the war, left behind in diaries, letters, postcards and telegrams, this series tells the story of the greatest war mankind had ever seen.

• A Call to Arms Premieres Friday, September 5 at 10/9c

Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, is assassinated in Sarajevo. One month later, war breaks out in Europe. But it doesn't take long for this European conflict to erupt into a world war.

• Revolution in Killing Premieres Friday, September 12 at 10/9c

A new weapon of war is unleashed for the first time in history - deadly poison gas. Within an hour, hundreds of soldiers are dead as their lungs dissolve in their chests. The battle songs of the war's beginnings are now screams of pain.

• No End in Sight Premieres Friday, September 19 at 10/9c

When Western powers aim to break the German line, the Russians put pressure on Austria and Hungary, without success. The death toll exceeds all known measures and 1916 becomes the year of the most gruesome battles.

• The Cost of Victory Premieres Friday, September 26 at 10/9c

President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress for 'a war to end all wars' after Germany starts to sink American ships in the North Atlantic. Germany retaliates, when the Reich initiates the greatest offensive since the start of the war. In August, the French and British, reinforced by US troops, launch their counteroffensive.

FINALES

CHAOS IN THE SKIES

Season 2 Finale Airs Tuesday, September 2 at 10/9c

Through riveting personal accounts from survivors and witnesses, CHAOS IN THE SKIES explores tragic disasters in aviation history. This series investigates the causes behind the shocking air crashes; revealing what we learned from these unforgettable events and how our engineering ingenuity led to technological improvements.

• Take-Off Premieres Tuesday, September 2 at 10/9c

It's a tragedy that strikes every heart in Russian. A Yak-42 jet, carrying the entire Yaroslavl Lokomotiv ice hockey team crashes on take-off, becoming a ball of flames in the river Volga. For the Russian authorities, the urgent challenge is to find out what happened and why. All they know is that the plane was moving too slowly to take off properly.

HARDCORE HEROES

Season 1 Finale Airs Wednesday, September 10 at 10/9c

The action-packed series HARDCORE HEROES showcases the never-before-seen and amazing stories of everyday heroes. Battling ferocious elements, changing the course of history and saving hundreds of lives is just another day at the office for these warriors

• For a Greater Cause Premieres Wednesday, September 3 at 10/9c

Sometimes heroes are hunters, sometimes they are hunted. Hardcore hero, George Rowe goes undercover for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. And after WWII, brothers Joe and Radek Masin elude the biggest manhunt in Communist Soviet Union history.

• Battling the Elements Premieres Wednesday, September 10 at 9/8c

Fire and water are the most deadly of nature's vital elements, especially when they rage out of control. Hardcore heroes Jack Pritchard, a FDNY fire-fighting legend, and John Keller, a former recon Marine, come face-to-face with these ferocious elements.