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FEATURED PROGRAMMING

WAR DOGS OF THE PACIFIC – TV-PG

Special Premieres Wednesday, August 5 at 10 PM

This incredible story of the U.S. Marine war dog platoons of World War II is a heart-warming exploration of the unique bond that formed between young marines and their dogs. Filled with tales of devotion, bravery and sacrifice, follow the marines and their dogs through training and into combat. From the invasion of Guam to operations on Saipan, Okinawa and Iwo Jima, these war dogs truly earned their title as “man’s best friend.”

AT SEA** – TV-PG

Three-Part Mini Series Premieres Sunday, August 9 at 10 PM

At a time of global uncertainty and unrest, the U.S. Navy is in the midst of revolutionary technological advances that have changed the way they protect the seas. In cooperation with the U.S. Navy, **AT SEA** explores the radical changes that are currently taking place to the mission, manpower and machinery of the world’s greatest maritime force in the face of a changing enemy. As a three-part mini series, each hour-long episode focuses on the new responsibilities of the Navy as well as new technologies and training necessary to achieve success on the seas.

World Premiere Sunday, August 9 10 PM	Episode 1: Aviation This premiere episode takes a top to bottom look at the Navy’s command structure, their missions, and the arsenal of aircraft they possess to conduct military operations. From the Ike in the Middle East to counterdrug operations near Florida, the U.S. Navy Aviation Fleet is powerful and deadly.
World Premiere Monday, August 10 10 PM	Episode 2: Surface Warfare This episode examines the specialized fleet of ships called upon to support the sailors at sea, which have been recently upgraded with more sophisticated radar and stealthier weapons. From counter terrorism operations and anti-pirating task forces in the Gulf of Aden to the humanitarian aid presence in Panama, the U.S. Navy is smarter, stealthier and more advanced than ever before.
World Premiere Sunday, August 11 10 PM	Episode 3: Subsurface The final episode of this mini-series takes a full-circle look at missions from Pearl Harbor to the Arctic, and the subsurface machinery the U.S. Navy possesses to conduct military operations beneath the waves of the world’s seas. Specially trained marine mammals, ballistic missile shooting submarines, and tiny submersibles designed for the SEALs are only the beginning of the U.S. Navy’s underwater domination.

SPECIAL OPS MISSION – TV-PG**

Series Premieres Thursday, August 13 at 10 PM

In each episode, special forces operator Wil Willis must complete a nearly impossible mission. Using his 14 years of Army Ranger and Air Force Para-Rescue experience, his task is to complete a complex series of military objectives to survive, evade and escape a highly trained and highly motivated opposition force that's determined to stop him. Each episode introduces a new "Op-For" team, including some of the best manhunters on the planet, employing the latest in high-tech weaponry and military tactics to stop Willis. Meanwhile Willis, traveling alone, must rely only on his own sense of survival to evade the "Op For" team. Immersing viewers in a diverse set of simulated missions and sharing in all of the danger and excitement, **SPECIAL OPS MISSION** is the closest most will ever get to genuinely experience a special operations mission.

World Premiere Thursday, August 13 10 PM	Operation Urban Terror Insurgents have taken over a large building and are using it to hold hostages. They intend to trade hostages for money, and then the money for weapons. Willis's mission is to infiltrate the insurgent stronghold, interrupt the flow of hostages, money and weapons, and rescue the remaining hostages. Willis must engage the opposition force in firefights to reduce their numbers before he can even get close to the imprisoned hostages.
World Premiere Thursday, August 20 10 PM	Operation Covert Canyon A rebel force is acquiring weapons of mass destruction. Their camp is protected by five highly trained and heavily armed operators. Willis's mission is to infiltrate the camp and photograph the weapons, and then quickly upload the images from the field to Central Command. After a near-miss encounter with the opposition force, he must carry out various objectives without being detected and return for extraction to a landing zone within 24 hours. But when Willis's commander gives him a new objective mid-mission, the sparks begin to fly and he finds himself in great danger.
World Premiere Thursday, August 27 10 PM	Operation Frozen Thunder Willis treks across miles of newly fallen snow to arrive at a terrorist camp in the mountains. The terrorists have dammed up the local water supply and are hijacking deliveries of humanitarian aid intended for a refugee camp down river. Willis's mission is to blow up the dam that is preventing water from flowing to the camp. He witnesses a hijacking and follows the terrorists into their camp, where he is nearly caught. From there he takes action against the encampment, which results in a series of dramatic battles in knee-deep snow.

GREAT PLANES – TV-PG

Season 2 Premieres Friday, July 10 at 10 PM

Returning for Season 2 is one of Military Channel most popular series, **GREAT PLANES**. Lt. Col. Paul "Max" Moga examines the stories behind the most influential and innovative planes in the world. These brand new episodes explore some of the most spectacular aircrafts ever to take to the skies. Stories from the people who made these great warbirds fly provide viewers with an inside look at the challenges and triumphs of these amazing aircrafts.

World Premiere Friday, July 10 10 PM	Episode 1: F-100 Super Sabre In 1953, supersonic flight comes of age when the U.S. Air Force gets a fleet of F-100 Super Sabres. After four years of development, the F-100 ushers in a new era, breaking both the subsonic and the supersonic world speed records. With supersonic flight, the F-100 marks the dividing line between first and second generation jet fighters. The coincidental 100 designation leads the air force to call these first supersonic types Century Fighters.
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<p>World Premiere Friday, July 17 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 2: F-4 Phantom The Phantom was first used by the U.S. Navy as an interceptor but also was capable of flying as a ground-support bomber for the U.S. Marine Corps. The aircraft flew every traditional military mission. It became a major part of the air wings of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. It was used extensively by all three of these services during the Vietnam War, serving as the principal air superiority fighter for both the Navy and Air Force. With all this, it's no wonder the Phantom II became one of the most respected and remembered aircraft of her time.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, July 24 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 3: SR 71 Blackbird On the first of May, 1965 an American plane designated YF12A set four world records; one for sustained altitude and three for speed including a mark of 2,070 miles per hour. Following the high profile record setting flight, the aircraft receded into its customary obscurity. Record breaking has been the public face of one of history's most mysterious families of aircraft, the Lockheed Blackbirds. These planes were so ahead of their time that radical new methods and materials were developed to build them. The technology they employed and their achievements astounded even the experts of the day.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, July 31 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 4: A-7 Corsair II A prototype aircraft takes to the air for the first time. This is the YA-7F, a response to a 1985 United States Air Force specification for a new, close air support and interdiction aircraft. But this is not a new plane. The airframe of this aircraft had first flown nearly 20 years before. The new prototype A-7F was the latest in a series of models developed from one of aviations great successes, the Vought Corsair II, a plane that had first seen action on the second of December, 1967 over Vietnam.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, August 7 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 5: A-26 Invader In September 1944, Allied Forces in Europe started flying missions in a new light bomber. This was the twin-engine A-26 – fast, heavily armed, with a load of 4,000 pounds of bombs. The manufacturer, Douglas, had christened it “The Invader” and even twenty-five years later, Invaders were still in service and still in combat.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, August 14 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 6: P-39 Aircobra The history of the air campaign during World War II contains well-deserved tributes to the prowess of U.S. Flying Aces in planes such as the P-38 and in the P-51. But there is one lesser known fighter aircraft, which seldom gets the credit it deserves: the Bell P-39 Airacobra. The Airacobra had a 37 millimeter canon and like its namesake, was known to be quick, lethal and effective. This aircraft gave the Allies a fighting chance when at the beginning of the WWII, the enemy seemed nearly invincible.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, August 21 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 9: Boeing B-52 Stratofortress First deployed in the early '50s, the B-52 was the Strategic Air Command's (SAC) primary weapon of deterrence. Its range enabled worldwide deployment of SAC's nuclear arsenal. Today, the B-52 is flown in low-level bombing and electronic warfare roles.</p>
<p>World Premiere Friday, August 28 10 PM</p>	<p>Episode 7: Chinook While most aircrafts are designed for function rather than form, few come closer to defining function better than the Boeing-Vertol CH-47. The ugly duckling of helicopters, the Chinook's beauty is most evident in its utility value. Performing a wide variety of tasks, this helicopter was designed to meet the U.S. military's requirement for air mobility. The Chinook has been a vital part of its arsenal since the Vietnam conflict, and a program is set to update the Chinook and keep</p>

it in service until the year 2030.

OPERATION VALKYRIE – TV-PG

Special Premieres Wednesday, August 26 at 10 PM

This is the definitive special on Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg and the ‘Valkyrie’ conspiracy to assassinate Hitler on July 20, 1944. Produced in collaboration with the official German Foundation dedicated to the memory of the conspirators, the special features testimonials and eyewitness accounts from all of the aristocratic families involved in the plot. Notable interviews include the last living conspirator to escape Hitler’s wrath and Maria Countess von Stauffenberg, who knew Claus all her life.

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