



AUGUST 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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ONGOING STUNT

14 NIGHTS OF FIREPOWER

Special Themed Nights Air Sunday, July 29 to Saturday, August 11

As Olympians fight for gold in the world's largest arena, the Military Channel pays tribute to those who earned their medals on the battlefield with two weeks of the network's best programs celebrating the spirit of America in all of us. Themed nights include:

- **"Days That Made History" on Sunday, July 29**
 - Surviving D-Day from 8-10 PM E/P
 - World at War – Episode "France Falls" at 10 PM E/P
- **"Battle in Europe" on Monday, July 30**
 - World War II in Color – Episode: "Victory in Europe" at 8 PM E/P
 - World at War – Episode: "Alone" at 9 PM E/P
 - World War II in Color – Episode "Closing the Ring" at 10 PM E/P
- **"Battle in the Pacific" on Tuesday, July 31**
 - World at War – Episode "Banzai" at 8 PM E/P
 - World War II in Color – Episode "Victory in the Pacific" at 9 PM E/P
 - Clash of Wings – Episode "Return to the Pacific" at 10 PM E/P
- **"Biggest Villain" on Wednesday, August 1**
 - Secret War – Episode: "Fatal Femmes" at 8 PM E/P
 - World at War – Episode: "A New Germany" at 9 PM E/P
 - The Terror Matrix – Episode: "Bin Laden's First Strike" at 10 PM E/P
- **"Special Ops Teams" on Thursday, August 2**
 - Navy SEALs: Untold Stories – Episode: "Somalia" at 8 PM E/P
 - American Commandos – Episode: "Night Riders" at 9 PM E/P
 - American Commandos – Episode: "Airborne" at 10 PM E/P
- **An Officer and a Movie on Friday, August 3**
 - Raid on Entebbe from 8-11 PM E/P
- **An Officer and a Movie on Saturday, August 4**
 - PT 109 from 8-11 PM E/P
- **"Small Arms" on Sunday, August 5**
 - Ultimate Weapons – Episode: "Close Quarter Battle" at 8 PM E/P
 - FutureWeapons – Episode: "Future Warrior" at 9 PM E/P

- Triggers: Weapons that Changed the World – Episode: “M1 Garand Rifle” *at 10 PM E/P*
- **“Planes” on Monday, August 6**
 - Wings Over Vietnam – Episode: “Wild Weasels” *at 8 PM E/P*
 - Greatest Ever – Episode: “Bombers” *at 9 PM E/P*
 - Great Plans – Episode: “F-100 Super Sabre” *at 10 PM E/P*
- **“Warships” on Tuesday, August 7**
 - Build it Bigger – Episode: “Biggest Warship” *at 8 PM E/P*
 - Extreme Machines – Episode: “Sea Power” *at 9 PM E/P*
 - Build it Bigger – Episode: “Super Fast Warship” *at 10 PM E/P*
- **“Tanks and Armored Vehicles” on Wednesday, August 8**
 - Extreme Machines II – Episode: “Tanks” *at 8 PM E/P*
 - Greatest Ever – Episode: “Tanks” *at 9 PM E/P*
 - Greatest Tank Battles – Episode: “The Battle of 73 Easting” *at 10 PM E/P*
- **“Toughest Training” on Thursday, August 9**
 - Marine Corps Survival School – Part 1 *at 8 PM E/P*
 - Marine Corps Survival School – Part 2 *at 9 PM E/P*
 - Navy SEALs Training – Episode: “It Pays to be a Winner” *at 10 PM E/P*
- **An Officer and a Movie on Friday, August 10**
 - Hamburger Hill *from 8-10:30 PM E/P*
- **An Officer and a Movie on Saturday, August 11**
 - Das Boot *from 8-11 PM E/P*

PREMIERES

TOP SECRET WEAPONS REVEALED TV-PG

New Series Premieres Tuesday, August 14 at 9 PM E/P

TOP SECRET WEAPONS REVEALED features the top secret weapons – some brilliant, some far-fetched, and even some epic failures – that paved the way for future successes in weapons development. These arms were not developed by chance. Each was constructed to solve a tactical or strategic problem, such as overcoming Nazi defenses on D-Day, mounting a surprise attack over water, or safely moving an agent back and forth across enemy lines. TOP SECRET WEAPONS REVEALED explores never before seen weapons and introduces viewers to the extraordinary people that invented these ingenious devices.

- **In Search of the Smart Bomb Premieres Tuesday, August 14 at 9 PM E/P** The U.S. Army learns a tough lesson in the Korean War. To win the war against the Communists, mobility on the battlefield has to improve. But in the early 1950s, military helicopters aren’t yet good enough. The quest is on for a new device that can put individual soldiers into the air. Top-secret tests begin on rotor-driven craft. At Bell Aerosystems, rocket fuel fires the engineers’ imagination. Harnessed to a soldier’s back, it becomes the Rocketbelt, an icon of American technology. To ramp up the power, they even design a miniature jet engine. Can this deliver the “flying soldier” of the future?
- **Secret Weapons of D-Day Premieres Tuesday, August 14 at 10 PM E/P** Summer 1944: D-Day. The allies are on the verge of the greatest amphibious assault in history and their challenge has never been greater. They must overcome Hitler’s deadly defenses. With only a matter of months to prepare, and under intense secrecy, the allies use ingenuity and engineering know-how to create some of the most extraordinary weapons ever seen. They have names like “the Crab,” “the Crocodile,” and “the Flying Dustbin.” There are even ambitious plans for a floating harbor. But the question on everyone’s mind is, “Will they work?” Thousands of troops are counting on these astonishing weapons to ensure they land safely on the perilous Normandy shores.
- **The Flying Soldier Premieres Tuesday, August 21 at 10 PM E/P** In the age before computers, in the maelstrom of the Second World War, the search for the world’s first guided bombs sparks

an arms race that will push the boundaries of technology and human imagination. The devastating Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 brings the United States into the war.

Desperate to strike back, top military minds and some of the most creative civilian inventors from all over the country get to work on how to do it. This episode opens the files on the race for the first smart bomb, from huge unmanned drones to bombs guided by pigeons, cats, and even bats.

- **Nazi War Machines Premieres Tuesday, August 28 at 10 PM E/P** A super gun, a 200-ton mega tank, rocket power, and a flying wing with stealth capabilities: these are the weapons Adolf Hitler believes will win him the Second World War. In search of victory over the allies, German engineers, scientists, and designers secretly develop some of the most revolutionary, extraordinary and terrifying weapons in military history. But while many of these innovative designs come too late to win the war, Nazi scientific know-how will go on to shape some of the most important technology of the future and will even take man to the moon.

WARPLANE

U.S. Premiere Aired Thursday, August 30 at 9 PM E/P

WARPLANE explores the evolution of the warplane and highlights the people and stories behind the key technological advances that have shaped military aviation history.

- **Airplane to Air Force Premieres Thursday, August 30 at 9 PM E/P** After their first successful powered flight, the Wright Brothers turned to the U.S. Army well aware of the potential military value of their airplane. In 1903, with no looming threat of war, the government rejected their \$100,000 asking price, but within five years the entire Western world would embrace the idea of powered flight.
- **Air Force to Air Power Premieres Thursday, August 30 at 10 PM E/P** World War II was an era of rapid innovation and terrible destruction from above. From the invention of radar to the birth of the fighter ace, and from Hitler's blitzkriegs to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this was the period where national air forces came of age, where individual planes coalesced into unstoppable squadrons, and where wartime tactics were dictated from the sky down. Germany rained shells down on London; the Allies executed precision bombing raids by day and frightful carpet bombing missions by night; and by the time America dropped the atomic bomb – once and for all illustrating the effectiveness of destruction from above – each airplane had its own role, and together they had made the world a much smaller place to wage war.

ONGOING SERIES

AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE ** TV-PG

Season 2 Continues Saturdays at 8 PM E/P

Hollywood film and television star Lou Diamond Phillips hosts Military Channel's hit franchise AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE. Airing Saturday evenings, AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE pairs Phillips with retired and active duty officers who lived through major battles or have an expertise in the conflicts depicted in iconic military flicks. As each film makes its Military Channel premiere, AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE provides expert commentary that can only come from being "on the ground" during the action as these officers reflect on the themes of that night's film and also provide personal insight that puts each movie into a modern context.

- **The Green Berets Premieres Saturday, August 18 from 8-11 PM E/P** U.S. Army Major Rusty Bradley joins host Lou Diamond Phillips to relate the real heroes of the special forces to those portrayed in John Wayne's classic film, *The Green Berets*. During his 19-year Army career, Major Bradley has served five tours in Afghanistan fighting the Taliban. He is the recipient of five Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, five Army Commendation medals, Meritorious Service Medal,

a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and many other recognitions. Major Bradley is the author of *The Lions of Kandahar*, about one of the most critical battles in the Afghan war.

- **The Delta Force Premieres Saturday, August 25 from 8-11 PM E/P** Eric Haney served more than 20 years in the U.S. Army's most demanding combat units, first as a combat infantryman and then as a Ranger. Ultimately, he became a founding member of Delta Force, the elite team of commandoes portrayed in Chuck Norris's classic military film *The Delta Force*, which he discusses with host Lou Diamond Phillips in this episode of AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE. In addition to his military service, Haney authored *Inside Delta Force* and co-executive produced CBS series *The Unit*.

FINALES

NARROW ESCAPES OF WWII TV-PG

NEW DAY/TIME: Season 1 Finale Airs Sunday, August 12 at 8 AM E/P

This series is about the heroes of World War II who stood up and fought when everything seemed lost. NARROW ESCAPES OF WWII highlights the brilliant generals and ferocious warriors whose selfless acts of courage saved hundreds of thousands of innocent lives. Told exclusively through their personal stories, this series recreates the suicidal raids, fantastic rearguard actions, back-to-the-wall fighting, and mass evacuations.

- **Operation Pedestal Premieres Sunday, August 5 at 8 AM E/P** Dudley Mason piloted his oil tanker through German attacks for six days to help relieve the siege of Malta. For this he was awarded Britain's highest civilian award for bravery: the George Cross.
- **Moore's March Premieres Sunday, August 12 at 8 AM E/P** Now part of SAS legend, Trooper Ronald Moore led his men back to headquarters through miles and miles of desert after becoming trapped behind enemy lines in the Sahara.

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