



AUGUST 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

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SPECIALS

FOREIGN SPECIAL OPS TV-PG

One-Hour Special Premieres Tuesday, August 6 at 10 PM E/P

Around the world, special operations forces are the tip of the spear in the war on terror, forming an elite brotherhood that spans the globe. Now, get the chance to see deep inside the special operations experience, from the intense training of US Navy SEALs and Delta Force to the secret activities behind the closed doors of Britain's Special Air Service. In addition, travel alongside Israel's most elite warriors on high-risk missions and reveal the brutal world of the Russian Spetsnaz forces as they take on some of the most difficult operations in Special Forces history.

SECRETS OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TV-PG

One-Hour Special Premieres Tuesday, August 13 at 10 PM E/P

Special agents of the U.S. State Department serve as the front line of American diplomacy. Known as Diplomatic Security, members of this secretive protective force operate in the most dangerous places on Earth – hunting down terrorists, guarding embassies, and protecting the Secretary of State. See how this undercover force trains to protect the vital interests of the United States against all manners of attack. Revealing secrets never-before shared, this one-hour special also discloses the true story of the ambush in Benghazi, Libya, that took the life of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens.

CIA BLACK OPS TV-PG

One-Hour Special Premieres Tuesday, August 20 at 10 PM E/P

Emerging from the shadows, operatives reveal new details about their secret tradecraft and shed light on some of the most classified operations that occur in the CIA's Special Activities Division. From teaming up with warlords to fight the Taliban to directing drone strikes behind enemy lines, these elite forces are tasked with carrying out some of America's blackest operations. Take a look at how the United States is increasingly fighting a shadow war, with the CIA's Special Activities Division leading the charge.

PREMIERES

[AIR ACES](#) ** TV-PG

All-New Series Premieres Sunday, August 4 at 9 and 10 PM E/P

Premieres Continue Sundays at 10 PM E/P

Ambitious, spectacular, and supercharged with thrilling action and astonishing visuals, AIR ACES is the story of thirteen of the most heroic airborne combat missions ever. In a television first, the aerial action isn't just a CGI-fest, but a real-life aerial stunt bonanza featuring actual pilots and airplanes performing amazing stunts.

- **George Beurling Premieres Sunday, August 4 at 9 PM E/P** George Beurling broke every rule in the book while becoming one of the greatest fighter pilots of World War II. A loner and social misfit, Beurling's disdain for protocol branded him an outcast in the ranks but a hero in the skies.
- **Douglas Bader Premieres Sunday, August 4 at 10 PM E/P** In July 1940, Britain's most celebrated air ace, Douglas Bader, and his ragtag squadron of fighter pilots went into battle against Hitler's mighty Luftwaffe. The Battle of Britain's outcome would determine the future of the free world, but Bader was also fighting his own personal battle. Just eight years earlier, a catastrophic flying accident cost him both legs.
- **Wing Walker Premieres Sunday, August 11 at 10 PM E/P** Like all the Allied bombers of World War II, the crew of the Lancaster ME669 had one of the most dangerous jobs in the Air Force: dodge deadly enemy fire and drop megatons of high-powered explosives over Nazi Germany. Without them, Hitler may have emerged victorious.
- **Red Tails Premieres Sunday, August 18 at 10 PM E/P** They were young and gifted but because of their skin color, the U.S. Army refused them key positions... until intense pressure from African-American activist groups pushed President Roosevelt to initiate an all-black fighter pilot training program in Tuskegee, Alabama. Beating not only discrimination from their own military, but also their enemies in the sky, the Tuskegee Airmen became heroes.
- **Robin Olds Premieres Sunday, August 25 at 10 PM E/P** In July 1966, North Vietnam's fleet of MiG-21s was hammering the U.S. Air Force, and the embattled men of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing needed a hero to whip them into shape. Then entered Colonel Robin Olds, a WWII veteran airman who charged in and provoked a ferocious airborne battle in an attempt to change the course of the Vietnam War.

ONGOING SERIES

[AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE](#) ** PG

Premieres Continue Saturdays at 8 PM E/P

Hollywood film and television star and former Navy brat 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 Fugitive Premieres Saturday, August 3 from 8-11 PM E/P** Joining host Lou Diamond Phillips is Chief Inspector William J. Sorukas, Jr., of the U.S. Marshals Service, who has earned a notable catalogue of awards and top honors throughout his distinguished career in law enforcement, including a Top Cop Award for his investigative effort in the "Beltway Sniper" case. Phillips and Sorukas discuss the 1993 action-packed thriller *The Fugitive*. In the film, Harrison Ford stars as Dr. Richard Kimble, a man wrongly convicted of murdering his wife, who escapes federal custody and sets out to prove his innocence. Kimble is pursued by a team of U.S.

Marshals led by Deputy Samuel Gerard, played by Tommy Lee Jones, but stops at nothing to bring those responsible for his wife's murder to justice.

FINALES

AMERICA: FACTS VS FICTION ** PG

Season Finale Airs Wednesday, August 21 at 10 PM E/P

History as we generally know it is full of holes or half-truths, and a mother lode of juicy details have been lost, distorted, covered up or simply ignored along the way. Military Channel's new series, **AMERICA: FACTS VS. FICTION** is on a mission to set the record straight. Hosted by former Naval officer and actor [Jamie Kaler](#) (TBS' "My Boys"), this series is a wake-up call about the surprising hidden facts behind the most familiar and beloved stories from our nation's and military's past, filling in the blanks, debunking the occasional myth, and exploring why we sometimes get our own history slightly, well, wrong. Examining the past with a fresh perspective, **AMERICA: FACTS VS. FICTION** reveals that the "story" of America is just that – and far more remarkable than we ever thought.

- **Presidential Conspiracies Premieres Wednesday, August 7 at 10 PM E/P** With our greatest Presidents, we often have to differentiate between the man and the legend. Now, learn the true stories behind some of the most powerful men in America. FDR brought America out of the Great Depression despite having polio and being confined to a wheelchair for most of his presidency. But was it really Roosevelt who implemented the economic projects that freed us? Did he really have polio or was it another condition that led him to his chair? And at first glance, Abraham Lincoln and JFK have some peculiar things in common. Elected 100 years apart and succeeded by men named Johnson, is conspiracy the explanation?
- **The New World Premieres Wednesday, August 14 at 10 PM E/P** Uncover the truth behind the discovery of the New World. Christopher Columbus is celebrated for discovering America, when in fact, a number of other cultures visited the Americas before him. Hernán Cortés is famously known as the Lone Conquistador of the Aztecs and helped claim Mexico for Spain. But in reality, he stopped many places along the way for assistance from natives, soldiers, and even fatal germs.
- **Roadside Stories Premieres Wednesday, August 21 at 10 PM E/P** Take a journey to the truth behind the most famous bridge and road in America. In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was built to connect New York to Brooklyn long before they were part of one monumental city. Credit actually goes to the engineer's wife, Emily Roebling, for the bridge's completion. And Route 66 was not built from scratch. The most famous road in America was actually made by connecting the existing major highways together. Although it was decommissioned over two decades ago, the majority of it is still drivable today.

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