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SPECIAL

NEVER SURRENDER: THE WERETH ELEVEN TV-14

1-Hour Special Premieres Thursday, February 7 at 10 PM E/P

Based on the true story of 11 African-American soldiers who were ruthlessly murdered by the Nazi SS during the Battle of the Bulge, THE WERETH ELEVEN weaves new archival footage and compelling interviews to detail one of the least-known atrocities of World War II. During the war, 1.2 million African-Americans served in America's Armed Forces. 708 of them were killed. Among the casualties were The Wereth Eleven, whose story was lost until now.

PREMIERES

ULTIMATE WARFARE ** TV-PG

Season 1 Premieres Tuesday, January 29 at 10 PM E/P

This series tells the stories of the greatest military battles from World War II to the present day fighting in the Middle East. ULTIMATE WARFARE takes viewers on a totally immersive journey as they experience the nail-biting drama of hostile combat on the most famous battlefields of all time – and provides gripping first-hand accounts from the brave soldiers who were experiencing it all from the frontlines.

- **Baghdad: Thunder Runs premieres Tuesday, January 29 at 10 PM E/P** In 2003, in what would become one of the most brutal and decisive battles of the Iraq war, a battalion of U.S. tanks punches a hole right into the heart of Saddam Hussein's Baghdad. They are the first mechanized force to enter a capitol city since World War II. Through the personal testimony of all of the key players, this episode tells the inside story of the historic fight that directly led to the fall of Saddam Hussein and rewrote the American military doctrine on urban warfare.
- **Kandahar: Against All Odds premieres Tuesday, February 5 at 10 PM E/P** In 2006, NATO sends U.S. Special Taskforce 31 on Operation Medusa. Their mission is to defeat a Taliban insurgence five-times their size in order to seize control of Sperwan Ghar hill from Kandahar. Encountering IEDs, RPGs, and vicious counter attacks, they fight for their lives. Sperwan Ghar is still held to this day. It was a vital turning point for the war in Southern Afghanistan.
- **Courage at Sea premieres Tuesday, February 12 at 10 PM E/P** In 1944, U.S. troops invade Leyte Gulf in a bid to take the Philippine Islands back from the Japanese. When the U.S. naval

force defending the gulf is tricked into leaving, the only thing between the immense Japanese battleships and their target is a near-defenseless fleet of escort ships, caught completely by surprise. The only action they can take is to head into battle and try and slow the battleships down until assistance arrives. Chaos ensues and the U.S. manages to hold their own, but the Japanese have one final surprise: the first kamikaze attack to sink a U.S. carrier.

- **Khe Sanh: Marines Under Siege premieres Tuesday, February 19 at 10 PM E/P** In 1968, with the war in Vietnam finely balanced, a vast communist army lays siege to a remote but strategically important U.S. outpost at Khe Sanh. The communist objective is simple: wipe the American base off the face of the earth. For the 6,000 Marines defending Khe Sanh, there is no escape and there can be no surrender. The brutal 77-day battle that eventually ends in American triumph will prove the ultimate test of their ability to endure, survive, and prevail against all odds.
- **Hue: Vietnam's Bloodiest Battle premieres Tuesday, February 26 at 10 PM E/P** After three years of war in Vietnam, U.S. troops have been fighting the communist enemy in the jungle. But in 1968 surprise attack, the North Vietnamese Army take the city of HUE, the ancient imperial capital. Marines are sent in but are massively outnumbered and unprepared for urban warfare. They must take back the city building by building, street by street.

TRIGGERS: WEAPONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD ** TV-PG

Season 2 Premieres Wednesday, February 13 at 10 PM E/P

Former Army Ranger and Air Force Pararescueman Wil Willis hosts TRIGGERS: WEAPONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD. Combining history, science, technology and cutting-edge expert testimony, this action-packed series examines the evolution of firearms and how the development of each firearm changed the face of combat forever. With access to the top firearms collections in the world, viewers follow along as Willis thoroughly examines, tests, critiques and fires each weapon, giving an all-inclusive look into each weapon's wrath. Slow-motion cameras and high-speed photography capture every moment of the bullet's trajectory, highlighting its explosive escape from the barrel to the powerful force the impact makes on its target. From the early days of gun duels to the high-tech weapons on the modern battlefield, this six-part series leaves no man-made killer unfired.

- **The Ma Deuce premieres Wednesday, February 13 at 10 PM E/P** Could the mighty M2 be the greatest machine gun in history? Nicknamed the "Ma Deuce", this American machine gun has been rocking the battlefield for more than eighty years. No machine gun has made a greater impact on the world than the M2, created by legendary weapons designer John Browning. Capable of firing 600 devastating rounds per minute, this legendary weapon is put to the ultimate series of tests as Wil Willis recreates Audi Murphy's famous Medal of Honor moment from World War Two.
- **Combat Shotguns premieres Wednesday, February 20 at 10 PM E/P** Deadly at close range, the Combat Shotgun is a powerful tool of the modern infantryman. Wil Willis tests two shotguns carried by militaries today, the semi-auto Benelli M4 and the pump-action Mossberg 590, as well as a slew of their forerunners. He then takes a look at the latest and lightest shotgun in the U.S. Army arsenal: the M26 modular system, an under-barrel shotgun attachment for the M4 assault rifle. Also, Wil gets shooting tips from two-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Sgt. Vincent Hancock.
- **Gatling and the A-10 premieres Wednesday, February 27 at 10 PM E/P** The Aerial Gatling Gun has a higher rate of fire than any military machine gun in the world. This blast from the past is back on the front line delivering massive firepower against armored vehicles and buildings. Wil Willis tests out the an actual Gatling Gun from the Spanish-American War, then takes to the sky in an F16 to see the might Vulcan spray 6000 round a minute. Finally, rides a helicopter and fires a 4000 round a minute Mini-Gun at a row of cars and oil drums loaded with in the most exciting TRIGGERS test of all time.

ONGOING SERIES

AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE ** TV-14

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.

- **Miracle at St. Anna premieres Saturday, February 2 from 8-11 PM E/P** Host Lou Diamond Phillips is joined by Lt. Col. Ray Lipscomb Jr., Requirements Staff Officer at the Pentagon, to discuss Spike Lee's WWII film *Miracle at St. Anna*. Set in 1944 Italy, *Miracle at St. Anna* is the story of four black American soldiers who get trapped in a Tuscan village during WWII. Phillips and Lipscomb's discussion examines the legacy of African Americans in the military, and Lt. Col. Lipscomb's experience as a Chemical/Biological Warfare Officer.

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