



## JUNE 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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## HIGHLIGHTED PREMIERES

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

**On Saturdays through June and July, Military Channel will premiere six all-new episodes of AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE. In addition to the films below, July premieres will include *Das Boot*, *Raid on Entebbe*, and *Hamburger Hill*.**

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.

- **Where Eagles Dare Premieres Saturday, June 9 from 8-11 PM E/P** Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed joins host Lou Diamond Phillips to discuss *Where Eagles Dare*, in which Clint Eastwood and Richard Burton play Allied agents staging a daring raid on a castle where the Nazis are holding an American General prisoner. After graduating from West Point in 1971, Sen. Reed became an Army Ranger and a paratrooper, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Platoon leader, a Company Commander, and a Battalion Staff Officer. He later returned to West Point to teach in the Department of Social Sciences until resigning from active duty in 1979. After earning his law degree, he continued in the Army reserves until June 1991.
- **Bat 21 Premieres Saturday, June 16 from 8-10 PM E/P** Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee (Ret.) joins Lou Diamond Phillips to relate his own shocking survival story to the one played out by Gene Hackman in the classic war film *Bat 21*. In 1966, Capt. Coffee was shot down over North Vietnam and, for the next seven years, was held as a POW in Communist prisons. A highly decorated pilot, Capt. Coffee has received the Silver Star, two Legion of Merit awards, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, two Purple Hearts and the Vietnam Service Medal with 13 stars.
- **Behind Enemy Lines: Colombia Premieres Saturday, June 23 from 8-10 PM E/P** Though not officially included in the AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE franchise, this film airs as part of Military Channel's "Movies Worth Fighting For" strand. In *Behind Enemy Lines: Colombia*,

Navy SEALs mount an attack on Colombian special forces to clear their names and rescue a hostage.

- **The Alamo Premieres Saturday, June 30 from 8-11 PM E/P** The historical 1836 Battle of the Alamo is portrayed in John Wayne's 1960 film, *The Alamo*. Join host Lou Diamond Phillips as he sits with Four-Star General Barry McCaffrey to discuss his take on the film and his own experience as a young soldier fighting in Central America. A graduate of West Point, Gen. McCaffrey was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses, three Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars for his service in Vietnam. He commanded the 24th Infantry Division on Operation Desert Storm, served as a Deputy Representative to NATO, and as Assistant Chairman on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His last command was SOUTHCOM, in charge of U.S. military activities in Central and South America.

## SPECIALS

### INSIDE THE MIND OF ADOLF HITLER

**One-Hour Special Premieres Sunday, June 3 at 8 PM E/P**

Forensic experts probe the twisted mind of Adolf Hitler to uncover the dark secrets and malevolent influences that drove him to such mad ends.

### KILLING HITLER

**Two-Part Special Premieres Sunday, June 3 at 9 and 10 PM E/P**

- **Part One Premieres Sunday, June 3 at 9 PM E/P** While war rages around the globe, Allied agents plan on ending the bloodshed with a single blow: they're going to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Top secret documents now reveal the true story behind the mission and the full extent of the plot to kill Hitler.
- **Part Two Premieres Sunday, June 4 at 10 PM E/P** Allied agents gear up for the most ambitious covert mission of World War II: the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. One bullet could end the war, but if the operation misfires, the Allies will pay the price in blood. How close did we come to killing Hitler?

## ONGOING SERIES

### NARROW ESCAPES OF WWII TV-PG

**Season 1 Continues Tuesdays at 10 PM 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.

- **Manstein Holds the Line Premieres Tuesday, June 5 at 10 PM E/P** Fleeing from the Russian troops, Erich von Manstein devised one of the most brilliant escapes in military history – one that is still studied in military schools.
- **Lucky Laycock's Escape From Crete Premieres Tuesday, June 12 at 10 PM E/P** This is the dramatic story of how Crete was captured by the Germans, and how Robert Laycock led a desperate rear guard action against German mountain troops.

- **The Amiens Raid Premieres Tuesday, June 19 at 10 PM E/P** The Mosquito fighter planes behind Operation Jericho, led by Group Capt. Percy Charles Pickard, brought about the bombing of Amiens prison in German-occupied France so that French Resistance fighters and Allied spies could escape before their execution day.
- **Breakout Through Hell's Gate Premieres Tuesday, June 26 at 10 PM E/P** With 60,000 German soldiers surrounded by the Russian army, a heroic rearguard action allowed thousands of troops to escape.

## **GREAT PLANES** \*\* TV-G

### **Season 1 Continues Wednesdays at 10 PM E/P**

In GREAT PLANES, get inside the influential, innovative combat aircraft that survived the most dangerous missions, and learn how they influenced aircraft engineering of today through interviews with the pilots that flew them. The series' host, former Navy Commander and F-14 Tomcat pilot Terry Deitz, analyzes the remarkable technical features and examines the groundbreaking tactics that advanced aerial combat.

- **A-10 Thunderbolt Premieres Wednesday, June 13 at 10 PM E/P** The A-10 Thunderbolt is the most lethal Close Air Support fixed wing aircraft ever flown. Also known as the Warthog or "tankbuster," it may be slow and ugly but it's been called the best friend to boots on the ground. Whether it's tanks, enemy support structure, or hostile ground forces, the A-10 has been effective since the 1970's. Although the wars and nature of our enemies may change, one thing that hasn't is the ability of the A-10 to dominate the battlefield.
- **B-1 Lancer Premieres Wednesday, June 20 at 10 PM E/P** The Rockwell B-1 Lancer is a world record holder for speed, payload, and distance. This swing-wing bomber has a colorful past that helped pave America's future, but the road was bumpy for this aircraft as it faced one barrier after another. It's a classic story of American perseverance. Rockwell's B-1 Bomber is one of only four prototypes ever produced. Had it been accepted by the United States Air Force, it would have been the fastest and highest flying bomber ever to go into service. Ironically, the plane that ultimately did see service looks nearly identical but flies at half the speed of the B-1.
- **F-111 Aardvark Premieres Wednesday, June 27 at 10 PM E/P** The F-111 Aardvark is the world's first swing-wing production aircraft. Known for its pioneering technology, the early F-111 was grounded – almost forever. It was employed from Vietnam through Operation Desert Storm and beyond, because its versatility allowed it to serve as a tactical fighter, a strategic bomber, and even a reconnaissance and electronic warfare aircraft.

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