



## MARCH 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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## PREMIERES

### COMBAT TECH TV-PG

#### **Season 1 Premieres Wednesday, March 21 at 10 PM E/P**

Mankind's greatest engineering feats are often its most powerful weapons. Helicopters, stealth technology, guns, bombs, planes... these are the tools of war, and they often provide the key advantage that secures victory on the battlefield. COMBAT TECH takes an in-depth look at the greatest military engineering accomplishments, revealing how they work, how they came to be, and how they made a difference in the theater of war.

- **Bombers Premieres Wednesday, March 21 at 10 PM E/P** They reach behind enemy lines and strike with deadly precision. They come from land or sea, in waves or all alone, at supersonic speed. They've changed the face of warfare thanks to technology and Adolph Hitler. Armed with bombs that can hit a target from 50,000 feet away, bomber planes are high-flying killers from above. From bi-planes to B-2's, this episode goes inside some of the most powerful and lethal military aircraft to reveal their history and how they pack such a killer punch.
- **ROVs Premieres Wednesday, March 28 at 10 PM E/P** They come from land, sea, and air from 400 miles away or just around the corner. They are the fearless machines that save lives and money. America was slow to embrace them, but now won't fight without them. These are the robotic warriors – or ROVs – that now handle some of the most hazardous duties in war zones around the world, and they often do so with greater precision and lethality than their human counterparts. From Predator drones that patrol the skies to the robot giants that defuse deadly IEDs on the ground, this episode reveals the secrets of the robotic frontline force, and how they're now poised to take over the modern battlefield.

## ONGOING SERIES

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

#### **Season 2 Continues Saturdays at 8 PM E/P**

Military Channel has signed Hollywood film and television star Lou Diamond Phillips to host the new franchise AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE. Debuting every Friday evening beginning Friday, April 1, 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 notable Hollywood films. 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.

- **A Bridge Too Far Premieres Saturday, March 3 from 8-11 PM E/P** With previously unseen WWII footage and directed by Sir Richard Attenborough, *A Bridge Too Far* tells the story of young Dubliner Cornelius Ryan’s accounts as a war correspondent. Join host Lou Diamond Phillips as he sits with special guest, Four-Star General Barry McCaffrey, to discuss the history and tactics behind the 1977 epic film on the ill-fated allied effort in Operation Market-Garden. General McCaffrey, a graduate of West Point, 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 and served as a Deputy Representative to NATO as well as Assistant Chairman on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His last command was SOUTHCOMM, in charge of U.S. military activities in Central and South America.
- **Good Morning Vietnam Premieres Saturday, March 10 from 8-11 PM E/P** Based on the writings of the real Adrian Cronauer and directed by Barry Levinson, *Good Morning Vietnam* features Robin Williams as he plays the part of a radio DJ in 1965 Saigon. Host Lou Diamond Phillips sits with special guest Pat Sajak to discuss what the life of Williams’ character would have been like, as Sajak himself sat at that very microphone. Sajak joined the Army in 1968 and was deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a DJ for Armed Forces Radio. Today, he is best known as the popular host of the hit game show “Wheel of Fortune.”
- **Ike: Countdown to D-Day Premieres Saturday, March 17 from 8-10:30 PM E/P** Tom Selleck plays the role of General Dwight Eisenhower in the 2004 film *Ike: Countdown to D-Day*. Joining host Lou Diamond Phillips in the war room is retired Four-Star General John Craddock to discuss the WWII warfare and how Eisenhower, against all odds, brilliantly orchestrated the most important military maneuver in modern history. General Craddock commanded divisions in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the 1990s and, in 1998, was Commander of U.S. Forces for the initial entry operation into Kosovo. From 2006 to 2009, he was NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander of Europe.
- **Desert Rats Premieres Saturday, March 24 from 8-10 PM E/P** Directed by Robert Wise and starring Richard Burton, *The Desert Rats* blends actual war footage with realistic fighting sequences in the film portrayal of the 1941 German capture of Tobruk on the Libyan coast. Joining host Lou Diamond Phillips from his post in Afghanistan is Commanding General of the First Cavalry, Major General Daniel B. Allyn to discuss tactics of desert warfare as it applies to the 1953 film. Prior to commanding “America’s First Team,” Major General Allyn served as the Deputy Commanding General of 18th Airborne Corps. He previously served as Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps, completing his tour as Chief of Staff, Multi-National Corps Iraq. He also served in joint assignments with the Joint IED Defeat Organization and the Joint Operations Directorate, J-3 of the Joint Staff.

## FINALES

### GREATEST TANK BATTLES \*\* TV-PG

#### **Season 2 Finale Airs Wednesday, March 14 at 10 PM E/P**

Military Channel's action-packed series GREATEST TANK BATTLES revisits the front lines of battles waged by these weapons on wheels. Filmed on battlefields across the world and brought to life with stunning, ultra-realistic CGI animation, the show captures the maneuvers carried out by tanks in the most colossal combats of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Europe, Asia, and Africa. In each episode, viewers witness the gritty realism and experience the thunderous tanks from perspectives never before possible. The series is complemented by expert analysis of the tactical decisions behind each battle, including facts and figures on key technological advances and briefings on the circumstances that lead to each outbreak of combat.

- **The Six Day War: Battle for the Sinai Premieres Wednesday, March 7 at 10 PM E/P** In 1967, in response to a growing threat by its Arab neighbors, Israel launched a preemptive strike against Egypt in the Sinai, paving the way for one of the most dramatic victories in modern warfare.
- **The October War: Battle for the Sinai Premieres Wednesday, March 14 at 10 PM E/P** Eager to regain territory lost six years earlier, Egypt launched a surprise attack against Israel in October 1973. It was the final Arab-Israeli war in the Sinai, in which both sides enjoyed remarkable success but also suffered stunning defeat.

### THE TERROR MATRIX TV-PG

#### **Season 1 Continues Mondays 10 PM E/P**

Revisiting acts of terrorism from the last 30 years, THE TERROR MATRIX traces the effects of four major terrorist plots on modern history. Each episode investigates a notorious attack that was emblematic of a particular phase in political violence.

- **Secrets of the IRA Premieres Monday, March 5 at 10 PM E/P** The Irish Republican Army's "long war" against the British reaches a terrifying turning point as civilians are deliberately targeted. A massive bomb tears through a crowded Memorial Day parade in a small town in Ireland. All this unfolds as authorities intercept and seize a ship bound for Ireland coming from Libya. Inside are arms and explosives from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to be delivered to the IRA. Other secret arms deliveries from Libya are revealed and there are enough munitions to fuel terror attacks for years to come.
- **Target Paris Premieres Monday, March 12 at 10 PM E/P** In a terrifying foreshadowing of the 9/11 attacks, Algerian terrorists hijack an international flight bound for Paris. Their secret plan is to turn the plane into a missile and crash it into the Eiffel Tower. French special forces stage a daring raid to take back the plane. The dramatic rescue operation to save the hostages is all caught on tape. Relive the tense standoff through first-hand accounts from passengers and the soldiers who rescued them.
- **Bin Laden's First Strike Premieres Monday, March 19 at 10 PM E/P** This is the story behind Osama bin Laden's stunning and deadly first strike at America with the embassy bombings that put him and his terror network, al Qaeda, on the map. Hear from the first American journalist to interview bin Laden in the weeks before the attacks as al Qaeda declares war on America, and go behind the scenes of the FBI interrogation of the surviving suicide bomber as he reveals bin Laden's deadly strategy.

### SECRET WAR TV-PG

#### **Season 1 Finale Airs Tuesday, March 27 at 10 PM E/P**

From May 1940 until June, 1944 Europe was overrun by the Nazis. While the Red Army engaged the Third Reich in the East, Britain and its allies stalled over opening up a Western front. Churchill tried to placate Stalin's howls of rage by initiating a saturation bombing campaign of Germany. The allies also waged a deadly war on the ground. That war was secret. It involved countless acts of courage, ruthlessness, double dealing and betrayal. In a state of paranoid distrust, some people became double agents as they believed it the best strategy for staying alive. Some played both sides for the thrill of the

danger. Featuring new material, original interviews, and reconstruction, SECRET WAR brings to life the underground operations and back-alley dealings that covertly changed the tides of World War II.

- **The Triple Agent Premieres Tuesday, March 6 at 10 PM E/P** A French agent who turns on the Allies, betrays a treasure trove of secrets to the Nazis, but he may have been working for an entirely different, shadowy force all along.
- **Destination: Danger Premieres Tuesday, March 13 at 10 PM E/P** The greatest of all female spies, a woman who galvanized the French resistance into a ferocious fighting force, took extraordinary risks, reckless gambles and almost made it out alive.
- **The Master of Deceit Premieres Tuesday, March 20 at 10 PM E/P** A double agent ensnares Hitler in a web of deceit that led to the Nazi defeat on D-Day and the downfall of the Third Reich.
- **Victory or Death Premieres Tuesday, March 27 at 10 PM E/P** A secret agent forges a fearsome underground force that stops Hitler's war machine dead in its tracks and exacts their own brand of payback on the Nazis.

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