



## MARCH 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

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## FINALES

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

#### **Season 2 Finale Airs Wednesday, March 20 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.

- **Special OPS Pistols premieres Wednesday, March 6 at 10 PM E/P** For today's elite warriors, their last line of defense are the Spec Ops Pistols. Willis tests the Navy Seal Sig Sauer P226 then fires its forerunners like James Bond's Walther PPK, the Soviet Tokarev and the massive Desert Eagle. With 3-D graphics and weapons tests against ballistic gel torsos, this is the ultimate look at the Spec Ops Pistols.
- **The Abrams Tank premieres Wednesday, March 13 at 10 PM E/P** The M1 Abrams Tank is the world's most potent armored vehicle due to its reactive armor and stealth on the battlefield. This episode tracks the tank's development through such forerunners as the WWII-era M18 Hellcat and the Cold War-era Soviet T-55 tank. To see why these "beast-boxes" have ruled ground warfare for decades, Willis joins an Abrams crew in their intense training.
- **The SAW premieres Wednesday, March 20 at 10 PM E/P** The SAW or "Squad Automatic Weapon" is the heavy hitter in U.S. infantry teams. Follow the explosive history of this revolutionary weapon that launched mobile warfare by blending massive firepower with the accuracy and portability of a rifle.

## 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.

- **Platoon Premieres Saturday, March 2 from 8-11 PM E/P** Lou Diamond Phillips sits down with Marine Captain Dale Dye (Ret.) to discuss the 1986 Oscar-winning film *Platoon*, starring Forest Whitaker and Keith David. Having survived several combat operations in Vietnam, Capt. Dye received three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star for Valor, two Navy Commendation Medals, and a Joint Service Commendation Medal. After he retired, he began helping filmmakers achieve greater realism in depicting military life and war. He worked as an advisor on *Platoon* and even played a small role in the film.
- **Gallipoli Premieres Saturday, March 9 from 8-10:30 PM E/P** Former Army Specialist and Super Bowl Champion Rocky Bleier talks to Lou Diamond Phillips about this Golden Globe-winning film based on the events of the Gallipoli Campaign in Turkey during World War II. *Gallipoli* depicts the lives of young men from Western Australia as they cope with being enlisted in the Australian Army during the First World War. Bleier is a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart recipient and has won four Super Bowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- **Halls of Montezuma Premieres Saturday, March 16 from 8-10:30 PM E/P** Based on U.S. Marines fighting on a Japanese-held island, the Military Channel’s presentation of *Halls of Montezuma* features a discussion with Major William Wilburn, who has served with the Marines all around the world. The film profiles the lives of Marines at war and the relationships they must form to help each other survive. Maj. Wilburn has served as an intelligence officer in hot war zones in the Balkan Crisis and in Afghanistan, and has played a key role in implementing the modern counter-intelligence strategy that is an integral part of today’s warfare.
- **Uncommon Valor Premieres Saturday, March 23 from 8-10:30 PM E/P** Army Special Forces Major Bruce Person (Ret.), who served two tours of duty in Vietnam and is an active member of the veterans support and advocacy group, Rolling Thunder, joins Lou Diamond Phillips in a discussion about *Uncommon Valor*. The film follows the story of a group of Vietnam War veterans who reunite to rescue one of their own who was left behind and imprisoned by the Vietnamese. Maj. Person discusses his own team’s commitment to leaving no man behind.

## **ULTIMATE WARFARE** \*\* TV-PG

### **Season 1 Continues Tuesdays 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.

- **Midway: Taking Back the Pacific premieres Tuesday, March 12 at 10 PM E/P** Japan’s Imperial Navy was the envy of the world. Headed by Admiral Nagumo, their objective was to gain control of the Pacific as they expanded their Asian Empire. After Pearl Harbor, America wanted to exact revenge, and this time, with the help of code breakers, they were ready. US intelligence discovers an imminent surprise attack by the Japanese on the strategic island of Midway. American troops prepare for a pre-emptive strike. Heavy fighting and disastrous decisions by the Japanese lead to victory for America, destroying the jewel in the Japanese navy, her four aircraft carriers. Japan’s navy is never to recover.
- **Okinawa: Island Fortress premieres Tuesday, March 19 at 10 PM E/P** Within striking distance of mainland Japan, American forces land unopposed on the island of Okinawa. Moving south, they encounter fierce resistance from the 120,000 concealed soldiers of the Japanese Imperial Army. While ground forces struggle against the mountainous terrain and monsoon conditions, the

US Navy find themselves under constant Kamikaze attacks, eventually sinking an unprecedented 36 ships. Finally, US forces break through Japanese lines forcing them to withdraw. After an epic 82-day battle that sees catastrophic losses on both sides, America is victorious and their success leads to the Japanese surrender, and the end of the War.

- **Chosin: One Way Out premieres Tuesday, March 26 at 10 PM E/P** In September 1950, US forces successfully crush the North Korean army in South Korea. Despite warnings from China, North Korea's ally, US Marines cross the 38th parallel and head deep into North Korea. Their aim is to cut off and push back the communist Kim Sung Regime for good. Disaster strikes as the Marines move up and spread themselves along the Chosin reservoir region of North Korea. 17,000 marines are ambushed, surrounded and hit by 120,000 Chinese soldiers. Trapped, they must battle to survive on the reservoir and come up with a plan. Their only option is to break out and fight their way down the reservoir to safety. For the next 14 days, the Marines are pushed to their limits, subjected to constant, ferocious attacks in extreme weather conditions. Despite the odds stacked against them, 10,000 Americans triumph and their battle is one of the greatest accomplishments' in American military history.

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