

MAY 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

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PREMIERES

THE BROKAW FILES ** TV-PG

Season 1 Premieres Thursday, May 30 at 10 PM E/P

For more than 40 years, Tom Brokaw has held a front-row seat to history while traveling the world to capture pivotal events in his NBC News documentaries. Now in the Military Channel's THE BROKAW FILES, produced exclusively for the Military Channel by NBC News' Peacock Productions, the legendary news anchor and best-selling author revisits the most iconic moments from these award-winning broadcasts. Ronald Reagan during his final days in the Oval Office; World War II veterans returning to the beaches of Normandy four decades after D-Day; and a day in the life of young crew members aboard a nuclear aircraft carrier deployed to Afghanistan. Brokaw reflects on these events and more, as he provides his own fresh perspective, including personal stories he's never shared, that place these seminal events into a modern context.

• USS Stennis Aircraft Carrier *Premieres Thursday, May 30 at 10 PM E/P* Ten years ago, Brokaw stepped on deck of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis to learn what a day in the life is like for the 5,000-member crew aboard a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier going into war against al-Qaeda. This year, the Stennis returned home to a heroes' welcome after a 7-month deployment in Afghanistan. While thousands have come and gone in the decade in between his visits, Brokaw finds that the sense of honor, duty, camaraderie, and patriotism remains aboard.

SHADOW OPS TV-PG

New Series Premieres Monday, May 27 at 10 PM E/P

SHADOW OPS reveals true tales of high-stakes spy games from agents who risked their lives in global espionage. Interviews with former CIA, FBI, KGB, and MI6 agents take viewers inside spell-binding narratives while fly-on-the-wall recreations and a digest of spy gadgets and tactics transport viewers right into the action. Produced by one of the few production companies granted permission to film inside the CIA's headquarters, SHADOW OPS is gritty, tense and fascinating.

• Reagan's Secret Weapon *Premieres Monday, May 27 at 10 PM E/P* Vladimir Vetrov is in charge of a secretive KGB division known as "Line X." His assignment is to steal valuable technological secrets from the West. As the Cold War heats up, Vetrov loses faith in the Soviet System and betrays his country, stealing hi-value Soviet secrets and passing them to western intelligence. Agent "Farewell" will accelerate the end of the Cold War and become America's single greatest asset in the US-Soviet intelligence battle.

SPECIALS

GAME OF SPIES TV-14

One-Hour Special Premieres Monday, May 27 at 9 PM E/P

Stepping into a top secret world, GAME OF SPIES investigates the highly classified field of 21st century espionage. Spies are in demand as never before, but the job has changed dramatically since the Cold War. Discover how agents are recruited and trained for this shadowy and risky profession, and – with unrivalled access to the players – hear some of the most important and controversial spy stories of the day, featuring rare interviews with current British intelligence officers and key figures from the CIA, FBI, and Israeli intelligence.

ONGOING SERIES

WARRIOR POV TV-PG

Season 1 Continues Tuesdays at 10 PM E/P

On the offensive and ducking for cover, soldiers fight for our freedom while fighting for their lives. Dive face first into the most action-packed infantry battles in recent history, from the point-of-view of our soldiers. WARRIOR POV shows firsthand how these brave and unwavering soldiers pursue the enemy while dodging heavy fire. How will they survive when they do not know what dangers are lurking just over the next hill? How will they adapt when their plans are derailed by the unexpected? Using a combination of helmet cams, computer generated graphics, and pacing that mirrors the pulse of these firefights, WARRIOR POV brings viewers straight into the enemy's gaze, armed and ready for action.

- Search & Destroy *Premieres Tuesday, May 7 at 10 PM E/P* In a battle known as the Nine Days in May, the troops of the US 4th Infantry Division are on a search-and-destroy mission in Vietnam's Central Highlands when they run headlong into a massive force of North Vietnamese soldiers on the Cambodian border.
- Tet Offensive *Premieres Tuesday, May 14 at 10 PM E/P* During the infamous Tet Offensive of 1968, an elite band of US Special Operations troops are called in to rescue dozens of helpless civilians trapped in the border town of Chau Doc, which has been captured by an overwhelming Viet Cong invasion force.
- Road to Baghdad *Premieres Tuesday, May 21 at 10 PM E/P* Coalition forces arrive battle-ready to topple the brutal dictator Saddam Hussein and his tyrannical regime. Among the warriors is US 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, a highly mechanized machine backed by highly trained infantrymen and the most skilled snipers in the military. But the take down won't be easy as the coalition faces heavily armed Iraqi military and guerilla fighters willing to fight to the death.
- **Beheading the Taliban** *Premieres Tuesday, May 28 at 10 PM E/P* In Afghanistan in September 2006, US Army Green Berets take on nearly 1000 Taliban Fighters in one of the most intense battles of the War on Terror. Five years after the 9/11 attacks, Task Force 31 launches a full-scale attack on a hill called Sperwan Ghar.

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.

• Hanoi Hilton *Premieres Saturday, May 4 from 8-11 PM E/P* Host Lou Diamond Phillips sits down with Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee (Ret.) to discuss the 1987 film *Hanoi Hilton* and how it

compares to the real event. Capt. Coffee was one of the real-life American prisoners shot down over North Vietnam in 1966 and who spent the next 7 years held by the North Vietnamese at the Hoa Lo Prison in Hanoi. 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.

FINALES

COMMANDER IN CHIEF: INSIDE THE OVAL OFFICE TV-14

Season 1 Finale Airs Sunday, May 12 at 10 PM E/P

COMMANDER IN CHIEF: INSIDE THE OVAL OFFICE is a gripping television event that reveals the untold stories behind the critical military decisions in different presidencies. Produced by Stephen David Entertainment, known for its acclaimed History Channel specials THE MEN WHO BUILT AMERICA and SECRET ACCESS: THE VATICAN, the program uses never-before-seen footage, newly-released presidential documents, and exclusive interviews with those who witnessed history in the making to reveal what it's like to be inside the Oval Office when the Commander in Chief makes a life or death decision.

- George H.W. Bush: The Gulf War *Premieres Sunday, May 5 at 10 PM E/P* When Iraqi troops invaded the sovereign nation of Kuwait in August of 1990, one world leader stood up to the aggression from the start. President George H.W. Bush, who introduces and closes the episode, marshaled national and international forces to stop the aggression then dramatically expel Iraqi forces. Former Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Chairman Brent Scowcroft take viewers inside the key planning meetings. The episode also travels down the chain of command to hear immersive stories of military planners, logisticians, and stealth fighter pilots who describe the drama of fighting the first modern war in the post-Cold War world.
- **Kennedy: The Cuban Missile Crisis** *Encore Presentation Airs Sunday, May 12 at 10 PM E/P* In marking the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, this episode brings viewers inside the tense and contentious debates that took place in the White House in October of 1962 as the U.S. and the Soviet Union teetered on the brink of nuclear war. Using rare images and declassified audio recordings, this behind-the-scenes story takes viewers deep into chambers of power where President John F. Kennedy resisted forces pushing him towards war and pulled the world back from the edge of destruction.

BULLET POINTS TV-PG

Season 1 Finale Airs Monday, May 13 at 10 PM E/P

Each action-packed episode of BULLET POINTS dives into history's most important battles to learn their larger significance in the outcome of the war. Top expert analysis, cutting edge CGI, eyewitness accounts, and archival footage illustrate this riveting Cliff's Notes version of how wars were won in part because of these momentous battles.

- Operation Desert Storm *Premieres Monday, May 6 at 10 PM E/P* In 1991, the United States and an unprecedented coalition of more than 30 countries joined forces to liberate Kuwait from invading Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein. From the air campaign that lit up the skies of Baghdad on live-TV to the ground war that achieved its goals in less than 100 hours, top military minds highlight the key battles, strategies and tactics that paved the way for a decisive coalition victory. Mixing archival footage with cutting-edge animation, this episode tells the thrilling story of the last war of the 20th century and the first war of the dawning Information Age.
- Showdown in the Middle East *Premieres Monday, May 13 at 10 PM E/P* From 1948 to 1973, the Arabs and Israelis went to war five times for territory in the holy land of Palestine. From the War of Independence that kicked off the conflict to the Yom Kippur War that resulted in an historic Arab-Israeli peace treaty, this episode presents a modern twist on an ancient story that's

still relevant in the Middle East today, highlighting the key operations and turning points that ultimately allowed Israel to preserve its statehood but not its security.

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