

NOVEMBER 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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FINALES

BLACK OPS ** TV-PG

Season 1 Continues Wednesdays at 10 PM E/P

BLACK OPS travels the world to take viewers along on top secret special ops missions. The series reveals how elite special operations units in different countries carry out their high-risk/zero-recognition assignments and shares the inside story of some of the most dramatic military actions in recent history.

- Operation Thunderbolt premieres Wednesday, November 7 at 10 PM E/P June 27, 1976: A flight bound for Paris is hijacked by four terrorist members of the Popular Front of the Liberation of Palestine and the German Baader-Meinhof group. Diverting the plane to land in Entebbe, Uganda, they transport its terrified passengers and crew to the airport terminal, where they endure a week of uncertainty at the hands of their captors. As negotiations over the terrorists' demands continue, the hostages' only hope lies with one of the world's top black ops teams: the Israeli "Unit." But with over 2,000 miles separating the hostages from their rescuers, the operation must be coordinated remotely amid unprecedented challenges.
- Operation Certain Death *premieres Wednesday, November 14 at 10 PM E/P* August 25th, 2000: In Sierra Leone, West Africa, 11 members of a British Army Regiment and their liaison officer are taken hostage by the West Side Boys, a group of drug-fuelled rebels with a history of rape and mutilation. With just one hope of rescue, Britain must engage their elite Special Forces, the SAS and SBS.

ONGOING SERIES

COMBAT COUNTDOWN ** TV-G

Season 1 Continues Wednesdays at 9 PM E/P

COMBAT COUNTDOWN showcases the biggest and best war machines on battlefields around the globe, traveling the world to see the elite technology from the land, sea and air – and meet the brave soldiers who operate them every day.

• Maximum Horsepower premieres Wednesday, November 7 at 9 PM E/P Whether the battle is fought on land, sea, or air, there is one thing that every war machine needs: power. Dogfighting at 50,000 feet or lifting massive loads, horsepower is the decisive factor. The Military Channel counts down the most powerful war machines across every class of weapon system, from the CH53 Super Stallion, to the legendary Mig25 jet fighter, and the awesome Nimitz class carrier, to find out what delivers maximum horsepower where it counts.

- Super Sensors premieres Wednesday, November 14 at 9 PM E/P On the outset of battle, there's nothing more fundamental to survival than seeing the enemy before they see you. In offense or defense, getting information fast is what wins wars. We count down the top ten super sensors across every class of weapon system, from next generation robots to the legendary F14 Tomcat and the fearsome Havoc helicopter gunship to find out what delivers that critical edge.
- Surprise Attack premieres Wednesday, November 21 at 9 PM E/P In battle, one factor can be totally decisive: the element of surprise. Getting the drop on your opponent can win the fight before it's begun. We count down the top ten stealthiest war machines across every class of weapon system, from the F117 Nighthawk to the NH90 chopper and the cutting-edge Visby Class warship to find out what delivers the ultimate surprise attack.
- Heavy Haulers premieres Wednesday, November 28 at 9 PM E/P Before combat has even begun, the process of getting machines, men, and munitions to the battle zone is half the battle. Wherever the fight is fought, machines that can haul massive loads are critical to success. We count down the greatest heavy-hauling war machines across every class of weapon system, from the CH47 Chinook to the mighty WASP class assault ship and the awesome Merkava battle tank, to find out which machines excel at moving massive, vital tonnage to and from the battlefield.

AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE ** TV-14

Season 2 Continues 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.

- In the Line of Fire premieres Saturday, November 3 from 8-11 PM E/P C. Danny Spriggs is currently Vice President of Global Security at the Associated Press but served as Deputy Director of the Secret Service from 2002-2004. During his 28-year career as a special agent, he worked on presidential and vice-presidential protection details and other assignments. The Department of Treasury recognized Spriggs with its Special Act Award for his performance during the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Now, Spriggs sits down with host Lou Diamond Phillips to relate his experience to that of Clint Eastwood's character in the acclaimed film In the Line of Fire.
- Courage Under Fire premieres Saturday, November 10 from 8-11 PM E/P Learn about the life of the airborne combat medics, crew chiefs, and pilots as host Lou Diamond Philips sits with Captain Audrey Boenker for the 1996 classic Courage Under Fire. Capt. Boenker is an active duty medevac pilot who's flown with the 1st Air Combat Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division on two deployments to Iraq. She enlisted in 2004, was flying for the medical service by 2006, and in less than a year she was on her first of two deployments to Iraq and finished with over 500 combat flight hours. Today, she's based at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, where she uses her expertise to help design the next generation of medevac aircraft.
- Von Ryan's Express premieres Saturday, November 17 from 8-11 PM E/P Retired Brigadier General Creighton Abrams, Jr., served as Artillery Commander for Desert Storm and commanded units from the battery to the corps level in Korea, Vietnam, Germany, and Italy. He is the son and namesake of the storied tank commander and Army Chief of Staff for whom the Abrams tank was named. Today, he is the Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation. In this episode, he joins host Lou Diamond Phillips to discuss Frank Sinatra's 1965 film Von Ryan's Express, in which an American POW leads his fellow prisoners on a dangerous escape from the Germans in Italy.

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