



OCTOBER 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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RED HOT AND NEW WEEK

The Military Channel presents an ambitious new slate of programs during a special week-long stunt that features premieres and sneak peeks throughout its schedule. RED HOT & NEW WEEK is anchored by sneak peeks of THE BROKAW FILES and COMMANDER IN CHIEF: INSIDE THE OVAL OFFICE, both of which provide new insight into iconic events in our nation's history from those who witnessed them first hand. Three additional exciting new programs give viewers unique access to the heart-stopping action of black-ops missions and in-depth looks at the military machines and technology that keep our nation safe. RED HOT & NEW premieres air from Monday, October 15 to Saturday, October 20.

Premieres labeled **RED HOT & NEW** below are airing during this special week. For a concise roundup of the week's schedule, the press release is accessible here:

<http://press.discovery.com/us/mil/press-releases/2012/five-nights-premieres-launch-military-channel-2065/>

PREMIERES

THE BROKAW FILES

Sneak Peeks Monday, October 15 at 10 PM E/P

For more than 50 years, Tom Brokaw has held a front-row seat to history while traveling the world to capture pivotal events like Ronald Reagan during his final days in the Oval Office; World War II veterans returning to the beaches of Normandy 40 years after D-Day; and a day in the life of young crew members aboard a nuclear aircraft carrier deployed to Afghanistan. Now, in THE BROKAW FILES, the legendary NBC News anchor and best-selling author revisits the most iconic moments from his award-winning broadcasts to reflect on those events and to provide his own fresh perspectives, including personal stories he's never shared that place these seminal events into a modern context.

- **RED HOT & NEW: Return to D-Day sneak peeks Monday, October 15 at 10 PM E/P** On the 60th anniversary of Normandy's storming, Brokaw revisited the battlefield and spoke with three Americans who survived D-Day but are still dealing with the horrific memories. In this episode, Brokaw reflects on his visit to Normandy on that poignant anniversary, recalls when the WWII memorial opened in 2004, and shares his hope that the young people of today will strive to serve their country and give their best to make this nation great.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF: INSIDE THE OVAL OFFICE

Sneak Peeks Thursday, October 18 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.

- **RED HOT & NEW: Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis sneak peeks Thursday, October 18 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 toward war and pulled the world back from the edge of destruction.

SECRETS OF...

Sneak Peeks Tuesday, October 16 at 10 PM E/P

The Military Channel reveals secrets of the most mysterious agencies, technologies, companies, and groups in the world, such as Delta Force, Shadow Military, CIA Black Ops, Navy SEALs, Green Berets, and Army Rangers. From how they're trained to the technology they use in the field, SECRETS OF... explores these elite groups and reveals why they're so effective.

- **RED HOT & NEW: The Navy SEALs sneak peeks Tuesday, October 16 at 10 PM E/P** The Navy SEALs are one of the most elite special operations forces in the world. This episode takes viewers step by muddy step through the SEALs' grueling selection and training process. SEAL experts also show off the incredible weapons this unique military shock force uses on missions every day, currently with more than 2,000 active members. Less than one percent of their missions are ever made public, but when they are, it's clear just how vital SEALs are to protecting American interests around the world.

COMBAT COUNTDOWN

Series Premieres Wednesday, October 17 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.

- **RED HOT & NEW: Need for Speed premieres Wednesday, October 17 at 9 PM E/P** On the battlefield, speed can be the difference between life and death. In this episode, we showcase the fastest speed machines the world's military forces have to offer. From the Striker APC to the legendary Blackbird and the cutting edge CB90 Assault craft, these lightning-fast machines make the difference between the quick and the dead.
- **Ultimate Firepower premieres Wednesday, October 24 at 9 PM E/P** In this episode, COMBAT COUNTDOWN showcases the heaviest hitting military hardware on the planet. Firepower does more than just atomize the enemy – it dictates where and how the battle is fought. From guns and tanks to planes and ships, learn about the most devastating weapon systems across every class of gear to find out what wields ultimate firepower.
- **The Indestructibles premieres Wednesday, October 31 at 9 PM E/P** When it comes to military hardware, toughness is what keeps troops in the fight to win wars. In this episode, the Military Channel showcases the toughest hardware on the planet across every class, from guns to armor and planes to ships.

BLACK OPS

Series Premieres Wednesday, October 10 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.

- **City Under Siege premieres Wednesday, October 10 at 10 PM E/P** In November 2008, Mumbai was shaken by a series of unprecedented terrorist attacks. More than 170 locals and tourists were shot in cold blood or died as a result of bomb blasts across the city. As the violence escalated, the iconic five-star Taj Mahal Palace Hotel was besieged and set on fire. Only India's elite counter-terrorism unit, nicknamed the Black Cats, could stop the chaos.
- **RED HOT & NEW: Night of Terror premieres Wednesday, October 17 at 10 PM E/P** When 40 Chechen terrorists armed with guns and bombs hold 800 theater-goers hostage, it's up to Russia's elite anti-terrorist force, Spetsnaz group "Alpha," to get the hostages out alive. Negotiation is not an option, and a siege would set off the explosives. The only way to save the hostages' lives is to use an untested top-secret knock-out gas.
- **Taking Down Bin Laden premieres Wednesday, October 24 at 10 PM E/P** Almost ten years after the trail for al-Qaeda's leader went cold, CIA surveillance on a mysterious compound in Pakistan identifies one resident as a senior figure in al-Qaeda. Is it Bin Laden? If it is indeed Bin Laden, the U.S. cannot allow him to escape again. After months of discussion, President Obama orders an operation to take down the target. Members of the elite commando unit known as SEAL Team 6 are handpicked to carry out the daring raid on the most wanted man in the world.
- **Assault on al-Qaeda premieres Wednesday, October 31 at 10 PM E/P** Responsible for a host of bombings, beheadings, and attacks, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi is America's most wanted man in Iraq. In the wake of the U.S. invasion and amidst a cloud of civil unrest, stopping him begins to seem impossible. With the eyes of the world watching them, government officials have only one chance to activate their top secret task force, JSOC, and the initiative of a formidable military counterpart, General Stanley McChrystal. McChrystal and his team must find this elusive and dangerous criminal before he claims more innocent civilian lives.

ONGOING SERIES

AN OFFICER AND A MOVIE

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.

- **Red Dawn premieres Saturday, October 6 at 8-11 PM E/P** In addition to being the star of Military Channel's TRIGGERS: WEAPONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, Wil Willis is a former Army Ranger and Air Force Pararescueman who today teaches tactical combat casualty care to deploying military units. In this episode, Willis sits down with host Lou Diamond Phillips to discuss the weapons and tactics portrayed in the 1984 version of *Red Dawn*.
- **Sergeant York premieres Friday, October 12 from 8-11 PM E/P** Currently a Platoon Sergeant in the 3rd Infantry, better known as The Old Guard, Army Sergeant First Class Michael Calderaro has served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He has worked some of the most volatile and dangerous villages and provinces in the world, in the process earning earned a Bronze Star, a

Purple Heart and more than a dozen other decorations and honors. Now he joins host Lou Diamond Phillips to discuss Gary Cooper's 1941 film *Sergeant York*.

- **The Devil's Brigade premieres Saturday, October 13 at 8 PM E/P** Major Rusty Bradley of the U.S. Army Special Forces served five tours in Afghanistan while fighting the Taliban. Now, he joins host Lou Diamond Phillips to discuss *The Devil's Brigade*, the 1968 film that recounts the formation of a joint American-Canadian Special Forces commando unit. Over the course of his 19-year career, Maj. Bradley has received five Bronze Stars, one with Valor; a Purple Heart; five Army Commendation medals; a Meritorious Service Medal; a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, among others. He is the author of "The Lions of Kandahar," about one of the most critical battles in the Afghan war.
- **RED HOT & NEW: Red Dawn encore and TRIGGERS sneak peek air Friday, October 19 at 8 PM E/P** During this encore showing of *Red Dawn*, Wil Willis sneak peeks a clip from the new season of his hit Military Channel series TRIGGERS: WEAPONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, set to premiere in early 2013.
- **RED HOT & NEW: Missing in Action premieres Saturday, October 20 at 8 PM E/P** Lieutenant Colonel Kate Van Auken, former head of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office at the Pentagon, worked on resolving cases for our nation's missing service-members. Now, she sits down with host Lou Diamond Phillips to screen the 1984 Chuck Norris flick *Missing in Action* and discuss how the Army actually goes about dealing with POW and MIA situations. There are still 120 open cases of American soldiers who went missing in action in Vietnam, and LTC Van Auken demonstrates how she talks to returned veterans and uses old war journals and high-tech satellite maps to try and retrace soldiers' last steps in order to return their remains to their families.

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