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# MILITARY CHANNEL'S EDGE OF WAR EXAMINES THE EXTRAORDINARY STAKES THAT SURROUNDED HISTORY'S GREATEST CONFLICTS

- Expert Commentary Provided by the Series' Host, U.S. Army General and Former NATO Commander Wesley K. Clark (Ret.) -

(Silver Spring, MD) – Military Channel's all-new original series **EDGE OF WAR** revisits the string of events that paved the way for the world's most critical declarations of war, examining each pivotal decision's unfurling with minute-by-minute storytelling. Hosted by retired U.S. Army General Wesley K. Clark, **EDGE OF WAR** transports viewers into the minds, war rooms, and military operations that shaped the world as we know it. From World War II to Korea, Argentina, and the Middle East, see how leaders brought their countries to the very edge, and learn their motivations in risking it all. **The six-episode first season of EDGE OF WAR world premieres** <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 3 at 10 PM E/P</u> on Military Channel.

Providing expert commentary throughout **EDGE OF WAR** is host Gen. Wesley K. Clark, a 38-year veteran with the U.S. Army who, during that time, rose to the rank of four-star General and served as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander and Commander in Chief of the United States European Command. In 2001, Gen. Clark penned the best-selling book "Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Future of Combat," which offers implications for how NATO's war in Kosovo changed the way war will be waged in decades to come.

#### **EDGE OF WAR** episodes include:

# Hitler's False Flag Premieres Tuesday, April 3 at 10 PM E/P

Hungry for territory, Adolf Hitler needed to convince the world he was justified in attacking Poland. SS leaders trained and equipped recruits to act as Polish soldiers, then attacked German facilities along the German-Polish border. Making the world believe Poland was the aggressor was among the first 'false flag' operations in history and set into motion the events that lit the world on fire in World War 2.

#### MacArthur's Great Gamble Premieres Tuesday, April 10 at 10 PM E/P

Having failed to stop Kim Il Sung's forces on land, Gen. Douglas MacArthur devised an amphibious assault at Inchon. But Gen. MacArthur needed information, so he dispatched naval officer Lt. Eugene Clark to gather precious intelligence on troops and tides. Lt. Clark recruited local operatives who wanted the invaders stopped. With Lt. Clark's critical intelligence, Gen. MacArthur and the U.N. invasion swung into action hoping to crush the North Koreans.

## Castro's Revolution Premieres Tuesday, April 17 at 10 PM E/P

Fidel Castro's failed attack on Gen. Fulgencio Batista's Moncada Barracks drove him to Mexico, where he and his army trained for a date with Batista's mighty military. Despite facing almost certain failure, Castro emerged from the mountains to crush Battista and win his revolution.

## Saddam vs. the Ayatollah Premieres Tuesday, April 24 at 10 PM E/P

Bitter enemies Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran vied for regional supremacy in a deadly conflict that rose from angry rhetoric over religious slights, ethnic differences, and territorial ambitions. Khomeini uncovered a coup plot amongst the Iranian air force and executed scores of airmen, giving Hussein the opportunity to strike.

## Thatcher's War Premieres Tuesday, May 1 at 10 PM E/P

With domestic problems looming large, the Argentinian Military Junta invaded the Falklands, a rocky British outpost long regarded by Argentinians as their own. The Junta thought that Britain would be too weak to contest the invasion, but British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ordered a task force to sail 8,000 miles to take the island back at any cost.

#### Taking Down Noriega Premieres Tuesday, May 7 at 10 PM ET

In 1989, Panama's leader and former U.S. ally General Manuel Noriega became a wanted man. International media reported Panamanian Defense Forces abused Gen. Noriega's politicians and sometimes even the country's own citizens. When PDF personnel killed an off-duty U.S. Marine just before Christmas, President George H. W. Bush ordered a highly organized invasion, Operation Just Cause, to capture the general in charge.

**EDGE OF WAR** is co-produced by FB Productions and Military Channel. For FB Productions, Ron Goetz is executive producer. For Military Channel, Ron Simon is executive producer, Sara Kozak is senior vice president of production, Ed Hersh is senior vice president of content strategy, and Henry Schleiff is president and general manager.

# **About General Wesley K. Clark:**

Gen. Wesley Clark is a 38-year veteran with the U.S. Army who, during that time, rose to the rank of four-star General and NATO Supreme Allied Commander. While with NATO from 1997 to 2000, Gen. Clark commanded Operation Allied Force, the organization's first major combat action, which saved 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. Upon retiring from the military in 2000, Gen. Clark was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He is also the recipient of numerous U.S. and foreign military awards, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. Gen. Clark graduated first in his class at West Point and earned degrees in philosophy, politics, and economics at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Currently, Gen. Clark is a public speaker, frequent commentator on CNN, and chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic advisory and consulting firm. He is the author of two best-selling books, "Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Future of Combat" and "Winning Modern Wars."

## **About Military Channel**

The Military Channel brings viewers compelling, real-world stories of valor, heroism, and strength displayed during significant turning points of history. Currently available in more than 60 million homes, the network takes viewers "behind the lines" to celebrate the personal stories of servicemen and women who defend freedom across the globe. As the only cable network devoted to the armed forces, the Military Channel incorporates the best cutting-edge CGI animation and never-before-seen footage to offer in-depth explorations of military techniques, aviation technology and cutting-edge weaponry. For more information, please visit Military. Discovery.com, facebook.com/Military, or twitter.com/MilitaryChannel. Military Channel is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 nonfiction media company reaching more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in 210 countries and territories.

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