



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 28, 2009

CONTACT: Debbie Gottschalk, 240-662-2930
Deborah_Gottschalk@discovery.com

**MILITARY CHANNEL GOES ON A MANHUNT
WITH HIGH INTENSITY SERIES, *SPECIAL OPS MISSION***

– New Series Hosted by Wil Willis Premieres Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 10 PM ET –

(Silver Spring, Md.) – The intensity of the chase. The fear of capture. Special operations are something so extreme and so covert that the public generally only sees snippets of fictitious missions played out in the movies. In Military Channel's new series **SPECIAL OPS MISSION**, viewers are immersed in a diverse set of simulated scenarios to experience firsthand all of the danger, excitement and heart-pounding action of real-life special operations. In each episode, special forces operator Wil Willis must complete a nearly impossible mission using his military expertise spanning over 15 years in special operations with both the U.S. Army Rangers and the U.S. Air Force Pararescuemen. With audiences watching every move, his task is to complete a complex series of military objectives while trying to survive, evade and escape an Opposition Force that is determined to stop him. Each episode introduces Willis to a new mission – ranging anywhere from infiltrating a terrorist camp high in the mountains, making his way through an enemy stronghold in an urban environment, or even climbing aboard a moored ship overtaken by pirates – and a new "Op For" team whose only objective is to stop Willis. The closest most viewers will ever get to experience a genuine covert operation, **SPECIAL OPS MISSION** tracks Willis as he tests his marksmanship, instincts and military skills throughout these dramatic scenarios. The new six-part series, **SPECIAL OPS MISSION**, premieres **Thursday, August 13 at 10 PM ET on Military Channel.**

Willis's vast array of military training has earned him tactical skill sets that are unparalleled by most. Willis shares this knowledge with viewers as he guides them through each episode of **SPECIAL OPS MISSION**, providing a first-person look at how special operation forces must take on a diverse set of challenges and game-time decisions to complete each mission. Each new assignment includes tactical goals that will stretch his abilities to the utmost, requiring Willis to successfully maneuver through difficult terrain varying from arid deserts to steamy rain forests and snow-covered mountains to urban back streets – all while fighting to keep ahead of the "Op For" pursuit team hunting him down. Documenting these operations is Willis himself, armed only with a handheld camera and another mounted on his gun, giving viewers the unique perspective of traveling alongside Willis and exposing them to some of the real-life dangers special operations forces can meet across the globe.

- more -

2-2-2

Willis and the “Op For” teams are armed with special assault weapons that are loaded with training ammunition known as Simunition®, training marking cartridges that leave a visible mark and a tough hit on impact. Previously only available for elite military and law enforcement training, Simunition® creates a realistic, non-lethal environment in which Willis and the “Op For” teams can use and test all of their military skills and tactics to create the authentic scenarios that are profiled in **SPECIAL OPS MISSION**.

SPECIAL OPS MISSION is produced by MorningStar Entertainment for Military Channel. For MorningStar, Bob Niemack is the series producer; Gary Tarpinian and Paninee Theeranuntawat are executive producers. For Military Channel, Peter Rees is executive producer and Clark Bunting is president and general manager of Discovery Emerging Networks.

About Military Channel:

The Military Channel brings viewers compelling, real-world stories of heroism, military strategy, and significant turning points in history. The network takes viewers “behind the lines” to hear the personal stories of servicemen and women and offers in-depth explorations of military training, aviation technology and cutting-edge weaponry. As the only cable network devoted to military subjects, it also provides unique access to this world, allowing viewers to experience and understand the full spectrum of human drama, courage, and patriotism intrinsic to the armed forces, as well as, the long-held traditions of the military. For more information, please visit military.discovery.com.

**** Please visit the Military Channel section of the Press Web at www.press.discovery.com to access images, screeners and additional press materials * ***

###