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### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

**LABOR DAY "ANATOMY OF" AND "TOP TENS" MARATHON**  
**Monday, September 4**  
**9 AM – 12 AM**

**Includes:**

**TOP TEN HELICOPTERS**

**9-10 PM**

**World Premiere**

**[TV-PG]**

Top Ten Helicopters counts down the most innovative and effective, rotor-driven aircraft ever flown in combat. Based on scientific analyses, expert opinion, audience polls and technical comparison, we construct a five-point matrix to assess and grade the most feared and powerful machines in military history. Will the legendary Huey, the powerful Cobra, the mighty Apache, the ubiquitous Black Hawk or another surprise chopper win out as number one in the TOP TEN HELICOPTERS of all time?

<b>Monday, September 4</b> <b>9-10 AM</b> <b>and</b> <b>1-2 PM</b> <b>[TV-PG]</b>	<b>ANATOMY OF A STRYKER</b> The Stryker is a 19-ton, eight-wheeled, infantry carrier filled with state-of-the-art combat systems. Discover the impressive technology and revolutionary capabilities of this vehicle, as well as the elite soldiers who operate them.
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<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>10-11 AM</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>2-3 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>ANATOMY OF A SUPERCARRIER</b>  In every conflict since World War II, the Navy's aircraft carriers have been the United States' ambassador of naval might. Examine these vessels, their crews, and the incredible arsenal they carry, including the aircraft that call these flat-tops home.</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>11 AM - 12 PM</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>3-4 PM</b>  <b>[TV-G]</b></p>	<p><b>ANATOMY OF AN ABRAMS TANK</b>  The Abrams Tank is a marvel of military technology, powered by a jet engine, able to strike the enemy from two miles away and built with armor so advanced it can survive almost anything other tanks dish out. Anatomy of an Abrams reveals the tank in action during war, gets behind-the-scenes with a crew as they hone their skills, and uses 3-D graphics to uncover the inner-workings of one of the world's most versatile and fearsome weapons.</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>12-1 PM</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>4-5 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>ANATOMY OF AN FA-18</b>  Take a high-energy look into the revolutionary capabilities of the carrier-based strike fighter and the experience of the pilots who fly it. At NAS Lemoore California, find out what it takes to become an FA-18 pilot.</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>5-6 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES</b>  Can the lumbering half-tracks of the Second World War compare with today's high speed designs? Is the fully armed 'infantry fighting vehicle' better for the job than older armored personnel carriers? And how does the US Army's new but still controversial wheeled Stryker vehicle measure up against fully tracked systems?</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>6-7 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN FIGHTING SHIPS</b>  Will sea-going behemoths like the Bismarck drive Fletcher class destroyers out of the list? Can the high tech but untested guided missile cruisers of the Ticonderoga class really be serious contenders against HMS Warspite with her countless battle honors and service in two World Wars? And is the brand new stealth corvette HMS Visby really the forerunner of a whole new breed of warship?</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>7-8 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN TANKS</b>  Tanks combine armor, firepower, and mobility. Over the past century, dozens of tanks have been designed and built to blast their way across the battlefield. Now, based upon expert opinion, audience polls and a technical comparison, we've been able to construct a five point matrix, that will rank the all time Top Ten tanks.</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>8-9 PM</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>11PM-12AM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b>  <b>World Premiere</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN HELICOPTERS</b>  Based on scientific analyses, expert opinion, audience polls and technical comparison, we construct a five-point matrix to assess and grade the most feared and powerful machines in military history. TOP TEN HELICOPTERS counts down the most innovative and effective rotor-driven aircraft ever flown in combat. Will the legendary Huey, the powerful Cobra, the mighty Apache, the ubiquitous Black Hawk or another surprise chopper win out as number one in the TOP TEN HELICOPTERS of all time?</p>

<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>9-10 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN FIGHTERS</b>  From the First World War to the Modern day Fighter Aircraft have dominated the battlefield from the skies. Now, Top 10 will assess the dominance each aircraft had achieved in its own lifetime to discover the most feared fighter aircraft ever flown. Based on expert opinion, audience polls and technical comparison, we've been able to construct a five point matrix, that will rank the Top Ten fighter aircraft of all time.</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 4</b>  <b>10-11 PM</b>  <b>[TV-PG]</b></p>	<p><b>TOP TEN BOMBERS</b>  How will the 100 mile an hour bombers of World War One compare to today's stealthy space age designs? Will the mighty B52 come out ahead of its ancestor the B-17 Flying Fortress? And which bomber will be the World's Number One? Top Ten Bomber Aircraft will showcase the machines that changed the face of war forever, machines capable of bringing a war to an end by a knockout blow or by their presence alone maintaining peace between super powers.</p>

**SPECIALS**

**TASK FORCE DEVIL: NEW WAR ON TERROR**

**Sunday, September 17**

**10-11 PM**

**World Premiere**

**[TV-PG]**

We can't tell you're their names or show their faces but we can show you what they do: US Special Forces under cover and in action in Afghanistan, hunting down Taliban warlords, uncovering vast caches of weapons, unleashing a fury of firepower and destroying hundreds of tons of ammunition and rockets. Special Army teams are inserted by CH-47 helos, and then re-supplied by top secret MC-130 H Talon 2 Spec ops flights on very low altitude night runs. It all takes place at Fire Base Alpha. A first-of-its-kind close-up look at Special Forces at war.

**THE WAR TAPES**

**Thursday, October 12**

**8-10 PM**

**World Premiere**

**[TV-PG]**

**\*\*\*\*WINNER – BEST DOCUMENTARY, TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL**

In March 2004, just as the insurgent movement strengthened, several members of one National Guard unit arrived in Iraq, carrying digital video cameras. THE WAR TAPES is the film that they made. The soldiers were not picked by casting agents or movie producers. They selected themselves. Ten soldiers from Charlie Company carried cameras on IED-riddled roads, capturing combat and their own internal conversations. They learned how to choose and tell their stories via

constant instant messages and e-mail conversations. They filmed under unbelievable conditions. The unit was based at LSA Anaconda in the deadly Sunni Triangle, under constant threat of ambush and IED attacks. They traveled, as a unit, 1.4 million miles during their tour, and lived through over 1,200 combat operations and 250 direct enemy engagements. This is their story, as they experienced it.

## **CELEBRITIES IN UNIFORM**

**Thursday, October 19**

**8-9 PM**

### **World Premiere**

CELEBRITIES IN UNIFORM uncovers the best stories of stars' tours of duty, found in the newly released celebrity service records, as well as other public records. We'll take you behind the public personas into the real lives of these dearly-departed celebrities who served in the armed forces. In doing so, we'll reveal the secrets of their service that offer a rare glimpse into their true character and personality.

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