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History & Hollywood

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History-films are a great way for everyone to detach, learn some history, and perhaps have an “ah ha” moment about a topic or period otherwise never before explored... unless you’re watching them with a history geek in which case you will now have your experience narrated, and every flaw, myth, or mistake examined and reexamined.

Here is a short list of well known favorite military films;



“Dr. Strangelove,” Columbia Pictures



Randall Shugart



Gary Gordon

“Blackhawk Down,” Sony Pictures, memorializing the action of all involved in the action in the Battle of Mogadishu, including Shugart, a Pennsylvanian.

- Band of Brothers & The Pacific
- Patton
- To Hell and Back
- Dr. Strangelove
- Blackhawk Down
- We Were Soldiers
- Heartbreak Ridge
- American Sniper
- The Green Berets
- Top Gun
- Gettysburg & Gods and Generals

In this Podcast from the US Army War College, a number of historians sit down and, “lay waste to your favorite historical movies.”