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**HISTORY ANNOUNCES VOICE & NARRATION TALENT FOR A UNIQUE  
CINEMATIC EXPERIENCE**

## **WWII in HD**

**10-Part Series on HISTORY™ to premiere 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009**

**Gary Sinise to narrate  
Other top Hollywood names lend their voices  
to bring this extraordinary project to life**

***THE WAR AS IT HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE***

**PASADENA, JULY 29, 2009** – History™ announced today an exciting lineup of talent to voice its upcoming series event, *WWII in HD*, set to launch in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009. One of the network's most ambitious projects to date, the 10-part series promises to be the most visually astonishing World War II drama/documentary ever shown on television – a view through the eyes of 12 Americans who fought in or contributed to the war effort. Emmy Award winner Gary Sinise (*CSI: NY*) will narrate.

In addition, individual war stories of these 12 Americans will be voiced by the following actors:

*Jack Werner:* JUSTIN BARTHA

*Rockie Blunt:* ROB CORDDRY

*Richard Tregaskis:* TIM DEKAY

*Archie Sweeney:* MARK HEFTI

*Jimmie Kanaya:* JAMES KYSON LEE

*Charles Scheffel:* RON LIVINGSTON

*Shelby F. Westbrook:* LL COOL J

*Robert Sherrod:* ROB LOWE

*Bert Stiles:* JOSH LUCAS

*Jack Yusen:* JASON RITTER

*June Wandrey:* AMY SMART

*Nolen Marbrey:* STEVE ZAHN

HISTORY has preserved and restored thousands of hours of color archival footage unearthed from archives and private collections across the globe and never seen by most Americans. The archival footage has been restored to pristine condition through advanced HD technology. Some of this “lost” footage has not been seen since the 1940s. Artfully shot contemporary HD footage will be seamlessly blended in to reveal what has become of the places where men fought and died.

Diaries, journals, interviews and Dolby “soundscape” also are incorporated to enhance these striking visuals. *WWII in HD* thus transforms a war that many Americans know only through black-and-white newsreel footage into something viscerally real, relatable and again relevant. Viewers will experience, for the first time on television, what this war truly looked and felt like.

The series follows a handful of people as their personal journeys cross-connect with one another throughout the war. Their stories, culled from diaries, journals, and new interviews, will be delivered with emotional impact by some of Hollywood's top talents, helping to recreate the war's events not as detached historical facts, but rather as profound experiences on the level of a great Hollywood epic. The veterans themselves also appear, recounting their experiences first hand.

As part of History's multi-media partnership with the Library of Congress and its collection of nearly 140 million items, History also will incorporate original Library of Congress audio recordings from World War II into the series.

"This is History at its core," said Nancy Dubuc, Executive Vice President and General Manager of HISTORY. "We are committed to preserving our heritage and the remarkable digital technology of *WWII in HD* will go a long way in ensuring that we never forget the sacrifice made by the Greatest Generation."

Executive Producers for History are David McKillop and Michael Stiller. *WWII in HD* is produced for HISTORY by Lou Reda Productions. Executive Producers for Lou Reda Productions are Lou Reda and Scott Reda. Matthew Ginsberg is Executive Producer.

**HISTORY™** and **HISTORY HD™** are the leading destinations for revealing, award-winning original non-fiction series and event-driven specials that connect history with viewers in an informative, immersive and entertaining manner across multiple platforms. Programming covers a diverse variety of historical genres ranging from military history to contemporary history, technology to natural history, as well as science, archaeology and pop culture. Among the network's program offerings are hit series such as *How The Earth Was Made*, *Ax Men*, *Battle 360*, *The Universe*, and *Ice Road Truckers*, as well as acclaimed specials including *102 Minutes That Changed America*, *King, Life After People*, *1968 with Tom Brokaw*, *Nostradamus: 2012* and *Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed*. HISTORY has earned four Peabody Awards, four Primetime Emmy® Awards, 12 News & Documentary Emmy® Awards and received the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the network's Save Our History® campaign dedicated to historic preservation and history education. *Take a Veteran to School Day* is the network's latest initiative connecting America's schools and communities with veterans from all wars. The HISTORY web site, located at [www.history.com](http://www.history.com), is the definitive historical online source that delivers entertaining and informative content featuring broadband video, interactive timelines, maps, games, podcasts and more. *Press Only*: for more information and photography please visit us on the web at [www.-historychannelpress.com](http://www.-historychannelpress.com).

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