

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S GLOBAL SCRIPTED EVENT SERIES *THE LONG ROAD HOME* PREMIERES NOVEMBER 7 AT 9 P.M. ET/PT

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(TORONTO – September 29, 2017) On **Tuesday, November 7 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**, National Geographic will premiere a gripping, intimate look at the human toll war takes on both soldiers and their families in *The Long Road Home*, an eight-part global event series and the latest scripted project from the channel.

Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book by internationally acclaimed journalist Martha Raddatz, *The Long Road Home* tells the story of April 4, 2004, when a small platoon of soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas, was ferociously ambushed in the teeming, maze-like Baghdad, Iraq, suburb of Sadr City — a day that would come to be known in U.S. military annals as “Black Sunday.”

No soldier fights alone. The soldiers in this story are no exception. *The Long Road Home* offers viewers an intimate window into the experience of war as seen through the eyes of the soldiers themselves and their families back home. It is an adrenaline-fueled and heart filled journey that follows the action of battle on two simultaneous fronts — the chaotic, terror filled streets of Sadr City, where a group of inexperienced young soldiers face an unimaginable attack, and the homefront at Fort Hood, where family members wait for news of their loved ones while fearing the worst. The gripping series, which lasts the exact amount of time the soldiers were pinned down, also tells the story of those in the three desperate rescue missions launched to save them.

THE CAST

The series stars Michael Kelly (*House of Cards*, *Taboo*) as then Lt.-Col. Gary Volesky (now Gen. Volesky), the incoming battalion commander who was in his first hours of assuming authority over Sadr City as the battle broke out; Jason Ritter (*Parenthood*, *Girls*) as Capt. Troy Denomy, who bravely led a rescue convoy into the city; E.J. Bonilla (*Unforgettable*) as stranded platoon leader 1st Lt. Shane Aguero; Kate Bosworth (*Blue Crush*, *SS-GB*, *The Art of More*) as Gina Denomy, a young wife and new mom battling her own fears while reaching out to the families of the fallen and wounded; Sarah Wayne Callies (*Prison Break*, *The Walking Dead*, *Colony*) as Family Readiness Group leader and Gary Volesky's wife LeAnn Volesky; Noel Fisher (*Shameless*) as a heroic 24-year-old warrior and later peace activist Pfc. Tomas Young; and Jeremy Sisto (*Suburgatory*, *Law & Order*, *Six Feet Under*) as reluctant hero Staff Sgt. Robert Miltenberger.

Additional cast includes Jon Beavers (*NCIS*, *Gotham*, *The Fresh Beat Band*) as the hot-tempered and heroic young Sgt. Eric Bourquin; Darius Homayoun (*Tyrant*) as the platoon's Iraqi interpreter, Jassim al-Lani; Jorge Diaz (*Jane the Virgin*, *The 33*) as Spc. Israel Garza; Ian Quinlan (*Gotham*) as Spc. Robert Arsiaga; Patrick Schwarzenegger (*Stuck in Love*) as Sgt. Ben Hayhurst; Kenny Leu (*NCIS*) as Sgt. Eddie Chen; and Joshua Brennan (*Skinford*) as Sgt. Jackson.

THE PRODUCTION

The Long Road Home was filmed almost entirely at Fort Hood, Texas, the largest military installation in America, spanning 883 square kilometres. It is also home to the 1st Cavalry and the place where the soldiers profiled in the series lived and trained prior to their fateful deployment.

Created for television by screenwriter and showrunner Mikko Alanne (*The 33*), and directed by National Geographic and Emmy® winners Phil Abraham (*Daredevil*, *Mad Men*, *Orange Is the New Black*) and Mikael Salomon (*SIX*, *Band of Brothers*), each of the eight harrowing hours takes viewers inside the pulse-pounding battle action of the Iraq War like never before.

Executive producers for the series include Mike Medavoy, Mikko Alanne, Jason Clark, Benjamin Anderson and Edward McGurn. For National Geographic, Carolyn G. Bernstein is executive vice president and head of global scripted development and production.

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