

Films and faculty partnered to explore strategic leadership, decision-making

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The strategic art film program begins in Wil Washcoe Auditorium Aug. 14 with the showing of the movie “Darkest Hour,” moderated by USAWC Provost Dr. Jim Breckenridge. The movie is the true account of Winston Churchill’s most crucial decisions of World War II as the New Prime Minister of Great Britain. Breckenridge will add his insights as military officer and academic.

Have you ever watched a commercial movie based on history, and wondered about the rest of the story: Which parts are true? What’s the historical context? What happened after the high drama moments of the movie? USAWC faculty members volunteer to offer insights and lead discussions for the classic films of the Strategic Film Series offered throughout the year.

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The film series is sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army; AUSA volunteers coordinate the refreshments that add to the camaraderie of each viewing throughout the academic year, usually on Tuesday afternoons.

The classical films address strategic and operational themes:

Date Film Moderator

14 Aug The Darkest Hour Dr. Breckenridge

22 Aug Waterloo Dr. Richard Lacquement

28 Aug Master & Commander Al Lord

4 Sep Caesar at Alesia Dr. John Bonin

11 Sep Gettysburg Dr. Keller

18 Sep 12 O'Clock High Col. Zick

25 Sep Eye in the Sky Col. Pete Sniffin

2 Oct Ike: Countdown to D-Day G.K. Cunningham

9 Oct Journey's End TBD

15 Oct Paris 1919 Prof Ray Millen

23 Oct Dr. Strangelove Con Crane/Kaplan

6 Nov Thirteen Day TBD

13 Nov The Path to War Dr. Marybeth Ulrich

19 Nov Too Big To Fail TBD

27 Nov Patton Jim Shufelt

4 Dec MacArthur Ret. Col. Don Boose

18 Dec Black Hawk Down TBD

10 Dec Fort Chop Hill Ret. Col. Don Dooce

8 Jan Siege of Jadotville TBD-PKSOI

15 Jan Sand Pebbles Dr. G.K. Cunningham

22 Jan Last Men in Aleppo TBD

28 Jan Tora, Tora, Tora Albert Lord

5 Feb Midway Albert Lord

12 Feb Pentagon Wars Prof Fred Gellert

19 Feb Fog of War Karl Bopp

26 Feb Vietnam Panel Jared Harper

4 Mar War Machine Col. Mark Gagnon

12 Mar Forgotten Soldiers Lt. Col. Jim DiCrocco

19 Mar TBD TBD

25 Mar The Emperor In August Con Crane

1 Apr Bridge of Spies Dr. Genevieve Lester

9 Apr Fat Man, Little Boy Dr. G.K. Cunningham

16 Apr Conspiracy Prof Ray Millen

23 Apr The Post Dr. Carol Kerr

30 Apr A Bridge Too Far Ret. Col. Karl Bopp

6 May Tunes of Glory Jim Shufelt

14 May Dien Bien Phu. Lt. Col. Jim DiCrocco

21 May Battle of Algiers TBD

28 May Lincoln Dr. Richard Lacquement