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Capt. Carl Sitter



2nd Lt. Raymond Murphy

A class of their OWN

Medal of Honor recipients
focus of PBS documentary,
DVD package for schools

Four Medal of Honor recipients — two Marines and two soldiers — who grew up in Pueblo, Colo., are about to become school-house heroes across the country.

In November, "Beyond the Medal of Honor" — filmmaker Brad Padula's two-hour documentary about devil dogs Capt. Carl Sitter and 2nd Lt. Raymond Murphy, and soldiers Pvt. Bill Crawford and Staff Sgt. Drew Dix — will debut nationally on PBS stations.

To further the story, former presidential candidate H. Ross Perot, who funded the film, is paying to send DVDs of the documentary to 17,500 public and private schools, nearly every school in the country.

The special school DVD packages include the two-hour PBS documentary as well as one-hour discs devoted to each recipient and a special learning curriculum for teachers.

Sitter, with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, was honored for leading troops in a ferocious, three-day Korean War battle to overtake a strategic hill when his unit was surrounded by Chinese troops at Chosin Reservoir.

Murphy disobeyed orders and risked his life to rescue a group of Marines after their senior officers were killed

Filmmaker Brad Padula and former presidential candidate H. Ross Perot put the focus on four Medal of Honor recipients from Pueblo, Colo., telling their stories in a DVD set, "Beyond the Medal of Honor."

during a Korean War raid at Ungok Hill.

Crawford, a World War II company scout, single-handedly destroyed three German machine-gun nests that were readying to ambush his company. Dix, a Green Beret, rescued more than a dozen civilians while leading a small group of indigenous forces in a 56-hour battle against two Viet Cong battalions during Vietnam's 1968 Tet Offensive.

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