Just So You Donâ€™t Forget to Set Your DVR â€“ â€œDogfightsâ€•

Description

The History Channelâ€™s â€œDogfightsâ€• series is in a new season. Friday night, 9:00PM (Eastern). Tune up your recorders if you canâ€™t sit down and watch it live. Tomorrow will be two heavy duty WWII fighters and their battles: The P-47 â€œJugâ€• and the FW-190.

Last week was a fascinating look, from the â€œother sideâ€• as well as ours, at the Kamikaze phenomena, including a detailed breakdown of the tribulations of the USS LAFFEY (DD-724) that suffered through 80 minutes of kamikaze attacks off Okinawa, taking 6 hits by aircraft and four bomb strikes. She took some of the 50 planes that hurtled themselves at her that one day in her RADAR picket station. She didnâ€™t sink, and her crew saved her to fight all the way into the Cold War. She is now a museum ship at Patriotâ€™s Point in Charleston, SC, alongside USS YORKTOWN (CV-10).

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In addition to the Japanese suicide program, the show covered Sturmstaffel 1 of the Luftwaffe, which took volunteer pilots that trained to ram Allied bombers. The plan was to bail out and come back and fly more missions, if you couldâ€¦but not to intentionally kill yourself on the first mission.

Anyhow, tune in for more detailed interviews and computer animations of the most incredible aerial battles documented!

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