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Description

Received via email from the Navy Memorial, announcing the showing of recovered WWII Navy 16mm films on Navy TV!

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While making a documentary, Periscope Film founders Doug Weiner and Nick Spark obtained several original 16mm films from World War II, which they intended to use as stock footage for their film. Realizing the historical value of this footage, they began producing VHS and DVD collections of the films. Ã¢â‚¬Å“They proved so popular that we just kept expanding our library, acquiring rare military and aviation footage from World War I to Vietnam,Ã¢â‚¬Â• says Spark.

Discovering excerpts of the films on YouTube, the Navy Memorial contacted Periscope Film to request permission to screen the footage on Navy TV.

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Some examples of the rich collection include:

- Ã¢â‚¬Å“U.S. Navy Blasts Marshall IslandsÃ¢â‚¬Â• Ã¢â‚¬â€œ 1942 newsreel that shows the first offensive action of the Pacific Campaign of WWII;
- Ã¢â‚¬Å“The Fathoms DeepÃ¢â‚¬Â• Ã¢â‚¬â€œ 1952 film containing early footage of French naval officer Jacques Cousteau demonstrating his revolutionary underwater breathing apparatus known as SCUBA; and
- Ã¢â‚¬Å“SeapowerÃ¢â‚¬Â• Ã¢â‚¬â€œ 1968 film featuring Hollywood actor Glenn Ford as star and narrator that shows the fleet at the height of the Cold War.

Viewers can watch any of the films free of charge and on demand at www.navytv.org and can sign up on the website to receive alerts about new films from Periscope Film on Navy TV. The films aired on Navy TV are available for purchase at www.PeriscopeFilm.com.

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