

MEDIA ALERT

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OUR WAR AND THE ROYAL MARINES

Wednesdays at 8.30pm throughout October on BBC Knowledge



BBC Knowledge takes a closer look at the British armed forces in October, with the final season of the double BAFTA-winning ***Our War*** and ***The Royal Marines*** each Wednesday night at 8.30pm.

Our War: Goodbye Afghanistan marks the end of the British involvement in Afghanistan, as troops prepare to leave Helmand at the end of 2014, with no clear victory in sight. This poignant series tells the story of the bloodiest war Britain has fought in over 70 years from the perspective of the young soldiers who found themselves fighting on the front line. The 13-year campaign in Afghanistan has been documented like no other modern conflict, by young soldiers who took video cameras into battle, recording the war as only they could see it. The UK Ministry of Defence and the young soldiers themselves allowed BBC filmmakers to use this remarkable footage to tell the whole story of this modern war from a unique soldier's-eye-view.

The Royal Marines are the amphibious troops of the Royal Navy and are acknowledged as one of the world's elite commando forces. This insightful series goes behind the scenes of one of the toughest basic military programmes in the world. Like rabbits in headlights, the recruits struggle to cope with the gruelling demands of their new way of life, toiling tirelessly to master the details, stay awake and even suppress giggles in the face of their drill instructor 'Froggy'.

Our War: Goodbye Afghanistan (2 x 60')

Wednesdays at 8.30pm from October 7 (Australian premiere)

The Royal Marines (8 x 60')

Wednesdays at 8.30pm from October 21 (BBC Knowledge premiere)

Episodes are currently available to view on the [BBC Worldwide Press Preview Site](#).

Downloadable images are available from the [BBC Media Site](#)



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