C6870 COURAGE UNDER FIRE  (USA, 1996)
(Other titles: A l'epreuve du feu; Corragio della verita; Mut zur Wahrheit)

Credits: director, Edward Zwick; writer, Patrick Sheane Duncan.
Summary: War/mystery film set in Iraq in 1991 and Washington, D.C. shortly thereafter. In the aftermath of a "friendly fire" incident during the Persian Gulf War, tank battalion commander Nate Serling (Washington) is assigned to a Pentagon desk job reviewing recommendations for the award of military honors. He begins work on the case of Capt. Karen Walden (Ryan) who was a medevac helicopter pilot killed in action. She is the first woman nominated for the Medal of Honor and there is interest in the award at the highest levels of the government. Serling's investigation uncovers conflicting memories among the soldiers present when Walden was killed. With his superiors pressing for a conclusion, Serling senses a cover-up in the making. His quest to reveal the truth forces him to come to terms with his own nightmarish wartime memories which have caused a rift in his family and led him to start drinking heavily. Both the Serling character and the General played by Moriarty are Vietnam veterans and they make references to their service there. The journalist played by Glenn also has experience in Vietnam.

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