DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR (USA, 1987)
(Other titles: Helden USA; Riposte immediate)

**Credits:** director, Terry J. Leonard; writers, John Gatliff, Lawrence Kubik.

**Cast:** Fred Dryer, Joey Gian, Brian Keith, Paul Winfield, Joanne Pacula.

**Summary:** Action/adventure film set in the contemporary Middle East. Marine and Vietnam vet Master Sergeant Joseph Burns (Dryer) is sent to a mythical Middle Eastern country (Lebanon thinly disguised) to run the security for the U.S. embassy. After a number of attacks and other provocations, which the ambassador (Winfield) forces Burns to ignore, the local terrorists kidnap Burns’ old commander (Keith), and the sergeant is turned loose to lead a rescue mission which wipes out every Arab terrorist in sight.

Boedecker, Hal. “Little honorable about Dishonor” Miami herald (Feb 25, 1987), p. 5D.


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