AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN  (USA, 1981)
(Other titles: Officier et gentleman; Ufficiale e gentilhuomo)

Credits: director, Taylor Hackford; writer, Douglas Day Stewart.
Cast: Richard Gere, Debra Winger, Louis Gossett, Jr., David Keith.
Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Washington State. Tale of romance, friendship, and growth. Loner Zack Mayo (Gere) enters Officer Candidate School to become a Navy pilot and in thirteen weeks he learns the importance of discipline, love and friendship. Louis Gossett, Jr. plays the tough drill instructor who teaches Zack that no man can make it alone. Despite Gossett's warnings about the local girls who get pregnant to catch themselves pilot husbands, Zack eventually learns to love one (Winger). David Keith is one of Zack's fellow candidates burdened by the memory of an older brother killed in Vietnam. This was also one of the earliest post-Vietnam War films to offer a positive image of military life.

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