T1440  T.J. HOOKER  (3/13/1982-9/26/1986)  [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Police/crime series set in contemporary California. Follows the exploits of Sgt. T.J. Hooker (William Shatner) a veteran police officer, hardened by divorce and the shooting death of a partner, as he fights for justice. Both Sgt. Hooker and his current partner, Officer Vince Romano (Adrian Zmed) are Vietnam veterans. A few episodes have overt Vietnam War related content.

Assassin  (11/13/85)

Credits: director, Richard Compton ; writer, Ricky Husky.
Summary: Hooker is called to work with the State Dept. and CIA when it is learned that a former government assassin named DeNiro (Baggetta) is believed involved in an attempt on the life of the head of a Russian trade delegation visiting the city. Hooker knew DeNiro in Vietnam where he had been relieved of duty due to mental instability.

The fast lane  (1/8/83)

Credits: director, Don Chaffey ; writer, Jeffrey M.Hayes.
Summary: Vince handles the case of Matt King (Isenman) a 16 year old computer expert who provided supplied liquor to teenage friends who were subsequently involved in a fatal automobile accident. Vince discovers that Matt is the son of a friend of his in Vietnam.

Outcall  (2/2/85)

Credits: director, Larry Elikann ; writer, Dick Nelson.
Cast: William Shatner, Adrian Zmed, Clyde Kusatsu, Soon-Tek Oh.
Summary: Tran Tam (Kusatsu), a Vietnamese gangster, is building his empire and tries to take over the Pacific Massage Parlor, murdering its owner when she refuses to sell. His organization is called “316,” the suite number of a Saigon building which housed a unit of assassins who targeted Viet Cong and their sympathizers during the war.

Demeter, John. “(It’s) good mourning Vietnam!” Radical America 22/1 (Jan-Feb 1988), p. 6-16.