W3390 WELCOME HOME (USA, 1989)

**Credits:** director, Franklin J. Schaffner; writer, Maggie Kleinman.

**Cast:** Kris Kristofferson, JoBeth Williams, Brian Keith, Sam Waterson, Trey Wilson.

**Summary:** Melodrama set in contemporary Cambodia, Thailand and Vermont. A U.S. Air Force pilot is shot down over Cambodia in 1970 and the U.S. military identifies a body and sends it home for burial. The pilot's family struggles to rebuild their lives without him. The Air Force would like the pilot to remain a dead hero. But now, 17 years after his family buried him in a hero’s grave, the pilot (Kristofferson) shows up on their doorstep—alive with a Cambodian wife and two children.

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