T4258 THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (USA, 2005)

Credits: director/writer, Jason Reitman; novel, Christopher Buckley.
Cast: Aaron Eckhart, Maria Bello, Cameron Bright, Adam Brody, Sam Elliott, Katie Holmes, David Koechner, Rob Lowe, William H. Macy, J.K. Simmons, Robert Duvall.

Summary: Satirical comedy set in the contemporary U.S. Nick Naylor (Eckhart) is a sexy, smart and charismatic spin-doctor for Big Tobacco who will fight to protect American’s right to smoke. At the same time he is trying to maintain the idea of a perfect role model for his 12-year-old son. When Nick incurs the wrath of a senator (Macy) bent on snuffing out cigarettes, Nick’s powers of “filtering the truth” are put to the test. In the film, Nick’s boss Bud Rohrabacher (BR) and “Marlboro man” Lorne Lutch (dying of lung cancer) are both identified as Vietnam veterans. In the original novel, Lutch is a Korean War veteran and BR is not given a military background. However, in the novel, Nick’s friend, gun lobbyist Bobby Jay Bliss, is identified as a Vietnam vet who lost part of an arm to a helicopter tail-rotor.

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