

## A5480 AMERIKA (USA, 2/15-18/1987) [TV]

**Credits:** director/writer, Donald Wrye

**Cast:** Kris Kristofferson, Robert Urich, Cindy Pickett, Sam Neill

**Summary:** Dystopian political fantasy mini-series set in the US in 1997 following a Soviet invasion. Both the characters Devin Mitford (Kristofferson) and Peter Bradford (Urich) are Vietnam veterans. Peter was little changed by his experiences but Devin became a political activist, announcing his 1988 run for the presidency in front of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Vietnam war trauma is implicit as a cause of America's loss of faith and enslavement by a United Nations controlled by the East Bloc.

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