

G3580 THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER (USA, 1999)

(Other titles: Deshonneur d'Elizabeth Campbell; Fille du general; Tochter des Generals; Wehrlos – die Tochter des Generals)

Credits: director, Simon West ; writers, Christopher Bertolini, William Goldman ; novel, Nelson DeMille.

Cast: John Travolta, Madeline Stowe, James Cromwell, Timothy Hutton.

Summary: Detective/mystery film set in the contemporary U.S. Captain Elisabeth Campbell, daughter of the legendary General 'Fighting Joe' Campbell (Cromwell) is found murdered, naked and staked to the ground on a firing range at Fort Hadley where her father is the post commander. CID Warrant Officer Paul Brenner (Travolta) and rape specialist Cynthia Sunhill (Stowe) are brought in to investigate. They uncover a trail of corruption leading back to Elisabeth Campbell's days at West Point where she was raped by her classmates but asked by her father to forget the crime for the good of the Army. Brenner is a Vietnam veteran who served there under the command Joe Campbell (then a captain) whom Brenner credits with getting him through his tour.

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