

## M2140 MACGYVER (USA, 9/29/1985-4/25/1992) [TV SERIES]

**Series summary:** MacGyver (Anderson) is a special operative for Peter Thornton (Elcar) who runs the Phoenix Foundation, righting wrongs around the world. MacGyver refuses to carry a gun and prefers to think his way out of problems.

### **Last stand** (11/17/85)

**Credits:** director, John Flores ; writer, Judy Burns.

**Cast:** Richard Dean Anderson, Harry Caesar, Art Hindle.

**Summary:** Dave Redding (Hindle), a Vietnam veteran pilot with PTSD, helps MacGyver stop a gang of thieves. The gang have taken over a rural airport as part of their plan to escape with the cash from a stolen armored car, but Mac and Dave repair a helicopter and Dave flies it (something he has not been able to do since the war) to cut off the thieves escape plane.

### **The road not taken** (11/10/86)

**Credits:** director, Cliff Bole ; writer, Stephen Kronish.

**Cast:** Richard Dean Anderson, Dana Elcar, Marilyn Jones, Salome Jens.

**Summary:** MacGyver and Pete head to Southeast Asia to rescue an American nun (Jens) and the orphans she cares for from a Cambodian warlord. The nun's assistant is Debra Easton (Jones), MacGyver's old girlfriend. The nun and her wards get out safely but MacGyver and Debra are left behind to evade capture together. When they are rescued, Debra decides to stay with the orphans.

### **Second chance** (10/16/89)

**Credits:** director, Michael Caffey ; writer, Robert Sherman.

**Cast:** Richard Dean Anderson, Barry Greene, Natasha Kimberly Kong, Richard Lawson.

**Summary:** In Bangkok, MacGyver encounters an old friend (Lawson), a Black Vietnam veteran, who is looking for a Vietnamese woman with whom he had an affair but left behind in Vietnam. She emigrated to Thailand but died leaving an Amerasian son.

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