

M2380 MAJOR DAD (USA, 9/17/1989-4/9/1993) [TV SERIES]

Credits (premier): director, Will Mackenzie ; writers, Earl Pomeranz, Richard Okie.

Cast: Gerald McRaney, Shanna Reed, Matt Mulhern.

Summary: Comedy series set in contemporary California. Major John MacGillis (McRaney) is a conservative, by-the-book, die-hard Marine. The premier episode includes a soliloquy by the Major on his Vietnam service and how he believed the Corps was the only family he needed. Then he meets Polly Cooper (Reed) a pacifistic, liberal journalist. When the two meet, there is instant and intense chemistry and they get married less than 24 hours later. Now Polly (and her three daughters from a previous marriage) have to learn how to deal with being a Marine family, while Major MacGillis has to learn how to be a Dad.

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