

M2390 MAJOR PAYNE (USA, 1995)

Credits: director, Nick Castle ; writers, William Roberts, Richard Alan Simmons, Dean Lorey, Damon Wayans, Gary Rosen.

Cast: Damon Wayans, Karya Parsons, William Hickey, Michael Ironside.

Summary: Comedy set in the contemporary U.S. When peace breaks out in America, killing machine Major Benson Winifred Payne (Wayans), United States Marine Corps Special Forces, is given his marching orders... to the unemployment line. Unable to cope with civilian life, Payne is thrust back into the military regimen as commander of the Madison Academy Junior ROTC. Includes a parody of the Saigon hotel room scene from *Apocalypse now*.

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