

U6585 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER (USA, 1992)

Credits: director, Roland Emmerich ; writers, Richard Rothstein, Christopher Leitch, Dean Devlin.

Cast: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren, Ally Walker.

Summary: Science fiction/thriller set in the contemporary U.S. Two soldiers who killed each other in Vietnam (Van Damme and Lundgren) are among a group of military casualties who have been resuscitated by a secret government program to create genetically enhanced killing machines with no memory, no feelings, and no free will. The program goes awry when the memory of one man (Van Damme) begins to return. With the aid of an inquisitive reporter (Walker), he escapes and returns to his family home in Louisiana for a final showdown with the military and his old enemy.

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