

M*A*S*H

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M*A*S*H 4077, a fictional Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, was located at Uijambu, Korea. The year is 1951, and there is a "Police Action" going on. It started with a very successful movie, but the original actors (all but one...) never got into the weekly show. As of today, the 2 hour final episode is still the most watched show on TV. MASH units really were operational in Korea and ask the Military mail collectors, they will tell you they are very, very hard to find.

The show goes on and on, ebb and flow of the war (Oops, pardon, The Police Action) spirits are low, and by now it is years that the medics have been away from their families, B.J. comes up with an idea. Since they can not go home, why not get all the families together??? It gets all worked out, they will meet in NY City at the Hotel Pierre, around Christmas. One of the shows, titled "The Party" was dedicated to the meeting, it aired in March of 1979; "Radar" eventually reads a letter that describes the meeting, a lot of crying, a lot of hugging and Mrs. Potter does the Lindy with Hawkeye's dad.

Why do we do things like these ??? After much, MUCH looking, I did find a MBC from the Hotel Pierre, it existed then, it exists today. M*A*S*H still has a very strong following, I have identified 6 different MBC's, there are probably more; one can "google" all kinds of web sites. Of course, they are not from the Unit, just ads for M*A*S*H memorabilia.

Not knowing how many stars, asterisks, were used in the "spelling" of the name, cost a contender moving on to the big money on one episode of "Jeopardy".

Remember, only one actor from the movie went on to the weekly show, give up ?????? It was Walter "Radar" O'Reilly".

.....Happy Holidays to one and all.

