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Unlike 'TOPGUN's Awe-Inspiring Star Maverick, the Pilots in 'No Fallen Heroes' are Real... and their Enemy is Veteran Suicide

'No Fallen Heroes' is in production. Its spin-off TV series 'No Fallen Heroes: Extraction' is in pre-production.

Executive Producer [Matthew 'Whiz' Buckley](#) and Producer/Director [Leigh Simons](#) just dropped a double-barreled announcement regarding their feature-length documentary 'No Fallen Heroes.' First, there will be a VIP by-invitation-only first-look screening of portions of the film on May 28 in Boca Raton, FL. Second, the initial public update on their upcoming spin-off TV series 'No Fallen Heroes: Extraction,' will also be presented. The series will launch in 2023.

Executive Producers [Robert Baruc](#), former president of Screen Media Films and Apex Entertainment, and [Gillian Cilibrasi](#), former program director for Donna Karan's Urban Zen, will also be in attendance.

The groundbreaking 'No Fallen Heroes' offers an unprecedented mash-up of the action-packed drama of the TOPGUN movies and the spectacular visual effects of a psychedelic experience. Together, they create a visceral portrayal of the despair and mental illness that contribute to the staggering statistic of 22 veteran suicides every day.

Notably, both projects depict a non-glamorized, gritty, truth-based view of the damage done by the physical as well as hidden emotional traumas that combat pilots carry with them as they reenter civilian life. This is in sharp contrast to the 'TOPGUN' world that Tom Cruise described in his 1990 *Playboy* interview as being 'just an amusement park ride, a fun film with a PG-13 rating that was not supposed to be reality.'

About 'No Fallen Heroes'

The documentary opens in Mexico, with Buckley about to undergo his second psychedelic-based treatment with four fighter pilots he has invited to share the journey. As the treatment progresses, the film backtracks into the stories of Buckley's intervention in their lives and reveals the overwhelming challenges they were facing, as well as Buckley's pursuits on the political front through his podcast and keynote speeches to legalize this treatment in America and save more veterans' lives.

"The stories these veterans share about their treatment are so visual, memorable and realistic when I hear them or read the transcript, I feel like I am looking at a Hollywood special-effects script breakdown," says director Simons. "And it's in the telling of these stories you can see and feel the transformation. It's powerful, often unbelievable and will open people's minds to the efficacy of this treatment."

The real heroes of 'No Fallen Heroes' are former decorated military pilots who collectively have flown hundreds of missions over battlefields in such places as Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. Their hard-driving, Type A personalities pushed them to unparalleled success, both in their military careers and in civilian life afterward. But when their lives began to fall apart, these same strong personalities kept them from seeking help, which would be perceived as weakness. Finally, they hit bottom: drugs, alcohol, ruined relationships.

But then, each found the courage to try a game-changing psychedelic-assisted therapy. (Medicines like psilocybin, MDMA and Ibogaine are poised to be the hottest new therapeutics since Prozac.) After their treatment, the pilots found peace, a connection to the spiritual world, a renewed clarity and purpose in life.

And now they share a new mission: keeping everyone who suffers from mental illness, depression, addiction, trauma or PTSD from taking their lives, which throughout America totals an incomprehensible 132 suicides per day.

Meet the Pilots

Matthew 'Whiz' Buckley – TOPGUN grad, F/A-18 Hornet, USN

Founder TOPGUN Fighter Foundation. Chief Executive Officer for TOPGUN Options LLC (TGO) and Strike Fighter Financial LLC. Philanthropist, MAX Afterburner podcast host, Wall Street CEO, motivational speaker, international best-selling author, husband, father, patriot.

Mark 'Slider' Keller – F/A-18 Hornet and F-14 Tomcat, USN

Owns a data center in Norfolk, VA which is home to a streaming television business, America TV 2 Go. Most of Mark's time is spent healing and coaching high school lacrosse, which is part of his healing.

Jim 'Bart' Bartelloni – TOPGUN grad, F-14 Tomcat, USN

Multiple award and medal winner. Flight instructor. Chief Technician for TOPGUN Options and a Chartered Market Technician. Bart and his wife's nonprofit, The Stand Up Paddle Board Foundation, coaches veterans on SUP surfing, camaraderie and the therapeutic effects of the ocean.

Doug 'Deuce' Distaso – MC-130, USAF

Air Force Academy grad. Plane accident left him with a broken body, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain and PTSD. Left the military addicted to painkillers. Now Executive Director of the Veterans Cannabis Project.

Patrick 'Sledge' Mullins – F-15 Eagle, USAF

Works a full-time job as Senior Regional Sales Director in the biotech space, while also running several successful businesses in his free time. His business ventures mirror his passion for helping people.

The Pilots' Journey

Because psychedelic medicines such as Ibogaine and 5-MeO-DMT are not yet approved for use in the United States, the pilots had to go to Mexico for treatment. Their therapy included physical exams and counseling prior to and after their taking the drugs. They were watched by doctors and nurses while under their influence. And they were debriefed about their life-changing, highly spiritual journeys after the medicines wore off.

The pilots agreed that it was the journey into the darkest parts of their lives that enabled them to see the light of their being connected to God, the world, and humanity. It let them see their new mission.

The Pilots' New Mission

The film is called 'No Fallen Heroes' because everyone who battles mental illness, depression, addiction, trauma, or PTSD is a hero. And the new mission of our pilots to make sure that all these heroes get the help they need. No one gets left behind.

"The world needs to know about this," says Buckley. "We need to start saving lives. And anyone suffering from any mental illness or trauma is a candidate for this treatment. I have committed my life to generate a movement to make this treatment legal and readily accessible to those that need it."

In the short-term, this means facilitating trips to countries where psychedelic-assisted therapy is available. In the long-term, this means establishing clinics throughout the US once the FDA approves the use of psychedelic medicines.

"We must be the change we want to see in the world," says Buckley. "No hero will be left behind on our watch."

Event Details

The 'No Fallen Heroes' presentation will take place on May 28 in Boca Raton, FL, to an elite group of financiers and qualified investors.

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