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Local station to air 'Dusty's Miracle...

A Soldier's Story

A locally produced week-long news series entitled "Dusty's Miracle...A Soldier's Story" will air EXCLUSIVELY on WQAD-TV-DT NewsChannel 8. "Dusty's Miracle...A Soldier's Story" will begin airing Sunday, May 8 during NewsChannel 8 at 10 p.m.

"Dusty's Miracle...A Soldier's Story" is a WQAD-TV-DT NewsChannel 8 exclusive that takes a look into the life of a local soldier who last September lost his right hand, fingers on his left hand, his right eye and most of an ear and his nose as well as sustained third degree burns over 33 percent of his body when a suicide bomber attacked his patrol outside Baghdad.

Vanessa VanHyfte, NewsChannel 8 Anchor/Reporter, will take viewers on an incredible and truly inspiring journey as 22-year-old, Sgt. Dusty Hill of Annawan works to recover and rebuild his life after this accident. Hill is recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. Brooke Army Medical Center is the Army's only burn center in the country and is considered by the military to be the best burn center treatment facility in the world.

The week-long news series, which begins airing on Sunday, May 8 during NewsChannel 8 at 10 p.m., will look at the events that took place up to the bombing outside Baghdad, Hill's rehabilitation and treatment and what doctors have to say about his amazing attitude. In addition, the series will highlight the key role that Hill's mother, a nurse herself, has played as part of his recovery process. VanHyfte stated, "It was an honor and a privilege to have spent time with Dusty Hill, a member of Battery F, 202nd Air Defense Artillery based in Galva, Illinois. I had a personal connection and a strong interest in this report because Dusty is from my hometown of Annawan. My respect for Dusty and his mother is immeasurable."

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