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**NEWS RELEASE**

**KPI ANNOUNCES KOREAN WAR SPECIAL FOR  
SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS™**

**“CHOSIN FEW” TELLS THE STORY OF AN EPIC AMERICAN  
MILITARY CAMPAIGN**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

NEW YORK (March 12, 2009) – KPI, the production unit of Lightworks Producing Group, will start production this month for *The Chosin Few*, a one-hour primetime special that will be exhibited in high definition on Smithsonian Channel HD™.

For ten terrible days in the winter of 1950, the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea was the site of one of the most dramatic and devastating engagements in American military history. The legendary men that fought there would decisively impact the future of the Korean War and to this day they are known as the “Chosin Few” — surviving soldiers from Baker Company will tell their story first hand.

In a dramatic reversal of fortune, 30,000 United Nations forces who had previously marched to swift and stunning victories had become surrounded by four times as many Communist Chinese soldiers. There was no help in sight, temperatures had plunged to 30 below freezing, and supplies were running low. The only escape would be a massive breakout through the enemy lines and Marine commanders had one man in mind to lead the way: Major Kurt Lee.

But Major Kurt Lee was not your average “Leatherneck.” As the first Chinese American commissioned officer in the Marine Corp, Major Lee would ultimately lead his men to safety, ironically against an enemy of his own heritage. The program recounts the trials and tribulations faced by Lt. Lee as a Marine through the prism of the Chinese American immigrant experience in this country.

The historical resources that KPI brings to this project are extraordinary. Rare color film footage has been obtained from public and private collections and transferred into stunning high definition visuals as well as personal, never seen before material from the men of Baker Company.

*The Chosin Few* will be shown in high definition, exclusively on Smithsonian Channel HD.

**ABOUT LIGHTWORKS PRODUCING GROUP AND KPI**

Lightworks Producing Group and KPI, its Emmy award-winning production unit, are prolific producers of programs for worldwide broadcasters such as the BBC, History, Discovery Channel, Hallmark Channel, HGTV and others. It is an operating entity of Lightworks Enterprises, Inc., a vertically integrated television, film and new media production and distribution company. Lightworks Enterprises, Inc. also includes Lightworks Program Distribution, distributors of more than 1,500 hours of high-quality television programming in the United States and internationally through traditional and new media platforms; and Lightworks Pictures, which develops and produces made-for-television and independent theatrical films that explore the dynamics of the human spirit. For more information, please visit [www.lightworksgroup.com](http://www.lightworksgroup.com) and [www.kpiv.com](http://www.kpiv.com).

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**ABOUT SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS**

Smithsonian Networks (SNI/SI Networks L.L.C.) is a joint venture between Showtime Networks Inc. and the Smithsonian Institution. It was formed to create new channels to showcase scientific, cultural and historical programming based largely upon the assets of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum complex. Smithsonian Channel features original documentaries, short-subject explorations and innovative and groundbreaking programs highlighting America's historical, cultural and scientific heritage. Visit Smithsonian Networks on the Internet at [www.smithsonianchannel.com](http://www.smithsonianchannel.com)

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