

History Channel spears a series about “Warriors” tonight

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Huge monuments and remnants of old cities sit in the jungles of Guatemala, long deserted by the advanced people who built them.

Seems like once a month someone on cable TV will hook viewers in by talking about the lost civilization of the Mayas. The History Channel goes about it from a specific angle in the premiere of the intriguing series “Warriors” at 10 tonight.

Terry Schappert, a former Green Beret who began his career in the 82nd Airborne Division, hosts the 10-part series that rolls out with “Mayan Armageddon” followed by the likes of “Viking Terror” and “Barbarian Massacre”.

What guy viewer can resist that? Schapert tonight learns of the bizarre rituals and lightning techniques of the Mayas, and links their warrior society to their disappearance.

What killed the Maya War for conquest instead of war for sacrifice, for one thing. And increasingly ruthless death squads. Schappert and crew get into ancient culture, weapons and archeology as they plumb the oft-brutal realities of yesterday’s warriors.

“Ultimately, the Maya story is a cautionary tale”, says Schappert, who actually cuts his leg on the backswing using an ancient weapon.



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Terry Schappert, a former Green Beret who began in the 82nd Airborne Division, hosts “Warriors” tonight on the History Channel.

Schappert, who has also appeared in TV shows “Popping the Question” and “The Knights of Prosperity” invested personality and elements of his fighting experience (as well as blood) in the series.

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