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“Full Metal Jacket” Photo Exhibit by Actor Matthew Modine Opens at National Veterans Memorial and Museum

COLUMBUS, Ohio – “*Matthew Modine’s Full Metal Jacket Diary*,” is a photographic exhibition of images captured by the Matthew Modine during the filming of the 1987 classic “*Full Metal Jacket*.”

Modine’s photos will be on display at the National Veterans Memorial Museum beginning October 24, 2025, through the end of the calendar year.

This temporary exhibition is a glimpse into the making of a war film that is often said to transcend time while also giving the viewer an inside look at the brilliance of director, Stanley Kubrick.



**Modine as “Private Joker” in
Full Metal Jacket**

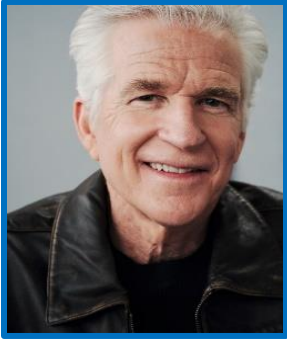
The exhibition includes dozens of images captured during filming and printed on metal. Modine portrayed Combat Correspondent, Pvt. Joker (J.T. Davis). While filming, Modine captured hundreds of images during the 20 months of production. Modine believed keeping a photographic and written diary would be beneficial for his role as a war correspondent in the film. Today, his images and diary mean even more to him. “I can look back at those days as being part of another person’s life, a young kid who went on a journey to learn about the Marine Corps while also having the opportunity to work alongside the legendary filmmaker, Stanley Kubrick,” Modine said.

“Full Metal Jacket” has become a cult movie classic and considered by many to be one of the greatest war films ever made. As the U.S. Marine Corps celebrates its 250th anniversary this November, the exhibit conveys various aspects of the challenging journey associated with becoming a Marine and serving in the Marines, especially in combat.

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About Matthew Modine

While Modine may be best known for his role as Private Joker in Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*, he has also won the Venice Film Festival's Volpi Cup for Best Actor in Robert Altman's *Streamers* (1983). Modine has been nominated twice for Emmy Golden and Globe Awards for Best Actor in a Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television (*And the Band Played On*, *What the Deaf Man Heard*) and has received the SAG Award and Golden Globe ensemble awards for *Short Cuts* and the Netflix global phenomenon, *Stranger Things*.



Matthew Modine

His latest feature, *The Martini Shot*, has received over 60 awards, including 35 for Best Actor from festivals across the globe. Modine has had lead roles in dozens of high-profile films throughout his four decades long career, including *Birdy* (1984), *Vision Quest* (1985), *Married to the Mob* (1988), *And the Band Played On* (1993), *If...Dog...Rabbit* (1999), *Dark Knight Rises* (2012), and *Oppenheimer* (2023) to name but a few.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history.

[The National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world. The NVMM is located at 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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