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COURTESY OF SEAN FAIRBURN SOC

US Marine Chief Warrant Officer Sean Fairburn SOC

And the Emmy® goes to...



US Marine Chief Warrant Officer Sean Fairburn SOC has won an Emmy® for an episode of the HDNet program *Dan Rather Reports* titled "Combat Photographer." The story uses Sean's HDTV footage taken during the Iraq war and Rather interviews him as part of the episode regarding his experiences as a Marine and war photographer.

His Emmy for Excellence in Cinematography was presented at the 29th Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards ceremony held Sept 22 in New York City.

Congratulations Sean! Great work.





SOC Swap Meet



Cine Gear Expo

Recent SOC Activities

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Dolly Grip Workshop at Local 80



Camera Operator Workshop



Underwater Workshop



Workshop at Mole Richardson



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Operator 101 Workshops

Mike Thomas SOC had an idea for an ongoing class to help operators improve their skills on the camera. He envisioned an open forum that included hands on training, experienced mentors and an environment where questions, even on the basics, were not only welcome, but encouraged. SOC members would be able to hone their skills, while associate members would be able to get valuable time on the wheels and learn from the experience of seasoned Operators, DPs and dolly grips.

Armed with a great idea, events chairman David Mahlmann SOC set about making it a reality. Larry Mole-Parker at Mole-Richardson graciously donated the use of their Hollywood stage, Hollywood Panavision sponsored camera packages and JL Fisher donated a dolly for a workshop. And thus, *Operator 101* was born.

The first *Operator 101* workshop was held in March of 2007. Mentored by Director of Photography Harlan Bosmajian and Jack Messitt SOC, the workshop skills included time on the wheels following actors on an actual set, stand-up and sit down drills, camera placement and an extensive look the 180° rule and eyelines.

Since that time, the hands-on workshop mentors have included ASC members Don M Morgan, Richard Klein and Henner Hofmann as well as SOC members Buddy Fries, Gary Baum, Bonnie Blake and Mike Thomas.

David B Goldenberg talks about his experience with the workshop: “For myself and my fellow classmates using down time to learn and network, the *Operator 101* class has provided us with a great opportunity to network, and get a handle (or hands on the wheels as they say) on what it takes to be a camera operator.

Along with Don Morgan’s great stories, each instructor had their own valuable points of view on operating. The one common point seemed to be that a novice camera operator’s best asset, after getting the shot, is to watch and listen. Confidence, a good work attitude, and help from our grip brothers will get the shot!”

The SOC looks forward to this continuing workshop to help both new and experienced operators alike.



Top: AC Rachel Donofrie assists SOC Operator Florencia Perez Cardenal.

Above: Frank Garbutt operates with the assistance of Jimmie Crockett AC. Both of them regularly help out at these workshops.