

Way of the Warrior

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A Warriors Code rages within
them, and they're doomed
to fight it out...

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Based on real
events.

Names have been
changed.

Some fictitious
characters and
events added to
enhance the
drama.

Executive Summary

- **TITLE:** WAY OF THE WARRIOR
- **LENGTH:** Feature film
- **GENRE:** Action/Adventure
- **BUDGET:** Less than \$12 M
- **SHOOT:** Ready for shooting
- **CHARACTERS** (4 Main, 6 Supporting, plus Minor)

- Tom (35)
- Annamaria (27)
- Gunther (38)
- Brett (28)
- Baron Von Holstein (54)
- Gottfried (33)
- Louisa (28)
- Carrie Ann (32)
- Augie (29)
- Boris (30)
- Nigel (42)

Locations

- Aircraft
- Castle
- Yacht
- Boats
- Offices
- Mountain Farm
- Concentration Camp

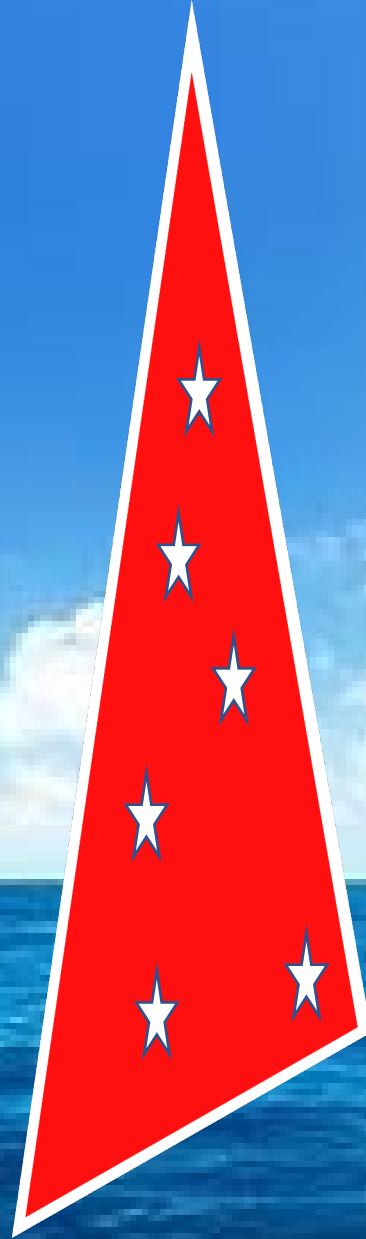
Logline

A warrior's code rages within a rugged American adventurer and he meets a German of like mind only to find they're in love with the same woman; then, World War II flashes hot and they both must pay the price.

Coverage

Reminiscent of everything from Casablanca to Saving Private Ryan this story contains many of the staples of the World War II action drama. The characters are the best element in the script, especially the protagonist, Tom, and his nemesis, Gunther. The premise of "war quickly becomes less than glorious" is most successful. (Screenplay Readers, Professional Coverage Company, rated "Consider")

This story is inspired by the life of the man credited by many as being the first Sea Air Land Commando, or NAVY SEAL, winner of the NAVY CROSS.



For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States; as chief of the Maritime Unit, Office of Strategic Services Detachment --



Tom



Gunther

Vienna, 1938. Engines roar as aircraft race.

At the controls of a Messerschmitt is TOM; a dentist who aspires to be a fearless American adventurer.

In the competitor aircraft is GUNTHER, a hard as granite Luftwaffe officer.

They share a common bond; the Warrior's Code.



Burg Holstein, an Austrian castle



Baron von Holstein

Tom and Brett stay at Burg Holstein.

**They fly BARON VON HOLSTEI's
aircraft in the race.**

**They meet Nazi dignitaries and
officers at a grand banquet.**

**The Nazi atmosphere is apparent to
them.**



Brett



Annamaria

Tom and YOUNGER BROTHER BRETT meet ANNAMARIA VON HOLSTEIN, a stunning beauty. Brett falls for her.

She has eyes for Tom, but he hasn't room for a woman in his fast-paced life. Or, so he thinks.

But, Gunther claims Annamaria as his love.



Tiger Moth



Messerschmitt 109s

The Germans invade Austria.

The Nazis attempt to arrest Annamaria; she has Jewish heritage.

Tom and Brett fight them off, commandeer aircraft (Tom in a Messerschmitt 109, Brett and Annamaria in a Tiger Moth) and escape with Annamaria.

Gunther zooms to intercept in his own fighter, a Messerschmitt 109, but refuses to shoot them down once Tom tells him of the Nazi's plans.



Sailing yacht "Fair Weather" rigged as a yawl.



German yacht "Barracuda" lost in a storm

Tom, Brett and Annamaria go to America. Tom is navigator on a yacht for a big race.

Gunther comes to America, sails on a yacht that rivals the one on which Tom, Annamaria and Brett are crew.

They're caught in a hurricane and Gunther's yacht is lost.

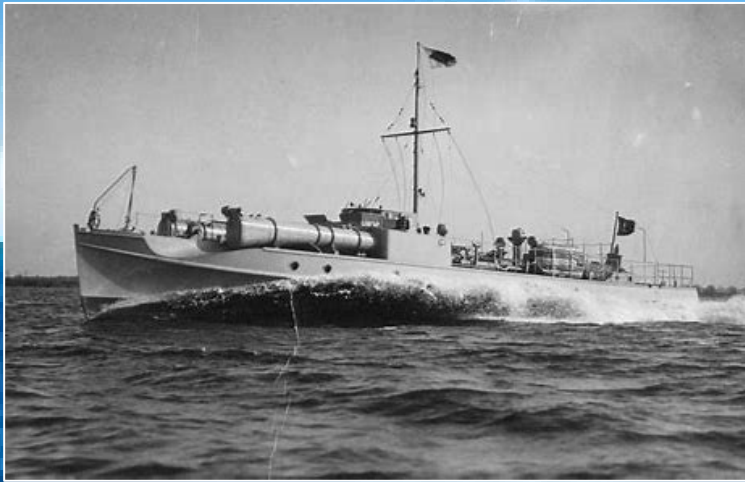
Tom's sense of honor compels him to rescue his rival. They're even.

Tom and Annamaria discover their love; he can't escape it.

World War II intervenes.



Caique
A traditional Greek fishing boat



German E-Boat
Patrol torpedo/gun boat

Tom joins the Office of Strategic Service (O.S.S.) and is assigned to the Maritime Branch.

He is based in Alexandria, Egypt with a mission to recruit and command caiques to resupply Partisans in Albania.

He fights with the Partisans.

He pioneers the use of the Lambert Lung for underwater attack operations.

He duels with German E-Boats and captures one.



**Tom is sent to rescue Nurses,
shot down in Albania**



**Brett's bomber
is shot down**

**Tom carries out a dangerous mission
and is listed as killed in action.**

**Annamaria mourns, becomes an Army
Nurse and marries Brett, now a
bomber pilot.**

**But, Tom has survived and is
immediately given a secret mission;
destroy the new German air defense
command center near Vienna.**

**Tom and his team destroy their target.
As he escapes, Brett's bomber is shot
down.**

**Tom rescues Brett, operates and saves
his life**



Germans capture Tom and Brett.



Mauthausen Concentration Camp

Brett reveals he and Annamaria are married!

They try to escape into Italy in a sedan.

Nazis pursue them, capture them.

Brett is killed by the Germans.

Tom is captured and thrown into a Nazi concentration camp where he suffers torture and regret.

War is suddenly not an adventure, but endless horror.



Tom and Gunther duel in the sky



Tom and Gunther fight it out in the reeds of the Neusidler Sea

As the Allies move into Austria near the end of the war, Gunther gets Tom out of prison and challenges him to a duel in the air.

Tom faces Gunther in the ultimate consequence of their warrior obsession.

In an exciting finale, Tom discovers whether Annamaria has survived the war.

An emotional ending you'll never forget!

Penned by optioned screenwriter Robert C. Powers WAY OF THE WARRIOR beats a breakneck pace; based on the book “Warrior Obsession”. It is a story of adventure, leadership, love and hard choices.

This screenplay is in the Quarterfinalist round of the ScreenCraft True Story & Public Domain Competition)

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May we send the script?