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America's Greatest Naval Hero Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and the Epic Battle of Lake Erie to Become Subject of Major Documentary Film Entitled *We Have Met The Enemy*

Lou Reda Productions to produce a 2-hour film. Principal photography to commence in late 2015 with expected release in 2016.

Film to be introduced at Memorial Day celebrations on May 24 in Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

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(New York, New York - May 20, 2015) Executive Producer Scott L. Reda (*WWII in HD*, *Vietnam in HD*) and his award-winning Lou Reda Productions have agreed to produce *We Have Met The Enemy*, a documentary film about Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. Reda will develop and produce the project with Producers John Kuzdale and Mark Nixon of ATA0, LLC along with investors from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Colorado. On May 24 and May 25, as part of the Memorial Day celebrations in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, Reda, Kuzdale, and Nixon will introduce the upcoming film at a gala to honor the troops who fought in the battle in 1813.

"Commodore Perry's exploits during the Battle of Lake Erie are some of the bravest and most important moments in American naval history... I'm excited and honored to be part of the team that brings this story into everyone's living room," Reda remarked. Perry's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie was a turning point in the War of 1812, securing American control over Lake Erie and the passage west for the remainder of the war.

With great detail, *We Have Met The Enemy* will delve into the life of 27-year-old Perry and how he overcame incredible challenges to construct the US fleet and lead his men to victory against the British in a battle that would change the course of America and influence the fate of four nations. After receiving the British surrender, Perry famously wrote to General William Henry Harrison: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

Mark Nixon of ATA0 stated, "The signing today with Lou Reda Productions, one of the best historic documentary companies out there, certainly adds to our stock... Reda is tops in what they do and we have a fantastic team moving our Perry-related projects forward. Scott L. Reda of Lou Reda Productions promises to create a very significant documentary and has the track record and chops to deliver. It's a very exciting time."

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**Memorial Day Celebrations at Put-in-Bay, Ohio**

Memorial Day celebrations will be held on Sunday, May 24th and Monday, May 25th at Put-in-Bay, Ohio in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812, and to honor the memory of the troops fallen during the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. Sunday evening at the Niagara Conference Center will include a reception highlighting the historic battle and an introductory preview of the upcoming feature documentary *We Have Met The Enemy*.

**Lou Reda Productions**

Lou Reda Productions has a long history producing award-winning programs for domestic and international broadcast. The company's recognitions include a People's Choice Award, a Peabody, eight Emmy nominations (including one win), five Cine Golden Eagles and nine Tellys. Among the company's most recent productions are the History Channel event television series *WWII in HD* (narrated by Gary Sinise) and *Vietnam in HD* (narrated by Michael C. Hall) and the National Geographic Channel special *Brothers in War* (narrated by Charlie Sheen).

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