


# CROFT

The war made him a hero. Coaching made him a legend.

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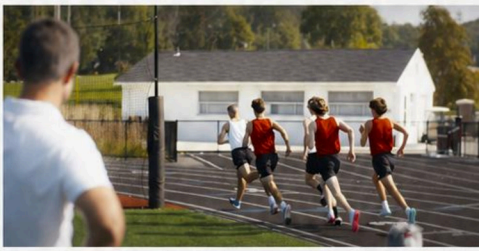
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# FILM OVERVIEW

## ★ LOGLINE

A decorated Vietnam Veteran returned home to build the most successful high school track program in American history, inspiring generations of students while confronting the sacrifices that shaped his life.





## ★ LONG SYNOPSIS

Decorated Vietnam veteran Hal Croft returned home to become a teacher-coach and build one of the most extraordinary high school track programs in American history. At Reading Memorial High School, his teams forged a record 29-year winning streak as Croft shaped generations of students with discipline, humor, and an unwavering belief in their potential. Yet the man celebrated for his victories carried a private history of combat and sacrifice. Through intimate interviews and archival footage, CROFT follows a war hero, educator, and coach whose enduring legacy reaches far beyond the finish line.

## ★ MEDIUM SYNOPSIS

Decorated Vietnam veteran Hal Croft built the most successful high school track program in American history, leading a 29-year winning streak while shaping generations of students.

## ★ SHORT SYNOPSIS

A decorated Vietnam veteran builds a legendary track program and changes thousands of lives along the way.

## ★ KEY DETAILS

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| GENRE: | Documentary \| War \| Sports |
| RUNTIME: | 96 Minutes |
| COMPLETED: | 2025 |
| RATING: | Not Rated |
| WEBSITE: | halcroftfilm.com |
| IMDB: | tt27030888 |

# HAL CROFT

## Teacher. Coach. Veteran. Legend.




Hal Croft is a decorated Vietnam veteran, teacher, and legendary coach whose life of service spans the battlefield, the classroom, and the track. After serving in Vietnam, he returned home to Reading Memorial High School, where he built one of the most extraordinary high school track programs in American history while shaping generations of students through discipline, humor, and an unwavering belief in their potential.

At the center of CROFT is a man whose public success was matched by a private history of sacrifice. The film explores Croft's military heroism, his years as an educator and coach, and the enduring impact he had on his family, athletes, students, and community.

### SELECTED ACCOLADES

- Silver Star and Bronze Star recipient for service in Vietnam
- National record: 29 consecutive undefeated seasons
- National record: 252 consecutive dual-meet victories without a loss
- Disney/McDonald's Teacher-Coach of the Year
- National Track Coach of the Year
- Boston Globe Coach of the Year
- Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

# THE FILMMAKERS



## BRANDON MILLETT —

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

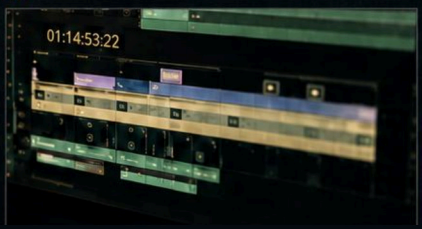
Brandon Millett is an award-winning producer, director, and storyteller with particular expertise in military narratives. He is the co-founder and longtime producer of the GI Film Festival, dubbed 'Sundance for the Troops' by Bloomberg, and his work includes CROFT and The Care They've Earned. His connection to CROFT is also personal: he was a student-athlete of Hal Croft.



## JONATHON LINK —

DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Jonathon Link is an award-winning director and cinematographer known for emotionally resonant documentary storytelling. His work includes Travis: A Soldier's Story, The Luckiest Man, 7 Yards: The Chris Norton Story, and The Listening Road. His projects have earned recognition from the GI Film Festival and the ICVM Crown Awards, with distribution across platforms including Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Pure Flix.




## MICHAEL BROWN —

EDITOR

Michael Brown is a five-time Emmy Award-winning editor whose credits include Welcome to Wrexham. On CROFT, Brown serves as editor and helps shape the film's layered portrait of military service, family, coaching, and legacy.

# Gary Sinise

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Gary Sinise is an Emmy, Golden Globe, and two-time Screen Actors Guild Award winner whose stage, film, and television career spans more than four decades. He co-founded Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company at age 18 and earned international recognition for his performance as Lt. Dan Taylor in *Forrest Gump*, followed by acclaimed roles in *Apollo 13*, *The Green Mile*, *Ransom*, *Truman*, *George Wallace*, *CSI: NY*, and more.

For decades, Sinise has also been a tireless advocate for America's service members, veterans, first responders, and their families. In 2011, he founded the Gary Sinise Foundation to expand that mission of service and gratitude. His connection to CROFT reflects a longstanding commitment to stories of sacrifice, healing, resilience, and service.

> "WHILE WE CAN NEVER DO ENOUGH TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO OUR NATION'S DEFENDERS, WE CAN ALWAYS DO A LITTLE MORE."
>
> — GARY SINISE

# FEATURED VOICES

## AUTHENTIC RE-CREATIONS • INTERVIEWEES • KEY CREDITS



### GRANT JAY -
### HAL CROFT IN RE-CREATIONS

Marine Corps infantry veteran Grant Jay brings six years of tactical experience to CROFT's Vietnam-era re-creations. Classically trained in the Meisner Technique at New York City's Neighborhood Playhouse, he plays Hal Croft with an authenticity shaped by both service and craft. His credits include Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, To Kill a Wolf, American Dynasty, George: Rise of a Revolutionary, and American Detective with Lt. Joe Kenda.

### FEATURED VOICES

Through the stories of former students and athletes, colleagues, rival coaches, historians, military veterans, family members, and lifelong friends, CROFT creates a layered portrait of Hal Croft—revealing the profound influence he had on generations of students and athletes, and the sacrifices and contradictions behind his public legend.

# KEY CREDITS

**DIRECTOR / PRODUCER**
Brandon Millett

**DIRECTOR / DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY**
Jonathon Link

**EDITOR / CO-PRODUCER**
Michael Anthony Brown

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS**
Gary Sinise; Brandon Millett; Laura Law; Sam Horn & Family; Dave Girouard; Steve Sarowitz; Bill Jones

**CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS**
Steven A. Chandler; Carl D. McFadden

**ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS**
Terrance M. Bacchus; Michael Helstrom Barry; J. Knox; Brett Matthews; Douglas Warnick

**END CREDIT MUSIC**
"The Veterans" written by Mac Sinise and Oliver Schnee

# SELECTED STILLS

IMAGES FROM THE FILM

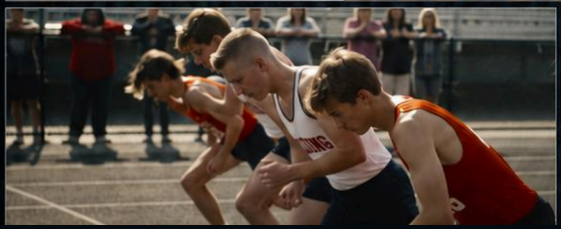














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# IMPACT AND OUTREACH



CROFT is built to connect veterans and military families, educators, coaches, runners, students, and communities. The film's outreach is supported by three primary nonprofit partners whose work aligns with the themes of service, sacrifice, legacy, healing, and resilience.

GARY SINISE FOUNDATION

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The Gary Sinise Foundation serves our nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families, and those in need.

AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER

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The American Veterans Center preserves and promotes the legacy of service of America's veterans through interviews, educational programs, public events, and storytelling.

HOME BASE
VETERAN AND FAMILY CARE

## HOME BASE

Home Base is a national nonprofit dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war for veterans, service members, military families, and families of the fallen through clinical care, wellness, education, and research.

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# LINKS & CONTACT

## 1 OFFICIAL LINKS

- **Website:** halcroftfilm.com
- **IMDb:** imdb.com/title/tt27030888
- **Facebook:** /halcroftfilm
- **Instagram:** @halcroftfilm

## 2 KEY MARKETING POINTS

- Executive Producer Gary Sinise brings strong veterans-service awareness and audience reach.
- CROFT connects military, education, and sports audiences.
- The film resonates with veterans, military families, coaches, runners, educators, and students.
- Official Selection: GlobeDocs.
- Strong grassroots and nonprofit outreach potential.

## 3 CONTACT

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