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"M*A*S*H" CAST TO MUSTER ANNUALLY FOR REUNION

It would appear the cast of "M*A*S*H" has the same affection for each other that the entire country has for the show that became a part of our culture in its 11 year stand in America's living rooms.

As everyone even remotely close to a TV antenna knows, "M*A*S*H" ran its final wrap-up episode on Monday, February 28, with a 2½ hour sendoff titled "Goodbye, Farewell & Amen." The title is appropriate to the script but it will not apply to "personnel" of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgery Hospital.

Alan Alda, Loretta Swit, Mike Farrell, Harry Morgan, Jamie Farr, et al, decided you don't give up "family," and that is assuredly what the "M*A*S*H" cast became to each other after a tour of duty that no military force in history ever endured in terms of length of service. Obviously, the 100 Years War doesn't count---the recruiting and draft records for that skirmish are unavailable!

All of the aforementioned stars may have been "discharged" on February 28, but the day will remain memorable. On that date in February, 1984, and every February 28 thereafter, the cast intends to stage a "M*A*S*H" reunion, a party to be held on the same studio sound stage at Fort 20th Century-Fox, where so many episodes were shot and the series' now famous farewell party was held.

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