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A Taste of Home in Puerto Rico

Some of America's finest chefs shared their culinary secrets and entertained troops in Puerto Rico.

Washington, D.C. (February 10, 2011) – [Armed Forces Entertainment](#) sent celebrity chefs “STRETCH,” “Gorilla” Rich Bacchi, “Panini” Pete Blohme and “Boss Man” Mike Hardin to literally bring a taste of home to troops stationed in Puerto Rico. The culinary experts offered educational and health tips, fun cooking competitions and, of course, delicious food.

STRETCH is best known for his restaurants *Grinders* and *Grinders West* in Kansas City, MO, a pizza joint and an upscale delicatessen in the heart of Kansas City's Crossroads Arts District. Blohme is the owner of *Panini Pete's Café and Bake Shoppe* in Fairhope, AL, which boast a delicious slice of Europe in the South. Bacchi is renowned for his delicious *Gorilla BBQ* “stand” off the Pacific Coast Highway in California. Mike Hardin owns *Hodad's* in Ocean Beach, CA, which is one of the top-five burger joints in the nation according to CNN. All four of the chefs' restaurants have featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives*.

Details:

- Celebrity Chefs STRETCH, Bacchi, Blohme, and Hardin have had their restaurants featured on the Food Network's *Diners Drive-Ins and Dives*.

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