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Major League Heat and Cool Runnings

Brad Ziegler and Devon Harris inspired troops in the Persian Gulf.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 18, 2011) – [Armed Forces Entertainment](http://www.armedforcesentertainment.com) sent athletes Brad Ziegler and Devon Harris to the Persian Gulf to boost the troops' morale with their motivational words and wisdom. The major league baseball player and the former Jamaican bobsledder also signed autographs, posed for pictures, and extended their gratitude to the men and women in uniform.

Ziegler is a major league baseball player who pitched for the United States in the 2009 World Baseball Classic and currently pitches for the Oakland A's. Devon Harris is best known for the Disney Blockbuster *Cool Runnings*, a movie that was based on his and his teammates' experience as members of Jamaica's first bobsled team in 1988. Harris also competed in the 1992 and 1998 Winter Olympic Games as a bobsledder for Jamaica and founded the Keep on Pushing Foundation, an organization that brings hope to underprivileged youth across the globe.

Details:

- Brad Ziegler is major league baseball player and pitches for the Oakland A's.
- Devon Harris is a 1988, 1992 and 1998 Winter Olympian and founded the Keep on Pushing Foundation.

Quotes:

Attributed to Brad Ziegler:

AFE provided an opportunity for me to give back to my country and show my support for the men and women of our armed forces. I've tried to be an example of perseverance and courage when I've had to deal with adversity in my own life, but nothing I've gone through compares to the courage and commitment that our troops show for us on a daily basis.

Attributed to Devon Harris:

I wanted to come on this trip because as an ex service member myself, although I have never fought in a war, I understood the sacrifices one makes to serve in the military and the loneliness they feel being away from loved ones. As a private citizen it was also important to make this trip because I understood that the freedoms I enjoyed in America are paid for by the dedication, courage and sense of duty displayed by these men and women. The Troops seem genuinely pleased that we chose to take time out from our lives to visit them, but that's the least we can do to let them know that they are in our hearts and prayers.

Attributed to USAF Lt. Col. Kathleen Weatherspoon, Chief, Armed Forces Entertainment:

An All-American baseball player and a Jamaican bobsled Olympian are an unusual, yet compelling, combination. Each man has his own story to tell, and their motivational words are both inspiring and uplifting. We hope they will find the time to tour with Armed Forces Entertainment in the future.

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Brad Ziegler:

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Devon Harris:

Website: <http://www.devonharris.com>

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