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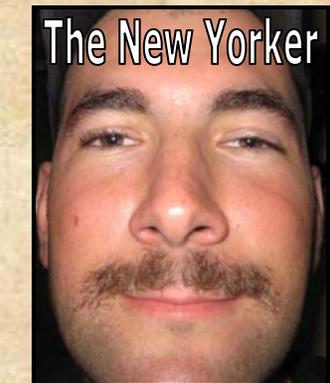
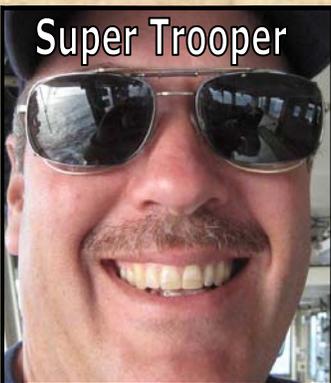
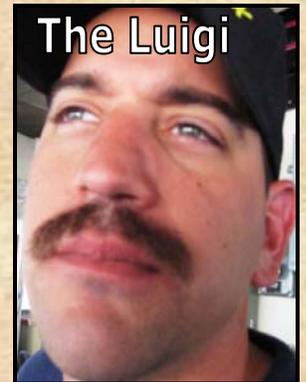
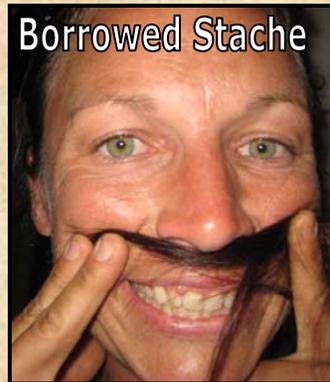
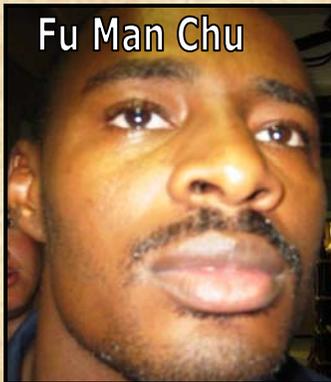
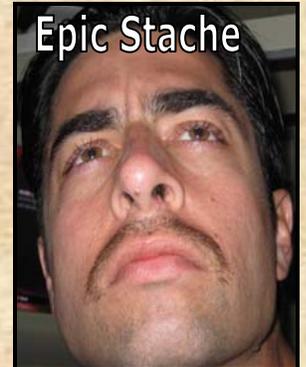
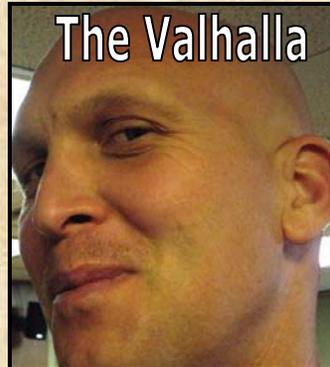
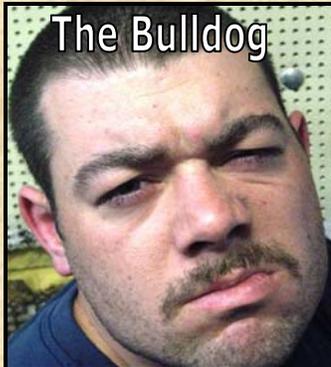
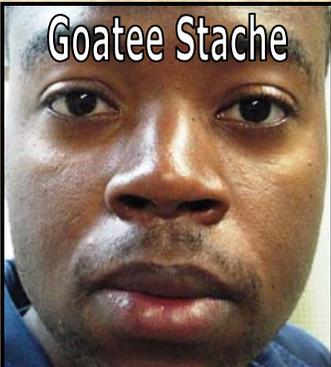
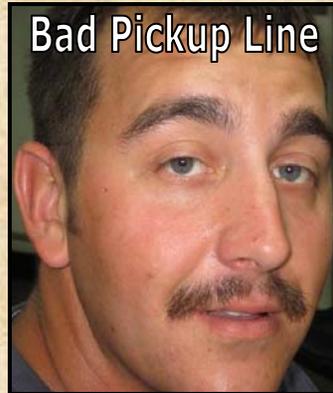
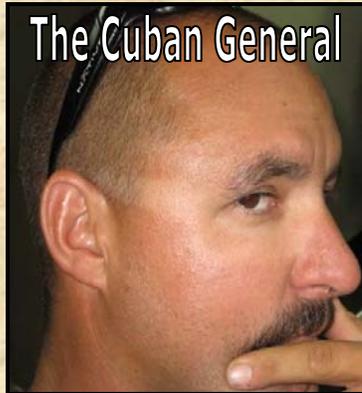
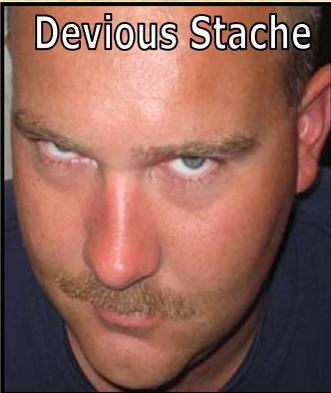
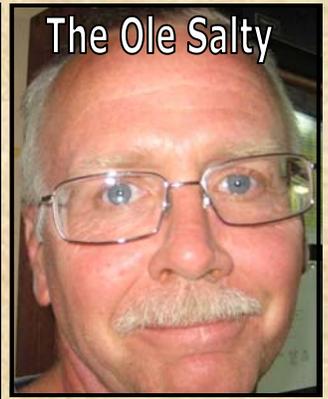
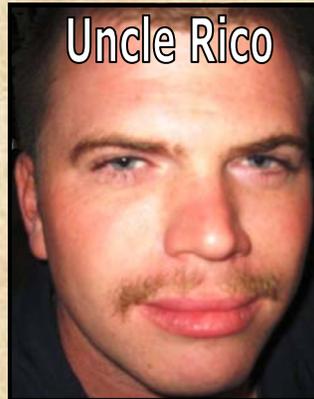
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The Great Massacre of Mustaches!

“Throughout the cruise, many of the crew expressed their abhorrence of the impunity with which the most extensive plantations of hair were cultivated under their very noses; and they frowned upon every moustache with even greater dislike. They said it was unseamanlike; not ship-shape, in short it was disgraceful to the CG. But as the clean shaven had no authority to preach against whiskerandoes, the old guard on the forecandle still complacently stroked their staches...”

-An adaptation from Herman Melville’s *White Jacket*





It Don't GITMO Better Than This!

The crew of the mighty OAK was rewarded for excellent work done in and around Haiti with a two day and one night stay in the luxurious Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The only drawback to such a wonderful cabin fever-beating stint on land was the death of the underway mustaches. Prior to anyone setting foot in public our epic examples of facial hair had to be trimmed within regulations; such a request was met with an epidemic of clean shaven upper lips.

As the sun sank behind the mountains, an epic softball game was heating up amongst shipmates. Nearly everyone came to play, watch, or just enjoy the atmosphere of healthy competition between co-workers. Every hitter had different styles, stances, and follow-throughs to turn the tide of the game; BM2 Frantz, however, brought his Navy short shorts for good luck and power hits.

The rest of the precious few hours of nearly-normal life on land were spent shopping at the Navy Exchange, exercising, eating out, bowling, or snorkeling around the area. After being deployed for a month supporting the Haiti Relief efforts— even the most average things, i.e. Taco Bell and a cool beverage, are extraordinary.



Top Left: Cameron Croteau makes DC2; Congrats!
Left: Mark Gilmore makes CWO3!
Above: ENS English performs her first Heat 'n Beat



Left: The proto-type "Frankensmoker" produced flavorful ribs for the crew's Sunday evening meal.

Lower Left: BM2 Frantz, HS1's Hunter & Roberts help keep the morale up and running after a long day of work.

Below: EM1 Luciani, MK2 Ragin, EM2 Joseph enjoy the nice weather on the fantail by playing their favorite card game.

