

Wingman Day
Small Group Activity Workshop
 Discussion Handout

1. Facts to Consider:

1. Alcohol use/abuse is a factor in decisions leading to domestic violence, rape and/or sexual assault, property crimes as well as crimes against persons
2. For CY07 (As of 21 Nov) = **27** DUI arrests. CY06 = **17** DUI arrests; CY05 = **13** DUI arrests; CY04 = **34** DUI arrests
 - a. Range in pay grades from AMN (E2) to Lt Col (O5)
 - b. Historically highest on Moody AFB in Feb, May, Nov and Dec
 - c. Occur off-base between hours of 0201-0400
3. ADAF Suicides = FY07 (YTD)... MAFB = 1/ACC = 14/AF = 39; FY06... MAFB = 1/ACC = 16/AF = 40; FY05... MAFB = 0/ACC = 13/AF = 29
4. Sexual Assault and/or Rape = FY07 = 8; FY06 = 9; FY05 = 4
5. Substantiated Spouse Abuse Reports for MAFB: FY07 = 22; FY06 = 20; FY05 = 26
6. Substantiated Child Abuse Reports for MAFB: FY07 = 16; FY06 = 11; FY05 = 14

2. Summary of Responses Due to ACC:

Question:	Responses: Great! (%)	Pretty Good (%)	Didn't Like It! (%)	Comments after watching film:
1. How effective was the motivational speaker (Zimmerman) in showing the connection between maintaining balance in our lives and making responsible decisions?				NA
2. How effective was the small team activity (e.g., watching movies) in helping illustrate one or more of the three main themes?				

Question:	Yes (%)	No (%)
3. Is it worthwhile to continue having Wingman Days?		

- Suspenses:**
- 14 Dec** = All small group inputs due to Squadron POCs
 - 21 Dec** = All Squadron inputs due to Group POCs
 - 28 Dec** = All Group inputs due to CoRC as Wing POC
 - 4 Jan 08** = Draft of Wingman Day Report due to 23WG/DS
 - 31 Jan 08** = Due ACC IDS
 - 15 Feb 08** = Due AF IDS

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3. **Discussion Guide for Small Group Activity:** A guide to the movies & themes is provided below. Each small group will view one film; must discuss theme of (a) **responsible use of alcohol** **AND** either (b) **identification and intervention of troubled individuals** **OR** (c) **depiction of responsible decision making**.

Title of Movie	Synopsis of Plot
<i>The Great Santini</i> (Fiction)	LtCol “Bull” Meechum, USMC pilot, WWII & Korean War veteran is reassigned from Spain to Beaufort (SC) in 1962 to bring a failing squadron up to Corps standards. He bemoans fact that he is a “warrior without a war to fight”. He and family came face-to-face with some of the harsh realities of racial bigotry. Oldest son, Ben, doesn’t want to go into the military thus creating friction between him and his father.
<i>A Few Good Men</i> (Fiction)	A member of Winward Platoon (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) fires a shot across the fence. This information is leaked to various DoD agencies by Pvt Santiago, a member of the same unit. Pvt Santiago dies under mysterious circumstances; two Marines are facing court-martial for his death. Attention is focused on Col Nathan Jessup, base commander. USMC wants this to “go away”; Lt Caffrey is appointed to serve as defense attorney in hopes that he will plea bargain his clients as he has throughout his short career. But he decides to investigate and finds the truth is quite different.
<i>Men of Honor</i> (Based on True Story)	True story of Carl Brashear, first African-American Master Diver in the U.S. Navy. The story traces the impact of Brashear’s father; depicts the treatment he endured in his career beginning in 1942 and his determination not to quit. The loss of his leg while recovering a nuclear weapon would seem to signal the end of his career, but he is determined to reach his goal.
<i>The Guardian</i> (Fiction)	Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Ben Randall’s life is in shambles. His wife (Helen) wants a divorce; he is getting too old to work as a rescue swimmer—then he witnesses the crash and death of his entire rescue team. Randall is transferred to USCG “A” School at Barksdale AFB as senior instructor. Randall is now responsible for the training of rescue swimmers. Among the candidates is Jake “Fisch” Fischer; a competition swimmer who turned down scholarships to Ivy League schools to enlist in the Coast Guard. The movie depicts the struggle between Jake and Ben and the internal struggles of both men.

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Movie Title	How was responsible drinking behavior reflected in the movie? (Mandatory)	Describe how effective identification and intervention was provided to (or could have helped) troubled individuals?	How did characters or plot reflect responsible decision making in all aspects of his/her/their life (lives)?
<p>1. <i>The Great Santini</i> (1962 prior to entry into Vietnam War)</p>	<p>a. "Bull" Meechum and others at going away party in Spain; pretending to vomit (Irresponsible)</p> <p>b. "Bull" invites Ben to Club to celebrate 18th birthday, then allows him to drink until he passes out (Irresponsible)</p> <p>c. "Bull" appears to be drunk when he attacks Lillian (wife) in kitchen; then disappears in to night. (Irresponsible)</p>	<p>a. Following incident in Spain in nightclub (alcohol referral)</p> <p>b. Following Meechum's attack on Marine in latrine (conduct unbecoming officer)</p> <p>c. Following behavior at basketball game (anger control; abusive behavior towards son and players on opposite team)</p>	<p>a. "Bull" Meechum</p> <p>(1) Treat family like troops; unreal expectations of his children</p> <p>(2) Flies plane into ground to avoid hitting town</p> <p>b. Ben Meechum</p> <p>(1) Stands up to father after shooting hoops</p> <p>(2) Urged by "Bull", picks fight during basketball game and is thrown off basketball team</p> <p>(3) Befriends Toomer; go to his rescue after "Red" goes to teach him a lesson</p> <p>c. Lillian Meechum</p> <p>(1) Relationship to son, Ben</p> <p>(2) Makes excuses for "Bull's" behavior to Ben and Maryann</p> <p>(3) Role of her faith throughout movie</p>
<p>2. <i>A Few Good Men</i> (1992 or present day)</p>	<p>a. Characters were seen having a drink with a meal (Responsible)</p> <p>b. Caffrey gets drunk after bad day in court...Cpl Downey admits never actually hearing Kendrick give the order about the Code Red; finds out Markinson committed suicide. (Irresponsible)</p>	<p>a. Warning from HHQ to Col Jessup about allowing use of Code Red goes unheeded</p> <p>b. Santiago's symptoms (fatigue, collapse during marches) warranted medical referral, but wasn't performed</p> <p>c. Code Red action against Santiago</p> <p>d. "Windward Platoon" to include fence-line shooting at "mirror" reflected dysfunctional interpretation of "the Code"</p>	<p>a. Nathan Jessup</p> <p>(1) Decides to train rather than transfer "bad" Marine</p> <p>(2) Orders Code Red (Santiago)</p> <p>(3) Disregards Markinson's advice in favor of Kendrick's willingness to follow orders</p> <p>(4) Lies to Caffrey about Santiago's transfer</p> <p>(5) Blatant sexual harassment of female lawyer</p> <p>(6) Arrogance during court-martial</p> <p>b. Markinson</p> <p>(1) Signs forged transfer order for Santiago</p> <p>(2) Goes AWOL</p> <p>(3) "Surfaces" to testify; commits suicide</p> <p>c. Cpl Dawson</p> <p>(1) Does not follow Code Red order on Private Bell; brings him food and loses promotion</p> <p>(2) Follows Code Red order on Santiago; calls for medical treatment, but is court-martialed</p> <p>d. Lt Caffrey</p> <p>(1) Career choice</p> <p>(2) Chooses "path of least resistance" by</p>

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			<p>building career on plea bargaining (3) Takes risk to put Jessup on stand (if failed, would be court-martialed) e. Lt Cmdr “Jo” Galloway (1) Pushes for active involvement despite little courtroom experience (2) Challenges Col Jessup’s authority (3) Confronts Caffrey repeatedly for his “fast food, used car salesman approach” to the law f. Pvt Downey’s obedience to Cpl Dawson has negative consequences</p>
<p>3. Men of Honor (Spans WWII to 1968; career of Carl Brashear)</p> <p>WARNING: Offensive language</p>	<p>a. Master Chief Sunday in bar scene challenges Brashear to see who can hold their breath the longest (Irresponsible)</p> <p>b. At New Year’s Eve party, Sunday confronts Lt Cmdr Hanks for cutting short his diving career; punches him and is court-martialed (Irresponsible)</p> <p>c. Gwen Sunday arrives at bar apparently having had been drinking; angry that husband spent their anniversary with troops and not her; invites Brashear into an “all white bar” (Irresponsible)</p> <p>d. Gwen, still drinking, grows angrier and leaves bar; drives her car into a pole (Irresponsible)</p>	<p>a. MCPO Chief Billy Sunday’s alcoholism (1) Under arrest after a drunken brawl (beginning of movie) (2) Is reduced in rank (3) Forcibly admitted into alcohol rehab by Navy (4) Gwen Sunday who enabled or at least didn’t confront her husband finally gives him ultimatum (drinking or her)</p> <p>b. “Mr. Pappy” as Basic Dive School Commander already known to have a few “loose screws” (Bigotry) (1) Prejudice towards blacks (“some things don’t mix like oil and water”) (2) Awards medal to Roarke (who abandoned his diving buddy) instead of Brashear (who saved the man) (3) Orders Sunday to leave Brashear at the bottom of the river</p> <p>c. Lt (later Capt) Hanks (Poor leadership rewarded) (1) Attitude towards lives of enlisted personnel; orders no rescue when diver’s lines are cut (2) Promotes principles of “New Navy” notably during Brashear’s physical evaluation board at Washington Navy Yard</p>	<p>a. Brashear’s Father (1) Continues to work his farm despite inevitable loss (sharecropper) (2) Teaches philosophy to Carl (“don’t take promises”; “when life is hard, don’t quit on me”; “<u>A Son Never Forgets</u>”)</p> <p>b. Carl Brashear (1) Joins a segregated WWII Navy; can only be Captain’s steward or cook, but challenges “rules” like blacks can only swim on Tuesdays; ends up in brig (2) Decides to join Search & Rescue service despite Capt’s warning that no colored member (a) Stands outside Basic Dive School gate for days until allowed to enter [1952] (b) All barracks residents except Stonehill refuse to live with “nigger” (c) Refuses to be frightened off by signs (d) Rescues fellow diver from dangerous wreck (Roarke abandons both of them) (e) Challenges Sunday (if wins: Stonehill gets back into Basic Dive School; if loses, discharged) (f) Completes final exam despite blatant attempt to cause him to fail (g) Makes career choice in 1956 to stay in active diving billet rather than salvage billet (h) Puts career ahead of family (i) Saves fellow crewmen but suffers career-ending injury to leg; decides to amputate leg</p>

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			<p>(j) Challenges Navy’s decision to retire him</p> <p>c. CMPO Sunday</p> <p>(a) Bias towards Brashear</p> <p>(b) Relationship with wife, Gwen</p> <p>(c) Disobeys “Mr. Pappy”; Brashear graduates Basic Dive School; is reduced in rank</p> <p>(d) Disobeys Lt Hanks in order to save fellow diver; “Captain’s Mast” reduces in rank; he suffers life-threatening injury</p> <p>(e) Secretly sends Brashear <i>Aviation Weekly</i> issue w/story of pilots serving with artificial limbs</p> <p>(f) Decides to use “connections” while helping Brashear train for meeting MEB</p> <p>d. Gwen Sunday’s relationship with Billy</p> <p>e. “Joe” Brashear’s relationship with Carl</p>
<p>4 <i>The Guardian</i> (Modern-day story honoring Coast Guard Search & Rescue Service”</p> <p>WARNING: Brief sexual scenes</p>	<p>a. SCPO Randall’s practice of taking medication with alcohol (Irresponsible)</p> <p>b. Routinely drinking at end of “hard day” to relax (Could lead to problems so irresponsible)</p> <p>c. Fischer and Hogge (already having been drinking) go into Navy bar; end up in brawl and jail; Jake misses date with Emily (Irresponsible)</p> <p>d. Fischer’s decision to be designated driver while in HS (responsible); yet still tragic accident</p>	<p>a. Lack of apparent intervention after rescue crash that kills Randall’s entire team</p> <p>b. Capt’s choice to Randall: instructor duty where “resume will do some good” or retire</p> <p>c. Randall suffers “flashbacks” and is not sleeping; observed by others but no action taken</p> <p>d. Randall and Fischer suffer from “survivor guilt”</p>	<p>a. Ben Randall</p> <p>(1) Approach to his profession involves decisions of life/death</p> <p>(2) Appears to choose career over marriage</p> <p>(3) Returns to duty after losing team</p> <p>(4) Decision to change “A School” curriculum</p> <p>(5) Decision to find out Jake’s “whole story”</p> <p>(6) Choice to retain Fisch and Hogge about brawl in Navy bar; decision to visit bar again</p> <p>(7) Returns to active diver duty</p> <p>(8) Decides to retire</p> <p>(9) Sacrifices himself to save team (Jake)</p> <p>b. Jake “Fisch” Fischer</p> <p>(1) Engages in one-night stand w/Emily and is late for muster the next morning</p> <p>(2) Moves from “self-centered” to “team player”</p> <p>(3) Admits can’t be “casual” towards Emily</p> <p>c. Others</p> <p>(1) Helen Randall’s relationship with Ben</p> <p>(2) Emily’s relationship with Jake</p> <p>(3) PO Hogge’s decision to enter course 3rd time</p>