

A Matter of National Security

synopsis

Comedy
Short Film
23 minutes
miniDV (stereo)
Production ended Sept 29, 2003
Final Edit completed Feb 22, 2004
United States

Derek W Beck, writer, director, and producer
Kevin Brunkhardt, director of photography

Air Force Second Lieutenant Stromboli must battle through a day's worth of politics, government bureaucracy, and his self-serving boss, Major Meyer, all the while hoping to leave work on time to catch his airplane flight that will take him home to visit his family for the first time in a year. After a typical worthless meeting concludes, Stromboli soon discovers that the General, who wasn't expected until next week, is now on his way. Our hero now has to rush to get a color print of Meyer's presentation, for the General has to have all of his presentations in color. Unfortunately, one of the color printers isn't working, and the other is currently printing the "Complete and Unabridged Works of William Shakespeare". Can our hero successfully navigate through the red-tape and still get to the airport in time?

DEREK W BECK

writer, director, producer

A Matter of National Security

www.amatterofnationalsecurity.com



biography

Derek W Beck is an independent filmmaker who has directed and produced nine short films, and has assisted on more than ten others. His undergraduate degree was in physics, graduating from the Honors Tutorial College of Ohio University in 1999. He then joined the US Air Force, for which he currently still serves on active duty, holding the rank of Captain. His current film, *A Matter of National Security**, puts a humorous twist on his work in the acquisitions field of the USAF. *Security* will be his first film to compete in film festivals nationwide. Of his other films, one other, an industrial animation made for the Air Force, has been seen on CNN and CNN Headline News. Most of Derek's film training has been informal; however he has taken a hands-on 16mm filmmaking course at the New York Film Academy (Universal Studios, Hollywood) and a theory course through the UCLA-sponsored Global Film School. Derek is currently on a special military assignment to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pursue a Masters of Science in Engineering and Management degree through the MIT Sloan School of Management and School of Engineering.

director/producer filmography

2000	<i>Space-Based Laser</i>	Industrial (3D Animation + post audio)	CNN, CNN Headline News
2001	<i>Palos Verdes</i>	Musical Montage (Digital8)	unreleased
2002	Untitled	Musical Montage (Digital8)	unreleased
2003	<i>The Alley</i>	Short (16mm BW MOS)	NYFA student film, unreleased
2003	<i>Just One Chance</i>	Short (16mm BW MOS)	NYFA student film, unreleased
2003	<i>Goodbye</i>	Short (16mm BW MOS)	NYFA student film, unreleased
2003	<i>Experimental</i>	Short Experimental (16mm BW MOS)	NYFA student film, unreleased
2003	<i>Loneliness</i>	Short (16mm Color MOS)	NYFA student film, unreleased
2004	<i>A Matter of National Security</i>	Short (miniDV + indep. sync sound)	submitting to film festivals

* The US Air Force does not endorse this film.

This information is current as of 2005 and may no longer be current.

A Matter of National Security

full cast list in order of appearance

Lt Stromobli Mark HamesSAG
Major Meyer Richard Van Slyke AEA
Lt Johnson..... Edward Jones non-union
Contractor (Extra).....Russ Tarvin..... non-union
Janitor.....Ashraf Abusamak non-union
Secretary Betty.....Elizabeth Wheeler.....SAG
Civilian 2.....Robert A Borich, Jr..... non-union
Lt Jin-Sing..... Shohachi Haneda non-union
Civilian 1..... Lee Schall SAG, AFTRA
Civilian 3 (Extra) Pete Rihaczek non-union
Civilian 4 (Extra)Oscar Cerda..... non-union
General's Assistant Kelli Nordhus SAG, AFTRA
Ugly Girl (Extra).....Jonathan Varoli..... non-union
The General..... Ken Wiley SAG, AFTRA
Narrator..... Brian Anthony Wilson SAG, AFTRA, AEA

A Matter of National Security

full credits

directed and produced byDerek W Beck
casting bySuzannah Pinan
assistant director..... February Johnson
director of photography..... Kevin Brunkhardt
chief camera assistant Mark Argerake
gaffer Mike Knowlan
sound designerOscar Cerda
written byDerek W Beck
with revisions byIan Cahill
script supervisorNjoki Muhoho
Lt stromobli Mark Hames
major meyer Richard Van Slyke
Lt johnson..... Edward Jones
contractor (extra)..... Russ Tarvin
janitorAshraf Abusamak
secretary betty Elizabeth Wheeler
civilian 2..... Robert A Borich, Jr
Lt jin-sing Shohachi Haneda
civilian 1..... Lee Schall
civilian 3 (extra).....Pete Rihaczek
civilian 4 (extra).....Oscar Cerda
general's assistant Kelli Nordhus
ugly girl (extra) Jonathan Varoli
the general..... Ken Wiley
narrator Brian Anthony Wilson
production consultant..... Mark Argerake
location scoutGabrielle Kym-Bourne
location manager..... Elizabeth Wheeler
boom operator Russ Tarvin
key gripPete Rihaczek
production assistants Kipp Johnson
..... Amanda Jones
..... John Roberts
..... Bryan Taylor
technical support and photographerJohn Roberts
second camera unit director Ryan McCoy
second camera unit assistantMatthew McNeede
casting assistant..... Kipp Johnson
make-up artist for "ugly girl"Kyrah Edewaard
editorDerek W Beck
editing consultants Ian Cahill
..... Ryan McCoy

script reviewersKryah Edewaard
Pete Rihaczek
 Bryan Taylor
 Jonathan Varoli
 legal consultants Joe Blaise
 Robert Buchholz
 Peggy Hodge
 Mark Nackman
 Cleveland Parker
 Stevie Shapiro

music

Almost Free

performed by west rd.
 written by Sonje Berg
 courtesy of west rd.

© 2003 west rd. All Rights Reserved.
 www.westrd.com

additional musicOscar Cerda
 Thanks to the following people for equipment and/or wardrobe donations (in alphabetical order)Kyrach Edewaard
 Katherine Esber
 F. B. Gee
 Leslie C Hall III
 Pamela Jessen
 Shi Jin Lee
 Ron Singer
 Matt Walker
 Thanks to (in alphabetical order)Carissa Beck
 Dave Jasicwicz
 Susan Piela and the French Valley Airport
 Alma Sarabia and Insurevents.com
 Richard Seals and South Bay Aviation
 Elizabeth Wheeler and Purchase Planners Group
 Thank you to (in alphabetical order) Joyce Bewley
 Katherine J Humphrey
 Special thanks to (in alphabetical order) Maurice Beck
 Katherine Esber
 Very special thanks to Stacie Broida
 Special thanks to Screen Actors Guild

Filmed in Los Angeles, CA



Lt Johnson (Edward Jones) and Lt Stromboli (Mark Hames) in *A Matter of National Security*



Lt Johnson (Edward Jones) and Lt Stromboli (Mark Hames) in *A Matter of National Security*



Mark Hames, SAG

Mark Hames, originally from Battle Creek, Michigan, moved to Los Angeles three years ago. Since then, Mark has done several national commercials, independent films, and several plays in various theaters around LA. Mark is currently studying his craft with critically acclaimed Diane Salinger and Tony Greco. Mark is excited to start working on his most recent project, the independent film "Why Do Painters Wear White".

Partial Filmography:

A Matter of National Security	LEAD	Derek Beck
Day of Rest	LEAD	AFI
Jewel Thief	LEAD	Arvold / Levinson
Vigil	LEAD	AFI

Richard Van Slyke, AEA

Richard Van Slyke is originally from Albany, NY and spent the last 13 years in New York City working in theatre. He is a newcomer to Los Angeles and has completed 4 films since arriving in LA last summer. In addition to his film work, this past fall he was seen in Ernest in Love at the Fremont Centre Theatre in Pasadena. Some of Richard's favorite stage roles are The Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz, Jeff in Bells Are Ringing, Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, FDR in Annie, John/Judas in Godspell, Reuben in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Dan in Plain & Fancy, and Axel in Don't Drink the Water.

Filmography:

Wally Sitch, Jr, Private Dick	LEAD	Waterfront Entertainment
Up and Coming	Supporting	Crackhorse Productions
A Matter of National Security	LEAD	Beck Productions
Cozy	Featured	SuperKats Productions
Sushicide	LEAD	NYFA Student Film
Line Up	Featured	NYU Student Film

Edward Jones

Edward "Ned" Jones was born and raised in colorful Colorado, only moving to Los Angeles a little over a year ago. "A Matter of National Security" is Ned's film debut. His passion for performing comes largely from his love of musical theatre and the stage. He likes to sing loud. Some of his favorite roles include Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar and Nicely-Nicely in Guys and Dolls. When not performing, Ned enjoys physical exertion, reading, moonlighting as a rocket scientist, traveling, and spending time with his lovely wife Amanda.

Filmography:

A Matter of National Security	LEAD	Beck Productions
-------------------------------	------	------------------