

## **A FEW GOOD MEN**

**By Aaron Sorkin**

**Auditioning at BLT on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 1.30pm**

**Playing dates: June 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.45pm (not Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Can you handle the truth? In Aaron Sorkin's fast-paced, sharply-written drama some sections of the US military definitely can't.

In Guantanamo Bay, two US Marines are on trial for their involvement in the death of a fellow Marine. It seems like an open-and-shut case, especially to their young lawyer, the slick but shallow Daniel Kaffee.

Anticipating nothing more than a plea bargain, Kaffee is more interested in playing softball than defending his clients. But when prodded by Jo Galloway, his formidable and passionate female legal colleague, he starts to uncover the shocking truth of what really happened. A truth that will shake the entire US military establishment to its very core...

*A Few Good Men* was a smash on Broadway in the 1980s and was turned into a Hollywood blockbuster in 1992 starring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore.

More than just a gripping courtroom drama, it offers a penetrating cross-examination of the whole military mentality and questions the certainties and motives of those who defend us. Making it even more relevant in these dangerous and troubled times.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**All characters speak with American accents. Ages stated are a guideline only.**

**Smaller roles will be required to 'double up' as military police, lawyers, courtroom staff, etc. Everyone will be kept as busy as possible!**

### **CHARACTERS**

**Lance Corporal Harold Dawson:** 20-25. *(Strong supporting role, male, any race)*  
One of the defendants. A natural leader who values honour and integrity.

**Private Loudon Downey:** 18-21. *(Strong supporting role, male, any race)*  
The other defendant. Doesn't understand everything that goes on around him. Admires and depends on Dawson.

**Lt. Daniel Kaffee:** 25-35. *(Principal role, male, any race)* (The lead Defence Attorney. Son of a legendary Civil Rights lawyer. Not sure he measures up to his father, but wants to. Smart, fast talker, charming.

**Lt. Sam Weinberg:** 30-35. *(Principal role, male, any race)* Career attorney and close friend of Kaffee. Sam was always the smartest kid in the class. Professional, but first and foremost a family man.

**Lt. Cmdr. Joanne Galloway:** 30-35. *(Principal role, female, any race)* Hard-working, detail-oriented lawyer. A smart, feisty lady making her way in a man's world.

**Lt. Col. Nathan Jessep:** 45-55. *(Principal role, male, any race)* Tough combat veteran. Ambitious, articulate, tyrannical and ultra-military, he is a fervent believer in a "traditional" idea of America.

**Capt. Jack Ross:** 30-35. *(Strong supporting role, male, any race)* Experienced and talented prosecutor. A nice guy but a seasoned professional, Ross knows how to try a good case.

**Capt. Matthew Markinson:** 45-50. *(Strong supporting role, male, any race)* Older than Jessep, but outranked by him. Sees the injustice around him but feels powerless to change things.

**Lt. Jonathan Kendrick:** 25-30. *(Strong supporting role, male, any race)* Cold, God-fearing. No sympathy for weakness. Lives unbendingly by the code; "Unit, Corps, God, Country."

**Julius (or Julia?) Randolph:** 40-60. *(Strong supporting role, male or female, any race)* The Trial Judge. Tough, but fair. Could be played by either a man or a woman.

**Cmdr. Walter Stone:** 45-50. *(Supporting role, male, any race)* A Doctor. Sensible, but easily swayed.

**Private William Santiago:** 18-25. *(Supporting role, male)* The victim. Wants to fit in as a Marine, but can't. Sensitive and intelligent.

**Capt. Isaac Whitaker:** 40-50. *(Supporting role, male, any race)* A career attorney who supervises young trial attorneys.

**Corporal Jeffrey Howard:** 20's. *(Supporting role, male, any race)* Likeable and friendly.

**I also need two actors aged 20-35 to double-up in the following smaller roles:**

**Lawyer #1 / Corporal Dunn / Sergeant at Arms**

**Lawyer #2) / Military Policeman / Orderly / Tom/ Corporal Hammaker**

**Rehearsals will start mid-April 2023.**

**For copies of the script and audition pieces please contact the director,  
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