

Survivor: 50th Season Press Release

In honor of the upcoming 50th season of the reality show “Survivor,” former contestants Rupert Boneham, Mike Gabler and Sandra Diaz-Twine will be touring with Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) for a series of meet-and-greet and competition-style events. The tour features multiple stages that will run from March 3 to May 20, 2025, at bases around the world.

Rupert Boneham is best known for his appearances on “Survivor,” where he quickly became a fan favorite for his authenticity, grit and compassion. First joining the Drake tribe in season 7 (“Survivor: Pearl Islands”), Boneham finished in eighth place but won the hearts of viewers nationwide. He returned for “Survivor: All-Stars” (season 8), where America voted him their favorite player, awarding him the \$1 million prize. Boneham also competed in seasons 20 (“Heroes vs. Villains”) and 27 (“Blood vs. Water”).

Beyond television, Boneham has dedicated his life to mentoring and empowering others. For decades, he has worked as a vocational and clinical mentor, supporting adults and teens facing challenges such as addiction, incarceration and homelessness.

In 1991, Boneham established his first nonprofit organization, later rebranding it in 2004 as Rupert’s Kids, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing second chances through structure, purpose and hard work. Under his leadership, Rupert’s Kids has grown to include a 12-bed re-entry facility.

Mike Gabler is an adventurer with a passion for living his best life. By day, he is a heart valve specialist and an endovascular pioneer with more than 20 years of professional experience.

Gabler, as Jeff Probst called him on the show, won the CBS reality television show, “Survivor” (season 43) and chose to donate his entire \$1 million prize to veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, and to combat the alarming rate of veteran suicide. Although he never had the honor of serving in the military, it is his honor to serve those who served us. His passion for winning is only matched by his determination and willingness to pay it forward.

Gabler and his wife, Joanna, have been married for more than 28 years and are the proud parents of two amazing daughters.

Sandra Diaz-Twine was the first two-time winner in the history of “Survivor,” having won “Survivor: Pearl Islands” and the Emmy-winning “Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains.” She also competed in “Survivor” season 34: “Game Changers” and season 40: “Winners at War.”

She was a mentor on “Survivor” season 39: “Island of the Idols.” She also competed overseas on “Australian Survivor” season 7: “Blood vs. Water” against her daughter,

Nina Twine. She was also a Faithful on “The Traitors” season 2, which won three Emmy awards. Her strategic and social gameplay allowed her to progress to the finale.

She also appeared on the hit FOX game show “99 to Beat.”

AFE delivers world-class entertainment to U.S. troops and their families overseas, strengthening their resilience, boosting morale and contributing to readiness. These engaging experiences connect servicemembers to home, foster a sense of belonging, ease the challenges of deployment and support their mental health.