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Patriot Day Event Set to Honor Local Military Community

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes joins with area groups to distribute food, household necessities Sept. 7 in Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (Sept. 1, 2016) – The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (Coalition), a leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely wounded veterans of the global War on Terror, today announced that it will be distributing non-perishable foods, fresh produce and other necessities to military families living in the Colorado Springs area.

The Patriot Day event, scheduled for 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, will be held at the Norris Penrose Event Center located at 530 Communication Circle in Colorado Springs. The Coalition is teaming with the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence, Care and Share, Feed the Children and Pikes Peak Community College to celebrate and thank military families.

The event is open to active-duty service members, dependents and reservists. Must present valid military ID, a completed voucher and an event flier available by calling 719.309.4714 and asking for Jim or Juanita.

"The Coalition is always looking for ways to honor and support the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect our freedoms," said COL Martin L. Badegian (Ret.), Vice President of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. "We know that Colorado Springs can be an expensive place to live and work, so we hope all the active and retired service members living around the area will come out on Wednesday and allow us to stock their pantries."

Supplies are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, email mbadegian@saluteheroes.org.

About the Coalition

Since its establishment in 2004, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has provided an immediate, invaluable lifeline to thousands of America's combat-wounded veterans. The Leesburg, VA-based organization is distinguished from other veteran-focused groups by its direct financial assistance to America's wounded heroes. Its Emergency Financial Aid program has stopped foreclosure proceedings on veterans' homes and kept their vehicles from being repossessed. Its innovative Heroes Thanking Heroes program provides transitional, part-time, flexible employment to nearly 50 combat-wounded veterans or their primary caregivers, enabling them to make phone calls from their homes, usually to

personally thank donors for their contributions to the Coalition.

For more information on the Coalition, and to learn how you can support its mission, visit www.saluteheroes.org. Combat-wounded/disabled OIF/OEF/OND veterans are invited to join the Coalition and expand their camaraderie network by enrolling in the Veteran Circle program at http://saluteheroes-vetcircle.org.

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