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Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Awards \$5,000 Grant to Provide Housing for Homeless Female Veterans

Donation to Final Salute will provide transitional support for women and children

LEESBURG, *VA* (July 10, 2013) – The <u>Coalition to Salute America's Heroes</u> (Coalition), a leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely wounded veterans of the War on Terror, today awarded a \$5,000 grant to <u>Final Salute</u>, Inc., to provide transitional housing for homeless female veterans and their children.

Founded in 2010 by Jaspen "Jas" Boothe, who served in the U.S. Army for 13 years, Final Salute's mission is to provide homeless female veterans with safe and suitable housing. The organization has assisted more than 100 veterans and their children and now operates three transitional homes in Fairfax, VA, Alexandria, VA, and Columbus, OH.

"It's a national disgrace that any person who has bravely fought to defend our freedoms should return from overseas and be homeless," said David Walker, President & CEO of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. "Final Salute is doing the Lord's work specifically in support of female veterans and their kids, and we are pleased to support their noble efforts. It's a shame it's even necessary, but we're glad to know that Jas and her team are there to help."

The Coalition's grant will fund Final Salute's expenses throughout the month of August.

"We are very grateful for the Coalition's recognition and support of our work," said Boothe, who has received multiple local and national awards and was named a 2013 CNN Hero. "They are an outstanding national organization that clearly recognizes the urgent needs so many of today's veterans have. Homelessness is one of the most insidious problems, and their grant will provide shelter and sustenance to 10 female veterans and their kids, the maximum occupancy of our Arlington property, for an entire month."

About the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, based in Leesburg, VA, has provided an invaluable lifeline to thousands of America's wounded veterans since its establishment in 2004. The Coalition is distinguished from other veteran-focused organizations 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. The organization regularly provides gift checks to cover meals, medical and utility bills, clothing, car repairs and even baby diapers.

For more information on the Coalition, and to learn how you can support its mission, visit www.saluteheroes.org.

About Final Salute

Final Salute Inc. was founded in 2010 by a woman veteran and cancer survivor who became aware of the large number of homeless female veterans in the United States. She realized a need for an organization that was designed to meet and understand the unique needs of homeless women veterans and their children. There are no longer front lines in war; however, female veterans feel they are put at the end of line when seeking housing and other supportive services. For more information, visit www.finalsaluteinc.org.