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## **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Dec. 8 Fundraiser Will Show U.S. Troops “We Care”**

LAKE WORTH, FL (Dec. 4, 2015) – With more U.S. troops preparing to deploy overseas, the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach fundraiser Dec. 8 couldn't come at a more important time.

Supporters will gather Tuesday at the inaugural “A Hero's Toast, A Salute to the Troops” -- a champagne brunch at The Colony hotel in Palm Beach – to raise money for mailing monthly “We Care” packages to troops serving overseas. Since 2003, the nonprofit Forgotten Soldiers Outreach has sent more than 350,000 of these packages.

Guests will hear a moving account from FPL employee SSgt. Christopher McCarthy, U.S.M.C., about how meaningful these packages were to him while serving in war zones, so far away from home. McCarthy served four tours in Afghanistan and two in Iraq before retiring in 2013 due to combat injuries.

The feedback we receive from our recipients is truly what keeps our mission alive, and in view of the recent events occurring in the world, FSO is now gearing up for the expected influx of deployments. We realize that timing is everything, and the timing is now. We are just so thankful for the support from our local community to help us assure that our troops will not be forgotten at such a time as this, comments Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar, Executive Director and Founder of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

The event will showcase South Florida's wide support for U.S. troops, and for the work of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. The sweet voices of Palm Beach Day Academy students will welcome guests with patriotic song selections. The Lake Worth Community High School Air Force JROTC will present the colors. Businesses from the Keys to Jupiter have generously donated raffle items ranging from golf foursomes to brunch at The Breakers to stays at Hawks Cay Resort and Cheeca Lodge & Spa. Guests may buy tickets for a chance to win the raffle baskets – with values up to \$2,100 – at the brunch for \$20 a ticket.

Jim Sugarman is the event's honorary chair. Lisa Archer is chairwoman. A few tickets are still available for \$110 per person or \$800 for a table of 8. Supporters also may sponsor a seat for a soldier for \$100. Purchase tickets at [www.forgottensoldiers.org](http://www.forgottensoldiers.org), or by calling (561) 369-2933.

For more information, please visit [www.forgottensoldiers.org](http://www.forgottensoldiers.org).

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**About Forgotten Soldiers Outreach:** Since 2003, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, a non-profit organization, has provided over 350,000 care packages and letters of encouragement to deployed service members serving in the U.S. military. Our primary focus is to provide men and women who receive little or no support from the home front with monthly “We Care” packages. Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is committed to our U.S. servicemen and women in all world theaters, for as long as they are deployed.