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America's Future Helps Launch the "Heroes Never Forgotten" Fund for the 13 Families of the Soldiers Killed in Kabul, AFG as part of a Gold Star Journey Across America Tour

Florida – September 23, 2021 – America's Future, Inc. today announced its support and participation in the launch of the "Heroes Never Forgotten, A Gold Star Tribute for the Celebration of Life" fund to help raise money for all the families of the 13 brave soldiers killed on August 26, 2021 in Kabul, Afghanistan. The launch of the fund is part of the "Gold Star Journey Across America" bus tour to honor and celebrate the lives and service to the nation of the 13 fallen soldiers and to recognize all families of service members who have the ultimate sacrifice of devotion to America in order to protect and defend our freedoms.

The journey started in Norco, CA, hometown of Shana Chappell, mother of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, one of the young soldiers killed in Kabul, and made its way across the country arriving in Colorado Springs, CO for the September 24 official launch of the fund, by America's Future Chair, Lt. General Michael T. Flynn, USA (Ret.) during the Reawaken America event.

Leading the "Heroes Never Forgotten" fundraising effort is Gold Star father Kris Hager of Florida, whose son U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joshua Ryan Hager was killed in 2007 while serving in Iraq. Mr. Hager is Chairman of the Board of the Gold Star Fathers of Florida, Inc. and President and Secretary-Treasurer of Freedom's Voice, Inc., a national podcast dedicated to promoting America, freedom and truth.

"The mission of this journey is to recognize the sacrifice and loss of every Gold Star family's experience, and especially the families of the 13 young men and women who were needlessly killed in Afghanistan. While the grief will never get better, it will get 'different,'" explained Mr. Hager. "Our sons and daughters do not serve out of hate for anyone or anything. They serve out of love for God, family, country and our freedoms, which come from God. Our hope in raising awareness in this unprecedented journey across the country signals to America that every Gold Star family's son's and daughters' memory must and should endure today and every day. God Bless America."

The entire journey is being documented by Mr. Hager, in his role as the lead producer, in cooperation with Hollywood directors and producers David Salzberg and Christian Tureaud. The producers-directors led the teams that brought the world award-winning films like, “The Hornet’s Nest,” “Citizen Soldier,” and “Above the Best.” All of these films tell the stories of the American military men and women at their best under the worst possible conditions: Real Heroes in Real War.

Salzberg and Tureaud met Mr. Hager and his wife, Wendy while they were traveling around the country screening movies by the directors. When Salzberg and Tureaud learned about Mr. Hager’s plans to go across America for Gold Star families, they were delighted to document the journey.

Tureaud said, “These stories are more important than the films, and they were bestowed upon us.” Salzberg added, “When we first met Kris, I knew he was on a mission from God to honor and remember his son Josh and other Fallen Heroes. Kris is doing just that by making a film to help other families and our country. In essence, he picked up his son’s mission and in so doing, Josh is still serving. God bless our Gold Stars families and those who serve.”

To learn more and donate to the “Heroes Never Forgotten” fund, please visit <https://freedomvoiceinc.com/donate>. For further information, please contact Mr. Hager at 941-587-9373.

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