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The Nation's Heroes Receive A "Skyline Salute"

New York, NY, May 30 2009 - On Friday May 22, grateful Americans gathered on Manhattan's Elevated Acre to celebrate our nation's wounded. Hope For The Warriors™, a national non-profit organization, hosted a "Skyline Salute" that honored our nation's heroes. On the weekend set aside to remember those who sacrificed for this country, Old Glory waved proudly across the crowd and gave a salute all her own.

The Elevated Acre, located at 55 Water Street, downtown Manhattan, provided the perfect setting for the celebration with spectacular views of the East River from the Brooklyn Bridge to Governors Island. American pride filled every inch of The Acre as the sounds from the Rockin' Blue Band stirred the night air. Guests enjoyed a relaxing meal and later participated in a spectacular silent auction. The NYPD made a crowd-pleasing appearance by helicopter. Flying overhead, they paused momentarily as if offering personal thanks and gratitude to the service members.

Additionally, The "Skyline Salute" honored a select group of wounded service members graduating from the Hope For The Warriors™ professional development program, *Above and Beyond™*. This unique program assists wounded service members as they transition into the next phase of their career by providing them the tools and one-on-one guidance to move beyond recovery and into a life of hope and new prospects.

The event raised over \$50,000.00 with proceeds benefitting various Hope For The Warriors™ programs. Hope For The Warriors™ recognizes sponsors of the event, Michael Stapleton Associates along with Plaza Construction, Chatham Imports, Big Blue Beer, Rockin' Blue Band and a very special visit by Larry Trembley, and the Marine Tribute Bike.

Hope For The Warriors™ is a national non-profit group, actively seeking to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet, particularly with regard to the short and long-term care of the severely injured. For more information, visit their website at www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

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